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THE MORE HEMISPHERIC LATERALIZATION, THE BETTER THINKING PERFORMANCE

By examining activity of the living human brain at rest via functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI), National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) intramural scientists have discovered a secret to how it enhances thinking ability. It turns out that left brain regions are biased to talk more to each other, while right brain regions talk more evenly with both hemispheres. These biases are most pronounced in brain regions associated with the specialized functions of the two hemispheres – e.g., language and motor control on the left and visual/spatial attention on the right. Such lateralization is associated with enhanced cognition, report researchers of the NIMH Cognitive Neuropsychology Section, Laboratory of Brain and Cognition. The more such lateral specialization subjects showed at rest, the better they performed on verbal and spatial tasks later.

Science News: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/science-news/2013/the-more-hemispheric-lateralization-the-better-thinking-performance.shtml>

NIH STUDY FINDS CHRONIC ALCOHOL USE SHIFTS BRAIN'S CONTROL OF BEHAVIOR

Chronic alcohol exposure leads to brain adaptations that shift behavior control away from an area of the brain involved in complex decision-making and toward a region associated with habit formation, according to a new study conducted in mice by scientists at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The finding provides a biological mechanism that helps to explain compulsive alcohol use and the progression to alcohol dependence. A report appears online in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

Press Release: <http://www.nih.gov/news/health/aug2013/niaaa-22.htm>

NONMEDICAL USE OF PRESCRIPTION PAIN RELIEVERS MAY RAISE THE RISK OF TURNING TO HEROIN USE; REPORT SHOWS RISE IN THE OVERALL USE OF HEROIN AS WELL AS SHIFTS IN INITIATION PATTERNS

A new report by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) shows that people aged 12 to 49 who had used prescription pain relievers non-medically were 19 times more likely to have initiated heroin use recently than others in that age group. The report also shows that four out of five recent heroin initiates had previously used prescription pain relievers non-medically. While the report shows that people using prescription pain relievers non-medically were at greater risk of later starting heroin, it also shows that the vast majority of people using prescription pain relievers non-medically did not start using heroin. In fact, only 3.6 percent of the people who initiated the non-medical use of pain relievers went on to use heroin within five years.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1308215815.aspx>

NEW RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO HELP CONSUMERS NAVIGATE THE HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE; HHS AWARDS \$67 MILLION TO NAVIGATORS AND RECOGNIZES MORE THAN 100 ORGANIZATIONS AS CHAMPIONS FOR COVERAGE

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced \$67 million in grant awards to 105 Navigator grant applicants in Federally-facilitated and State Partnership Marketplaces. These Navigator grantees and their staff will serve as an in-person resource for Americans who want additional assistance in shopping for and enrolling in plans in the Health Insurance Marketplace beginning this fall. In addition, HHS recognized more than 100 national organizations and businesses who have volunteered to help Americans learn about the healthcare coverage available in the Marketplace.

Press Release: <http://cms.hhs.gov/Newsroom/MediaReleaseDatabase/Press-Releases/2013-Press-Releases-Items/2013-08-15.html>

CDC RELEASES 2012 SCHOOL HEALTH POLICIES AND PRACTICES STUDY RESULTS; SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHOW POSITIVE TRENDS

School districts nationwide are showing improvements in measures related to nutritional policies, physical education, and tobacco policies, according to the *2012 School Health Policies and Practices Study (SHPPS)* released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). SHPPS is a national survey periodically conducted to assess school health policies and practices at the state, district, school, and classroom levels. SHPPS assesses the characteristics of eight components of school health: health education, physical education and activity, health services, mental health and social services, nutrition services, healthy and safe school environment, faculty and staff health promotion, and family and community involvement.

Press Release: <http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2013/p0826-school-health.html>

NEW DATA SHOW ANTIPSYCHOTIC DRUG USE IS DOWN IN NURSING HOMES NATIONWIDE

Nursing homes are using antipsychotic medications less and instead pursuing more patient-centered treatment for dementia and other behavioral healthcare, according to new data released in *Nursing Home Compare* in July by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Unnecessary antipsychotic drug use is a significant challenge in dementia care. CMS data show that in 2010 more than 17 percent of nursing home patients had daily doses exceeding recommended levels. In response to these trends, CMS launched the National Partnership to Improve Dementia Care in 2012.

Press Release: <http://www.cms.gov/Newsroom/MediaReleaseDatabase/Press-Releases/2013-Press-Releases-Items/2013-08-27.html>

NEW ON NIMH WEBSITE

DIRECTOR'S BLOG: ANTIPSYCHOTICS: TAKING THE LONG VIEW

NIMH Director Thomas Insel describes how antipsychotics help people through the crisis of acute psychosis, but how the long-term management of chronic mental illness is another matter. It appears that what is currently called “schizophrenia” may comprise disorders with quite different trajectories. For some people, remaining on medication long-term might impede a full return to wellness. For others, discontinuing medication may be harmful. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/director/2013/antipsychotics-taking-the-long-view.shtml>

DIRECTOR'S BLOG: INFANTILE AMNESIA

NIMH Director Thomas Insel describes how insights from research into why humans do not retain memories from the first four years of life may help shed light on many aspects of memory. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/director/2013/infantile-amnesia.shtml>

NIMH WEBSITE INTRODUCES NEW SEARCH ENGINE

NIMH introduced a faster, more powerful search engine to connect its website visitors with vital mental health information. This improved search feature integrates NIMH RSS feeds with information from high profile social media platforms such as YouTube and Twitter and delivers nearly all results in less than 750 milliseconds. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/science-news/2013/our-new-search-engine-delivers-faster-better-results.shtml>

NIH RESEARCH MATTERS: BLOOD MARKERS MAY SIGNAL SUICIDE RISK

Scientists identified signs in blood that might help doctors identify people with suicidal feelings and thoughts. The discovery could lead to more effective interventions. <http://www.nih.gov/researchmatters/august2013/08262013suicide.htm>

VIDEO: HOW DOES AN MRI WORK?

This National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering *60 Seconds of Science Video* explains what is happening in the body when it undergoes an MRI. MRIs employ powerful magnets which produce a strong magnetic field that forces protons in the body to align with that field. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1CGzk-nV06g>

NEW ON NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE WEBSITE

SCIENCE SPOTLIGHT: PARENTS AND SIBLINGS INFLUENCE FUTURE DRUG RISK IN DIFFERENT WAYS

NIH-funded research using twin and adoption studies shows that siblings exert a greater environmental influence on a person's risk for future substance use and other related disorders than was previously believed, whereas parents' influence over this risk is more genetic than environmental.

<http://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/news-releases/2013/08/parents-siblings-influence-future-drug-risk-in-different-ways>

ANNOUNCEMENT: NIDA AND LIGHTLAKE THERAPEUTICS PARTNER TO EXPAND ACCESS TO MEDICATION TO TREAT OPIOID OVERDOSE

NIDA and Lightlake Therapeutics, Inc., a biopharmaceutical company developing novel treatments for addictions and conducting clinical trials with intranasal naloxone for the treatment of binge eating disorder, have entered into a partnership to apply this technology towards the treatment of opioid overdose. Clinical trials are expected to begin in fall 2013. <http://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/news-releases/2013/08/nida-lightlake-therapeutics-partner-to-expand-access-to-medication-to-treat-opioid-overdose>

AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH AND QUALITY REPORTS

TREATMENT FOR DEPRESSION AFTER UNSATISFACTORY RESPONSE TO SSRIS

This full research review summarizes evidence on the effectiveness of selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI) monotherapy and combination therapy to treat depression in patients who have not responded to initial SSRI treatment. The report includes a summary for patients that provides details on the benefits and potential harms of available treatment strategies, and a clinician research summary that outlines the clinical bottomline and strength of evidence assessment for clinicians to consider when choosing treatment options.

<http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/search-for-guides-reviews-and-reports/?pageaction=displayproduct&productID=1037&PC=EHCIT17>

INTERVENTIONS FOR ADULT OFFENDERS WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report focuses on the comparative effectiveness of interventions provided to offenders with serious mental illness (i.e., schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, bipolar disorder, or major depression), with or without a co-occurring substance use disorder, during incarceration in jail, prison, or forensic hospital, or during transition from incarceration in these settings to the community.

<http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/search-for-guides-reviews-and-reports/?pageaction=displayproduct&productID=1644>

SUPPORTING YOUR LGBTQ YOUTH: A GUIDE FOR FOSTER PARENTS

This factsheet was written for foster parents to help them learn about LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning) youth in the child welfare system, the unique risks they face, and the important role that foster parents can play in reducing those risks. The factsheet outlines specific actions that foster parents can take to create a welcoming home for all youth in their care and to promote youths' health and well-being in the community. <https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/LGBTQyouth.cfm>

UNDERSTANDING RESEARCH ON THE EPIDEMIOLOGY OF TRAUMA AND PTSD

The latest issue of the *PTSD Research Quarterly* from the National Center on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) includes research on both civilian and military populations about trauma and PTSD. In addition, it attempts to educate the reader about definitional issues in epidemiologic research and the influences yielded by changes in the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual over time. <http://www.ptsd.va.gov/professional/newsletters/ptsd-rq.asp>

SAMHSA RESOURCES:

ONE VOICE, ONE COMMUNITY: BUILDING STRONG AND EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS AMONG COMMUNITY AND FAITH ORGANIZATIONS

This guide offers communities strategies for developing partnerships with faith-based organizations to address the service needs of people with mental and substance use disorders. It highlights examples and presents challenges and benefits of such partnerships. <http://store.samhsa.gov//product/SMA13-4739>

FINANCING AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS FOR MEDICAID HEALTH HOMES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONDITIONS: A DISCUSSION OF SELECTED STATES' APPROACHES

This new report from the SAMHSA-Health Resources and Services Administration Center for Integrated Health Solutions reviews the policy considerations and options for states and providers to establish reimbursement methodologies and payment rates for health homes. CMS has approved Medicaid coverage of health homes in 12 states, six of which include mental and substance use disorders as eligible chronic conditions. Learn how these states structured their health homes, especially Missouri and Rhode Island, which were the first states to receive federal approval for health home services coverage.

http://www.integration.samhsa.gov/integrated-care-models/Health_Homes_Financing_and_Policy_Considerations.pdf

OPIOID OVERDOSE PREVENTION TOOLKIT

This toolkit equips communities and local governments with material to develop policies and practices to help prevent opioid-related overdoses and deaths. It addresses issues for first responders, treatment providers, and those recovering from opioid overdose. <http://store.samhsa.gov/product/SMA13-4742>

SAMHSA: NEW AND UPDATED DISASTER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INFORMATION SERIES

These updated and new disaster-related content series are designed to help specific audiences deal more effectively with behavioral health issues after disasters.

PREPARING RURAL COMMUNITIES FOR DISASTERS—UPDATED

This installment presents information about rural communities that should be considered in the development and implementation of behavioral health preparedness and response plans.

http://www.samhsa.gov/dtac/dbhis/dbhis_rural_intro.asp

HELPING OLDER ADULTS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND CAREGIVERS IN DISASTERS—UPDATED

This installment contains materials designed to benefit older adults, their families and caregivers, mental health and healthcare providers, disaster responders, and community leaders.

http://www.samhsa.gov/dtac/dbhis/dbhis_olderadults_intro.asp

UNDERSTANDING THE EFFECTS OF MASS VIOLENCE IN DISASTERS—NEW

This installment contains, in addition to information on mass violence, resources on specific types of disasters, including hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, droughts, and floods.

http://www.samhsa.gov/dtac/dbhis/dbhis_specific_bib.asp#massviolence

PROVIDING INTERVENTIONS UP TO 14 DAYS FOLLOWING A DISASTER—NEW

This installment focuses on materials for those providing interventions during the acute phase—up to 14 days following a disaster. http://www.samhsa.gov/dtac/dbhis/dbhis_interventions_intro.asp

DEALING WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS AND DISASTERS—NEW

This installment provides resources on the prevention and treatment of substance use disorders; these resources can be used to help plan for, respond to, and recover from disasters.

http://www.samhsa.gov/dtac/dbhis/dbhis_substanceuse_intro.asp

HELPING FAITH-BASED COMMUNITIES AND SPIRITUAL LEADERS DEVELOP DISASTER RESPONSE PLANS—NEW

This installment focuses on materials designed to help faith-based communities and spiritual leaders develop and implement behavioral health preparedness and response plans.

http://www.samhsa.gov/dtac/dbhis/dbhis_faith_intro.asp

STOP BULLYING BLOG POSTS

2012-2013 WEBINAR SERIES IN REVIEW

In the past year, the Federal Partners in Bullying Prevention has hosted several free webinars to bring attention to a variety of topic areas in bullying prevention and response. These webinar materials are still available for use. Archived webinars include one on bullying and suicide prevention, which provided the latest research and science on the relationship between bullying and suicide and outlined some of the shared risk and protective factors. <http://www.stopbullying.gov/blog/2013/08/19/2012-2013-webinar-series-review>

KEEPING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES SAFE FROM BULLYING

This blog post summarizes new guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Education's (ED) Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services to educators and stakeholders on the matter of bullying of students with disabilities. This guidance provides an overview of school districts' responsibilities to ensure that students with disabilities who are subject to bullying continue to receive free appropriate public education under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

<http://www.stopbullying.gov/blog/2013/08/23/keeping-students-disabilities-safe-bullying>

NEW AND IMPROVED: SAFE SUPPORTIVE LEARNING WEBSITE EXPANDS ITS AUDIENCE AND RESOURCES

The National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments in coordination with ED and SAMHSA announced the launch of its new and improved website that reaches an expanded audience and provides new products. In addition to focusing on learning environments in middle and high schools, the new website provides information and resources specific for pre-kindergarten through elementary school and higher education communities. The new site also features a number of new products, including overviews of the latest research and practices on a range of topics and highlights of the work states and communities are doing to address a variety of topics across the country. <http://safesupportivelearning.ed.gov>

DCOE BLOG POSTS

NEW DSM-5 REVISIONS ADD MORE OPTIONS TO DIAGNOSIS CRITERIA FOR PTSD

This Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DCoE) blog post summarizes the recent DCoE webinar about revisions to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5) diagnosis criteria for PTSD. http://www.dcoe.health.mil/blog/13-08-22/New_DSM-5_Revisions_Add_More_Options_to_Diagnosis_Criteria_for_PTSD.aspx

LEARN COPING SKILLS TO HELP YOU MOVE FORWARD

This blog post describes a new website that gives members of the military community access to an educational and life coaching program online. Developed by the National Center for Telehealth and Technology (T2) and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) as part of the Defense Department and VA initiative to provide collaborative and integrated mental health services to veterans and service members, *Moving Forward* helps individuals better understand their own problem-solving abilities and teaches new skills to overcome obstacles in life, both big and small. http://www.dcoe.health.mil/blog/13-08-15/Are_You_Stuck_Learn_Coping_Skills_to_Help_You_Move_Forward.aspx

PTSD, VIOLENT BEHAVIOR: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Captain Janet Hawkins is a violence prevention subject matter expert at the Deployment Health Clinical Center specializing in PTSD and interpersonal violence prevention in military populations. In this blog post, she summarizes findings on the relationship between PTSD and interpersonal violence. http://www.dcoe.health.mil/blog/13-08-29/PTSD_Violent_Behavior_What_You_Need_to_Know.aspx

EVENTS

RECOVERY MONTH

SEPTEMBER 2013

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/>

WEB SHOW: PEER RECOVERY SUPPORT: LEVERAGING PERSONAL EXPERIENCE IN HELPING OTHERS

SEPTEMBER 4, 2013

Peer recovery support in behavioral health is a powerful and essential component of the recovery process. More recently, however, the recognition of the importance of peer support has led to more structured and intentional applications of this recovery support approach. For example, many peer “recovery support specialists” and “recovery coaches” have received training on the most effective ways to help peers in recovery. Use of trained individuals along with other strategies for providing peer support is found in both mental health and substance use settings. <http://www.recoverymonth.gov/Multimedia/Road-to-Recovery-Television-Series.aspx#September>

WEBINAR: IMPROVING CONDITIONS FOR YOUTH IN CONFINEMENT

SEPTEMBER 4, 2013, 2:00-3:30 PM ET

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention-sponsored National Center for Youth in Custody will present *Putting It All Together: How Juvenile Facilities Can Create and Sustain Improved Conditions for Youth*. During the webinar, presenters will discuss how to provide more consistently safe, secure, humane, and therapeutic environments for confined youth. The webinar will feature leaders from two juvenile facilities that have faced challenges in addressing conditions and issues and achieved success in reforming practices. Two former youth residents will interview the presenters for their insight on how to create and sustain improved conditions of custody. <http://ojjdp.gov/enews/13juvjust/130822.html>

WEBINAR: EARLY CHILDHOOD PREVENTION: PROJECT LAUNCH

SEPTEMBER 4, 2013, 4:00-5:30 PM ET AND SEPTEMBER 5, 2013, 11:00 AM-12:30 PM ET

Using a public health approach, Project LAUNCH, a SAMHSA grant program, focuses on improving the systems that serve young children and addressing their physical, emotional, social, cognitive, and behavioral growth. This National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments webinar will focus on the five core service areas of Project Launch that address key prevention and health promotion strategies: developmental screenings and assessments in a range of child-serving settings; integration of behavioral health into primary care settings; mental health consultation in early care and education; enhanced home visiting through increased focus on social and emotional well-being; and family strengthening and parent skills training. The webinar will be offered twice. <http://safesupportiveschools.ed.gov/events/early-childhood-prevention-project-launch>

CDC'S BIENNIAL MENTAL HEALTH SURVEILLANCE WORKING MEETING

SEPTEMBER 5, 2013, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM ET

Supported by the CDC Mental Health Workgroup, this meeting's focus is to increase awareness, share ideas, collaborate, and hold accountable public health surveillance efforts related to mental health. Scientists from CDC and other agencies will present on a range of mental health topics. This meeting is open to the public, via the live streaming internet link for this day only.

<http://www.nami.org/Content/NavigationMenu/namievents/CDC2013Biennialmeeting.pdf>

WEBINAR: PROSPER MODEL: AN EXAMPLE OF A SUCCESSFUL FRAMEWORK FOR PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE, MULTI-SYSTEM PREVENTION EFFORTS

SEPTEMBER 5, 2013, 2:00-3:30 PM ET

SAMHSA, in partnership with the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD), is hosting this webinar as part of a series focusing on key prevention-related topics to further expand the national dialogue on prevention. The presentation will be by Richard Spoth, Ph.D., senior prevention scientist, Iowa State University.

http://nasmhpd.org/content/Enhancing%20State%20Prevention%20Systems%20for%20Children%20&%20Youth%20We_2.pdf

WEBINAR: GUIDELINES FOR CARE FOR TRANSITIONING FROM JAILS AND PRISONS FOR PERSONS WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS

SEPTEMBER 6, 2013, 1:00-2:30 PM ET

This webinar, hosted by SAMHSA's GAINS Center for Behavioral Health and Justice Transformation, will introduce the *Guidelines for Care for Transitioning from Jails and Prisons for Persons with Behavioral Health Disorders*. The guidelines promote the behavioral health and criminal justice partnerships that are necessary to develop successful approaches to identify which persons need services, what services they need, and how to match these needs upon transition to community-based treatment and supervision. Participants will need to call the number and log-in to the link to join the webinar:

Call-in #: 888-469-3048; Participant passcode: CARE

Log-in For Participants: **URL: <https://www.mymeetings.com/nc/join/>**

Conference number: PW6604477 and Audience passcode: CARE

WEBINAR: CHILDHOOD-ONSET SCHIZOPHRENIA WITH NIMH'S JUDITH RAPOPORT

SEPTEMBER 9, 2013, 2:00-3:00 PM ET

Judith L. Rapoport, M.D., chief of the NIMH Child Psychiatry Branch, will give a live presentation titled, "Childhood-Onset Schizophrenia – The Study and Treatment," as part of a webinar sponsored by the Brain and Behavior Research Foundation. She will discuss her research concentrating on brain development in childhood and adolescence and the treatment of childhood-onset schizophrenia.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/science-news/2013/webinar-on-childhood-onset-schizophrenia-with-nimhs-judith-l-raoport-md.shtml>

WEBINAR: LEGISLATIVE STRATEGIES TO FOSTER THE USE OF EVIDENCE-BASED PREVENTION PRACTICES: EXAMPLES FROM WASHINGTON STATE

SEPTEMBER 9, 2013, 2:00-3:30 PM ET

SAMHSA, in partnership with NASMHPD, is hosting this webinar as part of a series focusing on key prevention-related topics to further expand the national dialogue on prevention. The presentation will be by Eric Trupin, Ph.D., director of the Evidence-Based Practice Institute at the University of Washington School of Medicine.

http://nasmhpd.org/content/Enhancing%20State%20Prevention%20Systems%20for%20Children%20&%20Youth%20We_2.pdf

FDA PATIENT NETWORK ANNUAL MEETING: DEMYSTIFYING FDA: AN EXPLORATION OF DRUG DEVELOPMENT

SEPTEMBER 10, 2013, WASHINGTON DC

This meeting will serve as a forum for the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) patient stakeholders and the general public, including health professionals, academia, and industry, to learn about regulatory issues related to drug development, analyze where in the process patient input may be most practical and most valuable, and explore practicable approaches to incorporating meaningful patient input that will represent broad patient perspectives in medical product development and regulatory decision-making.

<http://www.patientnetwork.fda.gov/patient-network-annual-meeting-september-10-2013>

WEBINAR: SIX STEPS TO IMPROVE YOUR DRUG COURT OUTCOMES FOR ADULTS WITH CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS

SEPTEMBER 11, 2013, 12:00-1:15 PM ET

Treatment court professionals know that people with co-occurring disorders are among the most challenging groups of participants in their programs, and many are both "high risk and "high need" offenders. The National Association of Drug Court Professionals and SAMHSA's GAINS Center recently collaborated on the fact sheet *Six Steps to Improve Your Drug Court Outcomes for Adults with Co-Occurring Disorders* to assist drug courts and other treatment courts in effectively working with persons with co-occurring mental and substance use disorders. This webinar features Dr. Roger Peters of the University of South Florida Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute, who will discuss the newly-released fact sheet. This webinar addresses common concerns across all types of adult treatment courts, including drug courts, mental health courts, Veterans' treatment courts, and DWI courts.

<http://gainscenter.samhsa.gov/eNews/solicit-814.html>

WEBINAR: POLYVICTIMIZATION AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF YOUNG GIRLS AND WOMEN

SEPTEMBER 12, 2013, 3:00 PM ET

This National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) webinar will examine the nuances of polyvictimization as it relates to the commercial sexual exploitation of both girls and women.

http://learn.nctsn.org/calendar/view.php?view=day&cal_d=12&cal_m=9&cal_y=2013

NATIONAL WELLNESS WEEK

SEPTEMBER 16-22, 2013

During National Wellness Week, SAMHSA aims to inspire individuals, families, behavioral health and primary care providers, and peer-run, faith-based, and other community organizations to improve their health behaviors, while also exploring their talents, skills, interests, social connections, and environment to incorporate the Eight Dimensions of Wellness into their lives as part of a holistic lifestyle. National Wellness Week's overarching theme every year is *Living Wellness*, to emphasize that no matter which dimension of wellness one focuses on, the ultimate goal is to live well—within bodies, minds, and communities. The theme also shows that wellness is not static or finite; rather, it's a continuous journey.

<http://www.promoteacceptance.samhsa.gov/10by10/default.aspx>

VETERANS MENTAL HEALTH ONLINE TOWN HALL

SEPTEMBER 16, 2013, 10:00 AM–7:00 PM ET

In partnership with Creating Community Solutions, part of the National Dialogue on Mental Health, Congressman Ron Barber (Arizona) will host a Veterans Mental Health Online Town Hall using the Civic Commons platform. The online town hall will be a national conversation in which anyone can participate to discuss Veterans' mental health. Post questions, share stories, and participate in this online dialogue with the Congressman. <http://www.creatingcommunitysolutions.org/veterans-mental-health-online-town-hall>

PUBLIC HEALTH GRAND ROUNDS: TECHNOLOGY AND HEALTH: AGING SAFELY AND MORE INDEPENDENTLY

SEPTEMBER 17, 2013, 1:00-2:00 PM ET

CDC is presenting this grand rounds event for participants to learn how technology, including the proliferation of new technologies, is being designed and tested to help older adults remain healthy and live independently. <http://www.cdc.gov/about/grand-rounds/>

WEBINAR: THE ROLE OF FAITH LEADERS IN SUICIDE PREVENTION

SEPTEMBER 17, 2013, 4:00-5:00 PM ET

The HHS Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships and the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention's Faith Communities Task Force present this webinar for faith leaders who are often on the front line for people dealing with spiritual, mental, or emotional distress or illness. This webinar will provide information that faith leaders need to know in suicide prevention (e.g., warning signs, how to help). It also will offer ways faith leaders can help educate their communities about suicide and mental health issues, and provide support for persons whose loved ones have completed or attempted suicide. In addition, it will help faith leaders understand and strengthen the resources they have in their own faith tradition that promote mental and spiritual health and/or can help in suicide prevention. Space is limited.

<https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/828816927>

WEBINAR: PTSD, MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA, AND PRETERM BIRTH—EVIDENCE FROM 16,000 PREGNANCIES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2013, 2:00-3:00 PM ET

This VA Health Services Research and Development webinar presents the findings from an analysis of the over 16,000 deliveries (12 percent with active PTSD diagnoses) covered by the VA since 2000, to determine the extent to which post-traumatic stress is associated with preterm birth. Preterm delivery rates are found to be significantly higher in those with an active diagnosis of PTSD, and this association remained in a multivariate analysis that included adjustment for history of deployment and military sexual trauma, and was a stronger predictor than alternative mental health diagnoses.

<http://www.hsrd.research.va.gov/cyberseminars/registration.cfm?SessionID=733>

SAMHSA VOICE AWARDS

SEPTEMBER 25, 2013, 7:00-9:30PM PT, HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Join SAMHSA and its Voice Awards program partners to honor consumer/peer leaders in recovery from mental and/or substance use disorders, as well as television and film professionals, for their collective efforts to educate the public about the real experiences of people with behavioral health problems. Attendees will have the opportunity to engage in a dynamic conversation with the entertainment industry about important behavioral health issues and celebrate Voice Award-winning community leaders and productions. <http://www.voiceawardsRSVP.org>

WEBINAR: EVIDENCE-BASED TREATMENT FOR DEPRESSION AND SUICIDAL BEHAVIOR

SEPTEMBER 26, 2013, 1:00-2:30 PM ET

Save the date for the next DCoE webinar on evidence-based treatment for depression and suicidal behavior.
http://www.dcoe.health.mil/Training/Monthly_Webinars.aspx

WEBINAR: POLYVICTIMIZATION AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF YOUNG BOYS AND MEN

SEPTEMBER 26, 2013, 3:00 PM ET

This NCTSN webinar will examine the nuances of polyvictimization as it relates to the commercial sexual exploitation of both boys and men.

http://learn.nctsn.org/calendar/view.php?view=day&cal_d=26&cal_m=9&cal_y=2013

THIRD ANNUAL FDA HEALTH PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 24, 2013, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM ET, SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND

The FDA is announcing a conference for representatives of health professional organizations. Topics on the agenda include FDA Updates, an overview of FDA's Network of Experts (public/private partnerships), and a FDA Town Hall. RSVP by September 30, 2013. <http://www.cvent.com/events/third-annual-fda-health-professional-organizations-conference/invitation-0cce20cdcfc545a793e1b535eeeb0421.aspx>

CALLS FOR PUBLIC INPUT

PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON THE NATIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH QUALITY FRAMEWORK

SAMHSA's National Behavioral Health Quality Framework is a set of core and supplemental measures to help: inform an agency's or system's funding and quality improvement decisions; monitor the behavioral health of the Nation; and provide a way to examine and prioritize quality prevention, treatment, and recovery measures at the payer, provider/practitioner, and patient/population levels. The draft Framework measures were developed with stakeholder input and continue to be a work in progress. The public is invited to review the draft Framework and provide comments. Feedback will be accepted through September 17, 2013.

http://store.samhsa.gov/NBHQ/feedback/?WT.mc_id=EB_20130827_NBHQFeedback

CLINICAL TRIAL PARTICIPATION NEWS

NATIONWIDE RECRUITMENT: SCHIZOPHRENIA PEDIATRIC RESEARCH STUDY

CHILDHOOD ONSET PSYCHOTIC DISORDERS (INPATIENT: 3 WEEKS & 4-6 MONTHS)

This study investigates the causes and treatment of childhood psychotic disorders that start prior to age 12. Thorough evaluations are provided, including genetic studies, and further participation in a drug treatment sub-study is optional. Currently recruiting ages 6-18. [89-M-0006]

<http://patientinfo.nimh.nih.gov/SchizophreniaPediatric.aspx>

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 click here <http://patientinfo.nimh.nih.gov>.

FUNDING INFORMATION

NIH DIRECTOR'S EARLY INDEPENDENCE AWARDS

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-13-009.html>

MECHANISMS OF ALCOHOL AND STIMULANT CO-ADDICTION

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-339.html> (R01)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-340.html> (R21)

NEUROSCIENCE RESEARCH ON DRUG ABUSE

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-337.html> (R21)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-338.html> (R01)



National Institute
of Mental Health

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/partnership-program/index.shtml>. To subscribe to receive the **Update** every two weeks, go to: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/outreach/partnership-program/news-and-updates-from-the-program.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.