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SCIENCE AND SERVICE NEWS UPDATES

NIMH SEEKS OUTREACH PARTNERS IN CALIFORNIA

The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Outreach Partnership Program is seeking proposals from the state of California serving counties in the North/Central and Southern regions of the state, respectively. Non-profit organizations that conduct outreach focused on mental health are invited to submit proposals. Organizations with experience in child and adolescent mental health or mental health disparities are encouraged to apply.

Announcement: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/outreach/partnership-program/solicitation-process/outreach-partners-solicitation-process.shtml>

MANY YOUTHS WITH AUTISM NOT EMPLOYED OR IN COLLEGE TWO YEARS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

Young adults with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) are less likely to have a job or be enrolled in any type of postsecondary education when compared to peers with a speech/learning impairment or learning disability, according to a study partially funded by the NIMH. Published in the June issue of *Pediatrics*, the findings emphasize the need to improve transition planning for students with ASD before they leave high school.

Press Release: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2012/many-youths-with-autism-not-employed-or-in-college-2-years-after-high-school.shtml>

SOCIAL BRAIN CIRCUITS DISRUPTED IN AUTISM

In a study of high-functioning adolescents with an ASD, scientists using functional brain imaging have found reduced connectivity selectively affecting parts of the brain that form circuits supporting social behavior. The findings sharpen the focus of previous reports suggesting disruptions in connectivity across the brain in autism, and offer a target for future studies to search for the genes that shape the development of these circuits and how they become disrupted in the disorder. NIMH researchers reported their findings in the July 2012 issue of *Brain*.

Press Release: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2012/social-brain-circuits-disrupted-in-autism.shtml>

DEPRESSION RATES TRIPLE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 12 AND 15 AMONG ADOLESCENT GIRLS

A new report shows that the percentage of girls who experience a major depressive episode in the past year triples between the ages of 12 and 15 (from 5.1 percent to 15.2 percent respectively). The report by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) also shows that an annual average of 1.4 million adolescent girls aged 12 to 17 experienced a major depressive episode in the past year. In addition, the report reveals that adolescent girls aged 12 to 17 are three times more likely to have experienced a major depressive episode in the past year than their male counterparts (12 percent versus 4.5 percent).

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1207241656.aspx>

Full report: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1207241656.aspx>

SAMHSA AWARDS MORE THAN \$22 MILLION FOR SCREENING, BRIEF INTERVENTION, AND REFERRAL TO TREATMENT PROGRAMS

SAMHSA is announcing more than \$22 million in new funding to expand implementation of screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment (SBIRT) services for adults in primary care and community health settings. SBIRT is an innovative approach to delivering early intervention and treatment services for persons with substance use disorders and for persons at risk for developing these disorders.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1207254120.aspx>

NIH RESEARCHERS USE BRAIN IMAGING TO UNDERSTAND GENETIC LINK BETWEEN PARKINSON'S AND A RARE DISEASE; ROLE OF GAUCHER DISEASE-GENE ALTERATIONS IS CLARIFIED BY SIX-YEAR STUDY

A rare metabolic disorder is helping researchers at the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) and the NIMH uncover new clues about the biology underlying Parkinson's disease. The results of their six-year study, published online in the July 30, 2012, issue of the journal *Brain*, may explain how people with alterations in the gene involved in Gaucher disease are more likely to develop Parkinson's — and provide a window to potential inner workings of Parkinson's itself.

News Feature: <http://www.genome.gov/27549531>

COLLEGES AND COMMUNITIES CAN REDUCE ALCOHOL-RELATED HARM TO STUDENTS; NIH-SUPPORTED STUDY FINDS COORDINATED EFFORTS LIMIT THE IMPACT OF HIGH-RISK DRINKING

Coordinated strategies that address alcohol availability, alcohol policy enforcement, and drinking norms can help colleges and their communities protect students from the harms of high-risk drinking, according to a new study supported by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). In the Study to Prevent Alcohol Related Consequences (SPARC), researchers found that a comprehensive environmental intervention implemented by campus-community coalitions reduced students' scores on an index of severe consequences of college drinking. The index included items such as car accidents, DUIs/DWIs, the need for medical treatment as a result of drinking, physical fights, and sexual assaults. Benefits of the intervention extended campus-wide, affecting not only the drinkers themselves but also those around them. Alcohol-related injuries caused by students decreased by 50 percent on participating campuses. A report of the study is online in the journal *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*.

Press Release: <http://www.nih.gov/news/health/jul2012/niaaa-23.htm>

COGNITIVE CHANGES MAY BE ONLY SIGN OF FETAL ALCOHOL EXPOSURE; DISTINCT FACIAL FEATURES NOT SEEN IN MANY CASES, NIH STUDY FINDS

Most children exposed to high levels of alcohol in the womb do not develop the distinct facial features seen in fetal alcohol syndrome, but instead show signs of abnormal intellectual or behavioral development, according to a study by NIH researchers and researchers in Chile. These abnormalities of the nervous system involved language delays, hyperactivity, attention deficits, or intellectual delays. The researchers used the term functional neurologic impairment to describe these abnormalities. The study authors documented an abnormality in one of these areas in about 44 percent of children whose mothers drank four or more drinks per day during pregnancy. In contrast, abnormal facial features were present in about 17 percent of alcohol exposed children.

Press Release: <http://www.nih.gov/news/health/jul2012/nichd-23.htm>

NIH VIDEO REVEALS THE SCIENCE BEHIND YOGA; CONSUMER-FRIENDLY RESOURCE WILL GUIDE VIEWERS THROUGH RESEARCH ON YOGA'S SAFETY AND EFFECTIVENESS

A video featuring research on how yoga works, the safety of yoga and whether yoga can help treat certain health problems is being released by the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM), part of the NIH. For example, there is a growing body of evidence that yoga may be beneficial for low-back pain. However, yoga has not been found helpful for treating asthma, and studies investigating yoga for arthritis have had mixed results.

Press Release: <http://www.nih.gov/news/health/aug2012/nccam-01.htm>

RESOURCES: PUBLICATIONS, TOOLKITS, OTHER RESOURCES**NIMH DIRECTOR'S BLOG****ACHIEVING AN AIDS-FREE GENERATION**

In conjunction with the XIX International AIDS Conference, NIMH Director Dr. Thomas Insel discusses NIMH research contributions in HIV/AIDS and the remaining challenges for achieving an AIDS-free generation.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/director/2012/achieving-an-aids-free-generation.shtml>

PREVENTING SUICIDE, ONE EMPLOYER AT A TIME

NIMH Director Dr. Thomas Insel describes the recent National Football League (NFL) initiative to help address players' mental health needs, and describes other employers' efforts to reduce suicide.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/director/2012/preventing-suicide-one-employer-at-a-time.shtml>

NEW FROM SAMHSA**LATEST SAMHSA NEWS**

The latest issue of *SAMHSA News* highlights SAMHSA's 20 years of progress in the behavioral health field with a look toward the future. The issue also describes a program to help diverse populations access behavioral health care, an underage drinking campaign, and Children's Mental Health Awareness Day.

http://www.samhsa.gov/samhsaNewsletter/Volume_20_Number_2/default.aspx

RECOVERY MONTH PSAS ANSWER 'WHY RECOVERY'?

Two public service announcements (PSAs) posted on SAMHSA's *National Recovery Month* website will be sent to more than 2,500 national television and radio stations this summer. Watch or listen to "Own It" and "Pick Up the Pieces," short informational clips that can be re-posted to generate interest in the community during *Recovery Month* this September and throughout the year.

<http://www.recoverymonth.gov/Multimedia/PSAs.aspx>

TRIGGERS AND CRAVINGS: A FAMILY EDUCATION VIDEO

This family education video to accompany the *Counselor's Family Education Manual: Matrix Intensive Outpatient Treatment for People With Stimulant Use Disorders* includes interviews of people in recovery and their loved ones and provides key information for those supporting people in substance abuse treatment and recovery. It introduces information about the concept of the disease of addiction, the changes to the brain of a person who abuses substances, and the physical and psychological reactions when substance abuse stops. The video explains cravings, why they occur, and ways they can be handled.

<http://www.kap.samhsa.gov/products/manuals/matrix/index.htm#Trigger>

SAMHSA BLOG POSTINGS

CELEBRATING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADA

In observance of the 22nd anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which established requirements for equal opportunities in employment, state and local government services, public accommodations, commercial facilities, transportation, and telecommunications, this SAMHSA blog post reflects about how this landmark law has changed how the nation views and treats citizens with disabilities – including people with mental illnesses and addictions.

<http://blog.samhsa.gov/2012/07/26/celebrating-the-anniversary-of-the-ada/>

SAMHSA SUPPORTS NFL TOTAL WELLNESS PROGRAM

This SAMHSA blog post describes the recently launched NFL lifeline, which provides confidential, independent, and secure counseling to the NFL community. The NFL Life Line has its roots in effective SAMHSA programs, such as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, Disaster Distress Helpline, and the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) Veterans Crisis Line.

<http://blog.samhsa.gov/2012/07/26/samhsa-supports-nfl-total-wellness-program/>

MINORITY MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH: ARE WE MAKING PROGRESS IN REDUCING MENTAL HEALTH DISPARITIES?

In recognition of Minority Mental Health Awareness Month, this blog post explores progress and future challenges in meeting the mental health needs of diverse racial and ethnic populations across the country.

<http://blog.samhsa.gov/2012/07/25/minority-mental-health-awareness-month/>

AHRQ RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

MORE PATIENTS WITH ANXIETY DISORDERS ARE BEING PRESCRIBED ANTIPSYCHOTIC MEDICATIONS BY OFFICE-BASED PSYCHIATRISTS

Antipsychotic agents are increasingly being used to treat a wide range of conditions. Their increased use is due to the ever-expanding Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) approved indications as well as their inherent sedation properties. This quality has made them attractive in patients with treatment-resistant anxiety disorders. While there is a dearth of information about their effectiveness for anxiety disorders, a new study supported in part by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) finds that the use of antipsychotics to treat these conditions has risen dramatically.

<http://www.ahrq.gov/research/aug12/0812RA13.htm>

EFFECTS OF ANTIDEPRESSANTS ON SUICIDAL THOUGHTS AND BEHAVIOR DIFFER BY AGE GROUP

The FDA has issued black box warnings on the use of antidepressants by children, adolescents, and young adults. These warnings were based on the occurrence of suicidal thoughts and attempts, not on actual suicides. A re-analysis of data from 41 previous studies that included 9,185 patients has found no evidence of increased suicide risk in children and adolescents ages seven to 18 receiving active medication. Relative to placebo, depression symptoms lessened among treated patients in this group. However, unlike the older population, there was no greater decrease of suicidal thoughts and behavior in treated versus control subjects. <http://www.ahrq.gov/research/aug12/0812RA14.htm>

CLINICIAN AND PATIENT RESOURCES NOW AVAILABLE ON ADHD TREATMENT OPTIONS

A new set of clinician and patient resources from AHRQ's Effective Health Care Program evaluates the latest research on the benefits and side effects of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) treatments for children and adolescents. Among preschool children with disruptive behavior disorder (which includes ADHD), the research review found that parental behavior training reduces ADHD symptoms. The review also found that medications are thought to generally be safe and effective for improving school-age children's behavior, but long-term side effects are unknown. The new resources include a patient summary, clinician summary, CME/CE activity, and faculty slide set, based on the review, *Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder: Effectiveness of Treatment in At-Risk Preschoolers; Long-Term Effectiveness in All Ages; and Variability in Prevalence, Diagnosis, and Treatment*.

<http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/search-for-guides-reviews-and-reports/?pageaction=displayproduct&productID=1148&PCem=EN>

NEW FROM CDC

CDC SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT: ISSUES, EVIDENCE & PUBLIC HEALTH IMPLICATIONS OF PROTECTIVE FACTORS FOR YOUTH VIOLENCE PERPETRATION

To inform prevention efforts that enhance protective influences, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Injury Prevention and Control convened a panel with expertise in youth development, violence prevention, and analytic methods. This special supplement of the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, "Protective Factors for Youth Violence Perpetration Issues, Evidence, and Public Health Implications," is the first publication developed from the panel's work. Its primary purpose is to increase understanding of protective factors for youth violence perpetration by clarifying methods for conceptualizing, measuring, and distinguishing risk and protective effects.

http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pub/YV_ProtectiveFactors.html

QUICKSTATS: SUICIDE AND HOMICIDE RATES, BY AGE GROUP

In 2009, the age-adjusted suicide rate for the total population (11.8 per 100,000 population) was approximately twice as high as the age-adjusted homicide rate (5.5). Persons aged 18 to 24 years had the highest rate of homicide in 2009, whereas persons aged 45 to 54 years had the highest rate of suicide. The suicide rate was higher than the homicide rate among those aged 25 years and older, and this difference increased with age. For persons aged 25 to 44 years, the rate of suicide was nearly twice the rate of homicide, whereas for those aged 65 years and older, the rate of suicide was nearly seven times the homicide rate. <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6128a8.htm>

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE RELEASES NEW SMARTPHONE APPLICATION ADDRESSING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONCERNS

Produced by the Department of Defense's (DOD) National Center for Telehealth and Technology, the LifeArmor app is a comprehensive learning and self-management tool to assist members of the military community with common mental health concerns. Touch-screen technology allows the user to browse information on 17 topics, including sleep, depression, relationship issues, and post-traumatic stress. Brief self-assessments help the user measure and track their symptoms, and tools are available to assist with managing specific problems. Videos relevant to each topic provide personal stories from other service members, veterans, and military family members. <http://t2health.org/apps/lifearmor>

NEW FROM REAL WARRIORS CAMPAIGN

NEW VIDEO PSAS

The campaign recently launched two new video public service announcements focused on caregivers. The videos, available in 29- and 59-second versions, highlight the important role caregivers play in the psychological health and support of service members and veterans.

<http://www.realwarriors.net/multimedia/psas.php>

REAL WARRIORS, REAL ADVICE PODCAST: RESILIENCE

In a special presentation, warriors discuss resilience and the importance of reaching out for support to address psychological health concerns. <http://www.realwarriors.net/podcasts>

NATIONAL CENTER FOR PTSD: GUIDE TO PTSD MEDICATIONS

The National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) has revised its *Clinician's Guide to Medications for PTSD* which reviews specific groups of medications used for treating PTSD.

<http://www.ptsd.va.gov/professional/pages/clinicians-guide-to-medications-for-ptsd.asp>

DCOE BLOG POSTS

TOOL KIT HELPS PROVIDERS TREAT PATIENTS WITH DEPRESSION

Developed by the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DCoE), U.S. Army Medical Command, and the VA, the tool kit provides clear, comprehensive descriptions of critical decision points that help providers screen for major depressive disorder. The tool kit guides diagnosis, management of symptoms, and referral of patients to mental health specialists.

<http://www.dcoe.health.mil/blog/article.aspx?id=1&postid=391>

IN TIMES OF DOUBT, FIND HEALING IN PASTORAL CARE

In many parts of the world where deployed units are on smaller ships or isolated outposts, behavioral or psychological healthcare providers are not commonly attached to the units, but most often chaplains are. That puts them in the position of also being the first line of defense for service members having psychological concerns, such as posttraumatic stress. Although some behaviors are common to both spiritual and psychological concerns, chaplains are trained to identify symptoms of PTSD.

<http://www.dcoe.health.mil/blog/article.aspx?id=1&postid=390>

EVENTS

WEBINAR: ACCESSIBLE TECHNOLOGY'S IMPACT ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF PEOPLE WITH COGNITIVE AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

AUGUST 2, 2012, 2:00-3:00PM ET

The U.S. Department of Labor Office of Disability Employment Policy is sponsoring this webinar as part of its Accessible Technology in the Workplace Initiative to promote the accessibility of workplace technology as a means to increasing the hiring, retention, and advancement of people with disabilities in the public and private sector. Presenters will address the current state of accessible technology for those with cognitive and developmental disabilities, as well as provide examples of the current and future use of these technologies in the workplace. <http://www.dol.gov/odep/topics/Technology.htm>

WEBINAR: THE ROLE OF EMPLOYMENT IN RECOVERY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION: AN INTEGRATED APPROACH

AUGUST 14, 2012, 3:00-4:30 PM ET

In this SAMHSA webinar participants will gain a better understanding of challenges and solutions and learn about some of the policy, provider, and peer-related issues that influence access to employment and support for those who are employed. Presenters will also discuss tools available to support the development of employment initiatives. The webinar will also cover how great change has come about in New York State, including engagement of both service providers and employers, to bring about increases in employment rates for people with mental and substance use disorders.

<http://promoteacceptance.samhsa.gov/teleconferences/archive/training/teleconference08142012.aspx>

WEBINAR: ENGAGING PEOPLE IN DISCUSSION ABOUT HEALTH-RELATED CHANGES

AUGUST 15, 2012, 2:00-3:30 PM ET

This webinar is the first in the SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions' 3-part webinar series — *Helping People Embrace Behavior Change In Healthcare Settings* — will provide primary and behavioral healthcare staff strategies to support individuals' readiness for health-related behavior change using motivational interviewing. This webinar is designed for those who serve people with behavioral and/or primary healthcare needs (e.g., clinical staff, support staff, peers). Participants will learn about the change process and important considerations when engaging people in behavior change discussions.

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/187390882>

THE APPLICATION OF TRAUMA SCREENING/ASSESSMENT IN CHILD WELFARE SETTINGS: PART II - DIRECT LEVEL

AUGUST 16, 2012, 12:00 PM ET

This National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) webinar in the Screening and Assessment in the Child Welfare Setting Speaker Series will discuss overcoming barriers, including differing amounts of clinical experience and training by those administering trauma screening, the challenges of changing an already embedded practice, and the secondary traumatic stress issues that arise when a practitioner begins to ask about trauma. http://learn.nctsn.org/calendar/view.php?view=day&cal_d=16&cal_m=8&cal_y=2012

PUBLIC HEALTH GRAND ROUNDS: HIGH IMPACT HIV PREVENTION

AUGUST 21, 2012, 1:00-2:00 PM ET

This session of CDC Grand Rounds will explore high-impact HIV prevention. In the United States, prevention has already averted more than 350,000 HIV infections. There are nearly 1.2 million people living with HIV in the United States. Current approaches are designed to maximize the impact of prevention efforts for all Americans at risk for HIV infection. <http://www.cdc.gov/about/grand-rounds>

5TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CTSA COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CONFERENCE: METHODS, METRICS, AND OUTCOMES: EVALUATING THE SUCCESS OF COMMUNITY ENGAGED RESEARCH

AUGUST 23-24, 2012, BETHESDA, MD

The NIH National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) is hosting this conference about evaluating the success of community engaged research. Presentations will feature: feasible and replicable methods and metrics developed by and with communities that have improved individual and community health, particularly within underserved communities; how to facilitate the application of these methodologies and metrics to diverse local settings; and tools for assessing and improving the effectiveness of community engagement in improving individual and community health outcomes.

<http://www.ncats.nih.gov/news-and-events/events/events.html>

UTILIZING TRAUMA SCREENING AND ASSESSMENTS IN COURT DECISIONS: PERSPECTIVES FROM THE BENCH AND MENTAL HEALTH

AUGUST 30, 2012, 12:00 PM ET

This NCTSN webinar in the Screening and Assessment in the Juvenile Justice System Speaker Series will discuss how screening and assessment can impact juvenile court decision-making processes while emphasizing how mental health professionals can provide feedback in a useful way.

http://learn.nctsn.org/calendar/view.php?view=day&cal_d=30&cal_m=8&cal_y=2012

HEALTH OBSERVANCE: RECOVERY MONTH

SEPTEMBER 2012

Recovery Month promotes the societal benefits of prevention, treatment, and recovery for mental and substance use disorders, celebrates people in recovery, lauds the contributions of treatment and service providers, and promotes the message that recovery in all its forms is possible. Recovery Month spreads the positive message that behavioral health is essential to overall health, that prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover. <http://recoverymonth.gov/>

WEBINAR: ENHANCING STRATEGIES TO PROMOTE INDIVIDUAL CHANGE IN PRIMARY HEALTHCARE SETTINGS

SEPTEMBER 5, 2012, 2:00-3:30PM ET

This SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Services webinar is designed for primary care staff working in an integrated care setting. Participants will learn skills that increase individuals' likelihood of understanding information and helping individuals develop motivation and consider steps toward health-related changes. <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/380044602>

SAMHSA WELLNESS WEEK

SEPTEMBER 17-23, 2012

As part of Recovery Month, SAMHSA is sponsoring National Wellness Week to inspire individuals and organizations to get involved and take one step for wellness. During National Wellness Week, individuals across the country will be encouraged to improve their health behaviors, while also exploring their talents, skills, interests, social connections, and environment to incorporate other dimensions of wellness.

- Monday, September 17: Overview of Eight Dimensions
- Tuesday, September 18: Physical Dimension
- Wednesday, September 19: Intellectual Dimension
- Thursday, September 20: Spiritual Dimension
- Friday, September 21: Social and Emotional Dimensions
- Saturday, September 22: Financial and Occupational Dimensions
- Sunday, September 23: Environmental Dimension

http://www.promoteacceptance.samhsa.gov/10by10/wellness_week.aspx

WEBINAR: ENHANCING STRATEGIES TO PROMOTE INDIVIDUAL CHANGE IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE SETTINGS

SEPTEMBER 19, 2012, 2:00-3:30PM ET

Targeted for behavioral health staff working in an integrated care setting, this SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Services webinar will teach participants how to evaluate the importance an individual places on particular behavioral change and approaches to help the individual consider the limitations and benefits of a potential change. Emphasis will be placed on recognizing and reinforcing when an individual is moving toward change. <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/224378850>

2012 SCIENCE OF ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES SUMMIT

OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 3, 2012, NATIONAL HARBOR, MD

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) under the auspices of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, the NIH National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, and the HHS Office of Minority Health invite registration for the 2012 Science of Eliminating Health Disparities Summit. The program will facilitate thought-provoking dialogue among presenters from diverse disciplines that are taking unique, complementary, and sometimes distinctively different approaches to health disparities. The overall objective is to forge new alliances and provide a launching pad for creativity, collaboration, and innovation that will accelerate improved health for all Americans and a healthier global society. http://www.nimhd.nih.gov/summit_site/registration.html

CLINICAL TRIAL PARTICIPATION NEWS

NATIONWIDE RECRUITMENT: BIPOLAR DISORDER (ADULT) RESEARCH STUDY

ANTIDEPRESSANT (RAPID) EFFECTS OF KETAMINE

Individuals who have been diagnosed with bipolar disorder may be able to participate in a trial designed to understand the causes of depression and rapid antidepressant response. Specifically, this trial is testing whether ketamine, a drug that affects glutamate in the brain, will improve symptoms of depression within a matter of hours.

Individuals who are 18 to 65 years of age and have been diagnosed with bipolar disorder and previously failed to respond to treatment may be eligible for an inpatient trial designed to bring about a rapid antidepressant effect. After completion of the study the participant is transitioned back to a clinician in the community. In addition, all research participation is without cost and NIMH covers all transportation costs from anywhere in the United States. Compensation is provided for study procedures.

To find out more information, please call 1-877-MIND-NIH (1-877-646-3644) or email moodresearch@mail.nih.gov.

National Institute of Mental Health, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services

For more information on research conducted by the National Institute of Mental Health in Bethesda, MD <http://patientinfo.nimh.nih.gov>

CALLS FOR PUBLIC INPUT

SUBMIT INPUT ABOUT THE 2013 NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL STRATEGY

Beginning in 2010, the development of the *National Drug Control Strategy* included extensive dialogue and consultation with policy makers, practitioners, subject matter experts, and partners across the Nation and around the world. As a result of this robust input, the *Strategies* have presented a comprehensive approach to reducing drug use and its consequences. The Office of National Drug Control Policy is beginning the development of the *2013 Strategy*, and welcomes input into the process. Comments accepted through August 9, 2012. <http://www.whitehouse.gov/ondcp/2013strategycomments>

COMMENTS SOUGHT FOR AHRQ EFFECTIVE HEALTH CARE PROGRAM REPORTS

The AHRQ Effective Health Care Program encourages the public to participate in the development of its research projects. The Program uses these comments to help focus its research and ensure that the final comparative effectiveness reviews answer the most important questions that clinicians, patients, consumers, and policymakers have about a given treatment, test, or procedure. The Program is currently seeking comments for:

STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE CARDIOVASCULAR RISK FACTORS IN PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS (COMMENTS DUE AUGUST 16, 2012)

<http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/research-available-for-comment/comment-draft-reports/?pageaction=displayDraftCommentForm&topicid=377&productID=1194&ECem=120719>

CHILD EXPOSURE TO TRAUMA: COMPARATIVE EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERVENTIONS ADDRESSING TRAUMA OTHER THAN MALTREATMENT OR FAMILY VIOLENCE (COMMENTS DUE AUGUST 21, 2012)

<http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/research-available-for-comment/comment-draft-reports/?pageaction=displayDraftCommentForm&topicid=385&productID=1200&ECem=120724>

INTERVENTIONS FOR THE PREVENTION OF PTSD IN ADULTS AFTER EXPOSURE TO PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAUMA (COMMENTS DUE AUGUST 24, 2012)

<http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/research-available-for-comment/comment-draft-reports/?pageaction=displayDraftCommentForm&topicid=403&productID=1205 &ECem=120727>

EFFICACY AND SAFETY OF SCREENING FOR POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION (COMMENTS DUE AUGUST 28, 2012)

<http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/research-available-for-comment/comment-draft-reports/?pageaction=displayDraftCommentForm&topicid=379&productID=1209&ECem=120731>

DCOE SEEKS FEEDBACK ON MILD TBI POCKET GUIDE

DCoE encourages healthcare professionals to share their thoughts on the *Mild Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Pocket Guide* and corresponding mobile app. Feedback will help make improvements to the pocket guide and other TBI-related products. The pocket guide, developed by DCoE, is an all-encompassing, quick reference clinical guidance tool to help primary care providers assess and treat service members and veterans who have sustained a concussion. It includes a summary of the clinical practice guidelines and recommendations from the DOD and VA on the management of mild TBI and provides information on treating common mild TBI symptoms; coding guidance; clinical recommendations for cognitive rehabilitation, and driving following TBI; patient education materials; and additional clinical tools and resources related to TBI prevention and care.

<http://www.dcoe.health.mil/blog/article.aspx?id=1&postid=389>

HHS AFFORDABLE CARE ACT IMPLEMENTATION FORUMS ON EXCHANGES

Join HHS officials at one of the upcoming Affordable Care Act (ACA) implementation forums across the country. These sessions are intended to provide an opportunity for states and stakeholders to learn more about the next steps in implementation of the healthcare law and ask questions about work needed to build Affordable Insurance Exchanges in every state. HHS leadership will provide an overview of topics related to coverage provisions of the ACA effective in 2014.

HHS anticipates a wide variety of stakeholders and state officials will want to attend these forums. The forums will be particularly useful to stakeholders who seek information regarding next steps in the creation of a more competitive private health insurance marketplace through the establishment of Affordable Insurance Exchanges. HHS has scheduled four regional sessions in Washington, D.C., Atlanta, Chicago, and Denver. Each session will run from 9:00am-4:30pm and is open to people throughout the country.

AUGUST 14: WASHINGTON, DC*

Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Great Hall
200 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20201

*Note: This session will also be webcast.

AUGUST 15: ATLANTA

National Archives at Atlanta
5780 Jonesboro Road
Morrow, GA 30260

AUGUST 21: CHICAGO

Social Security Administration, Center Auditorium
600 West Madison Street
Chicago, IL 60661

AUGUST 22: DENVER

Davis Auditorium in Sturm Hall, University of Denver
2000 E. Asbury Ave.
Denver, CO 80208

RSVP for one of the following session at: <https://www.quickbase.com/db/bg92mriu2>

FUNDING INFORMATION

SECONDARY ANALYSES OF COMPARATIVE EFFECTIVENESS, HEALTH OUTCOMES AND COSTS IN PERSONS WITH MULTIPLE CHRONIC CONDITIONS

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AG-13-003.html>

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