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SCIENCE AND SERVICE NEWS UPDATES

BRAIN HUBS BOIL WHEN HOARDERS FACE PITCHING THEIR OWN STUFF; IMPAIRED DECISION-MAKING TRACED TO “SALIENCE NETWORK”

In patients with hoarding disorder, parts of a decision-making brain circuit are under-activated when dealing with others' possessions, but over-activated when deciding whether to keep or discard their own things, a National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)-funded study has found. Brain scans revealed the abnormal activation in areas of the anterior cingulate cortex and insula known to process error monitoring, weighing the value of things, assessing risks, unpleasant feelings, and emotional decisions. NIMH grantees report on their functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) study in the August 2012 issue of the *Archives of General Psychiatry*.

Press Release: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2012/brain-hubs-boil-when-hoarders-face-pitching-their-own-stuff.shtml>

TARGETED BEHAVIORAL THERAPY CAN EFFECTIVELY CONTROL TICS IN ADULTS WITH TOURETTE SYNDROME

A comprehensive behavioral intervention is more effective than supportive therapy and education in helping adults control the tics associated with Tourette syndrome, according to an NIMH-funded study published in the August 2012 issue of the *Archives of General Psychiatry*. The study follows a previous study involving children with the disorder, which showed similar results.

Science News: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2012/targeted-behavioral-therapy-can-effectively-control-tics-in-adults-with-tourette-syndrome.shtml>

BRAIN SIGNAL ID'S RESPONDERS TO FAST-ACTING ANTIDEPRESSANT; BIOMARKERS HELP PINPOINT MECHANISMS, PREDICT OUTCOMES

Scientists have discovered a biological marker that may help to identify which depressed patients will respond to an experimental, rapid-acting antidepressant. The brain signal, detectable by noninvasive imaging, also holds clues to the agent's underlying mechanism, which are vital for drug development, say National Institutes of Health (NIH) researchers. The signal is among the latest of several such markers, including factors detectable in blood, genetic markers, and a sleep-specific brain wave, recently uncovered by the NIH team and grantee collaborators. They illuminate the workings of the agent, called ketamine, and may hold promise for more personalized treatment. The researchers report on their brain imaging study online in the journal *Biological Psychiatry*.

Press Release: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2012/brain-signal-ids-responders-to-fast-acting-antidepressant.shtml>

COUPLE'S THERAPY APPEARS TO DECREASE PTSD SYMPTOMS, IMPROVE RELATIONSHIP

Among couples in which one partner was diagnosed as having posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), participation in disorder-specific couple therapy resulted in decreased PTSD symptom severity and increased patient relationship satisfaction, compared with couples who were placed on a wait list for the therapy, according to a study in the August 15 issue of *JAMA*, a theme issue on violence and human rights.

Science Update: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/index.shtml>

SAMHSA AWARDS UP TO \$11 MILLION IN GRANTS FOR TREATMENT SERVICES FOR PREGNANT AND POSTPARTUM WOMEN RECOVERING FROM SUBSTANCE ABUSE

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced the awarding of seven new grants totaling up to \$11 million over the next three years under the Services Grant Program for Residential Treatment for Pregnant and Postpartum Women. The program expands the availability of comprehensive, residential substance abuse treatment, prevention, and recovery support services for pregnant and postpartum women and their minor children -- including services for non-residential family members of both the women and children. This program approaches service delivery from a family-centered perspective, meets the multiple individual needs of the population of focus, and considers the health and well-being of the family members within the context of their families and other important relationships.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1208072345.aspx>

NATIONAL DRUG FACTS WEEK BEGINS JAN. 28, 2013; OBSERVANCE PROVIDES TEENS WITH INFORMATION ON THE SCIENCE ABOUT DRUG ABUSE

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) announced that the third annual National Drug Facts Week will be held January 28 through February 3, 2013. This week-long observance will bring together teens and scientific experts in community events across the country to discuss scientific facts about drug abuse.

National Drug Facts Week is a NIDA initiative which encourages community-based events where teens ask questions of addiction scientists or educators familiar with NIDA's scientific materials. Events can be sponsored by a variety of organizations, including schools, community groups, sports clubs, book clubs, and local hospitals. Also during National Drug Facts Week, NIDA scientists will hold their annual Web chat with teens around the country.

Press Release: <http://www.nih.gov/news/health/aug2012/nida-08.htm>

Tool Kit: <http://drugfactsweek.drugabuse.gov/planyouevent.php>

RESOURCES: PUBLICATIONS, TOOLKITS, OTHER RESOURCES

NEW ON NIMH WEBSITE

DIRECTOR'S BLOG: A PROMISING BEHAVIORAL TREATMENT FOR TOURETTE SYNDROME

NIMH Director Thomas Insel describes a new generation of behavioral treatments, including one that has shown promising results for Tourette Syndrome.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/director/2012/a-promising-behavioral-treatment-for-tourette-syndrome.shtml>

DIRECTOR'S BLOG: PREVENTING SUICIDE, ONE EMPLOYER AT A TIME

NIMH Director Thomas Insel describes the recent National Football League 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 SAMHSA RESOURCES

COMING HOME: SUPPORTING MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS, AND THEIR FAMILIES

This archived webcast describes the challenges facing military personnel, veterans, and their families; the mental health and substance abuse support available from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and civilian health systems; and the need to expand family-centered services.

<http://store.samhsa.gov/product/SMA12-4677DVD>

CHANGE, CHALLENGE & OPPORTUNITY-SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND ADDICTION IN A CHANGING HEALTH CARE ENVIRONMENT

This presentation by SAMHSA Administrator Pamela Hyde presents an overview of substance abuse in the United States and discusses a prevention framework that prioritizes underage drinking and prescription drug abuse. It reviews changes in healthcare resulting from health reform and discusses provider readiness and the workforce. <http://store.samhsa.gov/product/SMA12-PHYDE062012>

ALCOHOL-DRUG COMBINATIONS ACCOUNT FOR NEARLY 37 PERCENT OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT ADMISSIONS

This new SAMHSA report shows that 37.2 percent of substance abuse treatment admissions involve both alcohol and drug abuse. According to the report, 23.1 percent of all admissions reported the abuse of alcohol and one other drug, and 14.1 percent reported the abuse of alcohol and two or more drugs.

<http://www.samhsa.gov/data/spotlight/Spot067AlcoholDrugAbuse2012.pdf>

RURAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT ADMISSIONS SIGNIFICANTLY MORE LIKELY THAN URBAN COUNTERPARTS TO BE REFERRED BY CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

This new SAMHSA report found that rural and urban substance abuse treatment admissions in 2009 differed by nearly every aspect examined. For example, in 2009 rural substance abuse treatment admissions were more likely than urban admissions to be referrals from the criminal justice system and less likely to be self-referrals or referrals from family members or friends.

http://www.samhsa.gov/data/2k12/TEDS_043/TEDSShortReport043UrbanRuralAdmissions2012.htm

SAMHSA ANNOUNCES TWO NEW KOREAN-LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

These Korean-language publications have been adapted to be culturally appropriate and are based on the *Anger Management for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Clients* therapy manual and participant workbook.

COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL THERAPY MANUAL

This manual helps counselors teach anger management techniques in a group setting through a 12-week cognitive behavioral intervention (CBT). The manual describes the anger cycle, conflict resolution, assertiveness skills, and anger control plans. <http://store.samhsa.gov/product/SMA10-4615Korean>

PARTICIPANT WORKBOOK

This workbook provides worksheets and homework assignments using the core concepts of the 12-week group CBT intervention. <http://store.samhsa.gov/product/SMA10-4616Korean>

NIDA NOTES: PROGRAM REDUCES RECIDIVISM AMONG MEN WITH CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS

A modified therapeutic community program designed by NIDA-supported researchers helped male parolees with co-occurring substance abuse and mental health disorders adjust to living in their communities. In a prior study, men who had participated in the program while incarcerated were only half as likely as others who received standard prison care to be sentenced for a new offense during their first year out. Recently, the program proved similarly effective when administered after prison release.

<http://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/nida-notes/2012/07/program-reduces-recidivism-among-men-co-occurring-disorders>

ACADEMY FOR INTEGRATING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND PRIMARY CARE

The Agency for Health Research and Quality (AHRQ) has established the Academy for Integrating Behavioral Health and Primary Care, a source for analysis and synthesis of integration information related to research, workforce development, policy, financing and sustainability, clinician and patient considerations and health information technology. <http://integrationacademy.ahrq.gov/>

PRACTICE-BASED INTERVENTIONS ADDRESSING CONCOMITANT DEPRESSION AND CHRONIC MEDICAL CONDITIONS IN THE PRIMARY CARE SETTING

This AHRQ Effective Healthcare review summarizes the body of evidence on the effectiveness of practice-based interventions aimed at improving depression or both depression and chronic medical conditions in adult primary care patients with depression and chronic medical condition(s) at baseline. The review concluded that collaborative care interventions improved outcomes for depression and quality of life in primary care patients with multiple different medical conditions. Few data were available on medical outcomes, except for HbA1c in diabetes, which showed no difference between treatment and usual care. <http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/search-for-guides-reviews-and-reports/?pageaction=displayproduct&productid=1219>

REPORT ON WELL-BEING OF NATION'S CHILDREN RELEASED

The Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics has released its annual report, *America's Children in Brief: Key National Indicators of Well-Being*. The report uses the most recently available and reliable official federal statistics to describe the family and social environment, economic circumstances, healthcare, physical environment and safety, behavior, education, and health of America's children and youth. Among the findings from this year's assessment, both adolescent births and violent crime victimization declined. The report also reveals that the number of children living in poverty increased. http://www.childstats.gov/pdf/ac2012/ac_12.pdf

CDC: THE HEALTH OF MALE VETERANS AND NONVETERANS AGED 25-64

This report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) presents data from the National Health Interview Survey, 2007–2010 about the well-being of male veterans. The report found that veterans were more likely than nonveterans to report having two or more chronic conditions. In addition, veterans reported serious psychological distress more often than nonveterans; but less than five percent of both veterans and nonveterans reported serious psychological distress. <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/databriefs/db101.htm>

NATIONAL CENTER FOR COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE RESOURCES

WHAT CAN NEUROSCIENCE RESEARCH TELL US ABOUT THE MEDITATIVE BRAIN?

This blog post from the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) discusses what has been learned from research about the effects of meditation practice on the brain.

<http://nccam.nih.gov/research/blog/neuroscience>

VIDEO: SCIENTIFIC RESULTS OF YOGA FOR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

This video features the current scientific evidence for yoga as a complementary health practice, particularly for symptoms like chronic low-back pain. <http://nccam.nih.gov/video/yoga>

DCOE BLOG POSTS

'PE COACH' MOBILE APP SUPPORTS PROLONGED EXPOSURE THERAPY

"PE Coach" is a new mobile application featuring a variety of tools to help users advance their prolonged exposure (PE) therapy. It was developed by the National Center for Telehealth and Technology (T2), part of the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury center (DCOE), and the VA National Center for PTSD. The app records sessions where a provider guides a patient to revisit and face traumatic experiences. Users can also check-in on their feelings and behavior using a posttraumatic stress disorder checklist for 17 different trauma symptoms. The app provides a homework toolbox for each session, including stress management techniques such as a breathing retrainer, as well as specific activities designed by the provider and patient to help decrease stress and manage symptoms related to the trauma.

<http://www.dcoe.health.mil/blog/article.aspx?id=1&postid=395>

FINDING THE RIGHT PROVIDER

This blog post provides suggestions for servicemembers who don't think their treatment for mental health concerns is working. <http://www.dcoe.health.mil/blog/article.aspx?id=1&postid=394>

EVENTS**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 PREVENTIONAUGUST 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>

TWITTER CHAT: YOGAAUGUST 21, 2012, 1:00 PM ET

This month's NCCAM twitter chat will explore the science of yoga, in conjunction with the release of its new *Science of Yoga* video. Join at #nccamchat. <http://nccam.nih.gov/news/events/twitterchat>

WEBINAR: INTEGRATING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IN COMMUNITY AND MIGRANT HEALTH CENTERS: MOTIVATION, READINESS, & CULTURAL CHALLENGESAUGUST 23, 2012, 12:00-1:30 PM

In this SAMHSA-Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Center for Integrated Health Solutions webinar, two physicians with experience addressing challenges within migrant health programs in community health center settings will discuss lessons learned in successful implementation of integrated behavioral healthcare, and describe effective models for integration.

<http://www.integration.samhsa.gov/about-us/webinars>

WEBINAR: PTSD 101: EDUCATION FOR THE CIVILIAN HEALTHCARE PROVIDER TREATING SERVICE MEMBERS

AUGUST 23, 2012, 1:00-2:30 PM ET

The goal of this DCOE webinar is to enhance civilian healthcare providers' knowledge of trauma and its treatment for service members and veterans.

<http://www.dcoe.health.mil/Training/MonthlyWebinars.aspx>

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 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>

WEBINAR: FOUNDATIONS AND GRANT MAKING AS STRATEGIC PARTNERS IN SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS

AUGUST 29, 2012, 4:00-5:30 PM ET

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention presents this webinar to introduce participants to the concept of philanthropic organizations as strategic partners and teach participants how to engage foundations as sources of sustainability funding. Register for this free webinar before 12:00 PM ET August 29, 2012. <http://www.ojjdp.gov/enews/12juvjust/120808.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>

WEBINAR: THE USE OF WEB-BASED SCREENING FOR TRAUMA AND ASSOCIATED DISORDERS IN JUVENILE JUSTICE-INVOLVED YOUTH

SEPTEMBER 12, 2012, 12:00 PM ET

This NCTSN webinar in the Screening and Assessment in the Juvenile Justice System Speaker Series will describe a newly developed, web-based platform to conduct screening in juvenile justice settings and will highlight recent findings about utilizing the web-based tool.

http://learn.nctsn.org/calendar/view.php?view=day&cal_d=12&cal_m=9&cal_y=2012

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.

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>

WEBINAR: UNDERSTANDING AND TREATING CAREGIVER SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND TRAUMA: A FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

SEPTEMBER 21, 2012, 1:00 PM ET

This NCTSN webinar in the Role of Trauma among Families Struggling with Substance Abuse Speaker Series will focus on the connection between caregiver trauma and substance abuse, the impact of both on children, and the challenges experienced by families when both substance abuse and trauma are present. Four models of intervening in the area of parenting, substance abuse, and trauma will be presented, including two parenting programs. Speakers will also discuss an attachment curriculum utilized in a residential program for women with substance use disorders and an adaptation of child parent psychotherapy for parents and children in family residential treatment for substance abuse.

http://learn.nctsn.org/calendar/view.php?view=day&cal_d=21&cal_m=9&cal_y=2012

WEBINAR: SCREENING MEASURES FOR PARENT-CHILD DYADS

SEPTEMBER 27, 2012, 12:00 PM ET

This NCTSN webinar in the Screening and Assessment for Trauma in the Child Welfare Setting Speaker Series will address trauma screening and assessment for parents and children in the child welfare system, with a focus on how information gained through screening can help inform casework practice, improve family engagement, and guide decision-making on mental health services.

http://learn.nctsn.org/calendar/view.php?view=day&cal_d=27&cal_m=9&cal_y=2012

WEBINAR: PRENATAL EXPOSURE TO SUBSTANCES AND TRAUMA: FOSTERING PARENT AND CHILD WELL-BEING

SEPTEMBER 28, 2012, 1:00 PM ET

This NCTSN webinar in the Role of Trauma among Families Struggling with Substance Abuse Speaker Series will address the effects of prenatal exposure to substances and trauma on children, discuss assessment and treatment approaches for youth and caregivers, inform participants about Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) through the lifespan, and give a personal testimony on one family's experience with FASD.

http://learn.nctsn.org/calendar/view.php?view=day&cal_d=28&cal_m=9&cal_y=2012

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

CALLS FOR PUBLIC INPUT

SAMHSA INVITES PARTICIPATION IN WEBSITE REDESIGN

SAMHSA has been working hard over the past few months to make improvements to its website. Many of these improvements are still "behind the scenes." Enhancements are underway to the technical infrastructure underpinning the site, and also to the way information is organized and presented. SAMHSA is inviting everyone who seeks and uses information about substance abuse and/or mental health issues to participate in an online card-sorting exercise—placing specific pieces of information into predefined categories. This exercise is intuitive, so expertise in web design or technology is NOT needed. This activity should take less than 20 minutes to complete. The card sort will be available online from August 13-19, 2012, and participation is completely anonymous. <http://blog.samhsa.gov/2012/08/13/project-evolve-be-a-part-of-the-team/>

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>

STOP BULLYING VIDEO CHALLENGE

HRSA and the Federal Partners are launching a video challenge to help prevent and end bullying in schools and communities across the nation. This challenge invites youth ages 13-18 to create a 30 to 60 second video that will inform and motivate youth to prevent bullying, and that promotes an environment where kindness and respect for others matters. The focus should be on how youth can be more than a bystander, rather than a video that solely explains why bullying is wrong. Submissions will be accepted through October 14 at 11:00 PM ET. <http://stopbullying.challenge.gov/>

FUNDING INFORMATION

NIMH SHORT COURSES FOR MENTAL HEALTH-RELATED RESEARCH EDUCATION (R25)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-12-262.html>

NIMH RESEARCH EDUCATION PROGRAMS SUPPORTING PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTS (R25)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-12-263.html>

NIMH MENTORING NETWORKS FOR MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH EDUCATION (R25)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-12-264.html>

ESTIMATING THE ECONOMIC COSTS OF ALZHEIMERS DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-12-255.html> (R01)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-12-254.html> (R21)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-12-253.html> (R03)

2013 NIH DIRECTOR'S PIONEER AWARD PROGRAM (DP1)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-12-015.html>

2013 NIH DIRECTOR'S NEW INNOVATOR AWARD PROGRAM (DP2)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-12-016.html>



The **Outreach Partnership Program** is a nationwide outreach initiative of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) that enlists state and national organizations in a partnership to help close the gap between mental health research and clinical practice, inform the public about mental illnesses, and reduce the stigma and discrimination associated with mental illness. For more information about the program please visit: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/outreach/partners>. To subscribe to receive the **Update** every two weeks, go to: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/outreach/partnership-program/subscribe-to-the-update.shtml>

The information provided in the **Update** is intended for use by NIMH Outreach Partners, National Partners and their associates for the express purpose of exchanging information that may be useful in the development of state and local mental health outreach, information, education and partnership programs.