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SCIENCE AND SERVICE NEWS UPDATES**SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS (SMI) TIED TO HIGHER RATES OF SUBSTANCE USE; NEW NIH STUDY SHOWS THAT CERTAIN PROTECTIVE FACTORS DO NOT EXIST IN THOSE WITH SMI**

People with SMI such as schizophrenia or bipolar disorder have a higher risk for substance use, especially cigarette smoking, and protective factors usually associated with lower rates of substance use do not exist in individuals with SMI, according to a new study funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Press Release: <http://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/news-releases/2014/01/severe-mental-illness-tied-to-higher-rates-substance-use>

NIH'S 2013 MONITORING THE FUTURE SURVEY SHOWS HIGH RATES OF MARIJUANA USE; DECREASES IN ABUSE OF PAIN RELIEVERS AND SYNTHETIC DRUGS

The percentage of high-school students who see great risk from being regular marijuana users has dropped dramatically in the past 10 years, according to this year's Monitoring the Future (MTF) survey, which measures drug use and attitudes among the nation's eighth-, 10th-, and 12th-graders. The change in attitudes is reflected in continued high rates of marijuana use in all three grades and could predict higher use in future years, based upon past MTF data showing an association between softening attitudes and increased use of marijuana.

Press Release: <http://www.nih.gov/news/health/dec2013/nida-18.htm>

OBAMA ADMINISTRATION TAKES ADDITIONAL STEPS TO STRENGTHEN THE FEDERAL BACKGROUND CHECK SYSTEM

As part of President Obama's continuing efforts to reduce gun violence, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to remove unnecessary legal barriers under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rule that may prevent states from reporting certain information to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS). The NICS helps to ensure that guns are not sold to those prohibited by law from having them, including felons, those convicted of domestic violence, and individuals involuntarily committed to a mental institution.

Press Release: <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2014pres/01/20140103a.html>

Fact Sheet: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2014/01/03/fact-sheet-strengthening-federal-background-check-system-keep-guns-out-p>

43.7 MILLION AMERICANS EXPERIENCED MENTAL ILLNESS IN 2012; \$31 MILLION ANNOUNCED TO IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Nearly one in five American adults, or 43.7 million people, experienced a diagnosable mental illness in 2012 according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). These results are consistent with 2011 findings. SAMHSA also reported that, consistent with 2011, less than half of these adults received any mental health services in the past year. Among those who had SMI, 62.9 percent received treatment. Among adults with mental illness who reported an unmet need for treatment, the top three reasons given for not receiving help were that they could not afford the cost, they thought they could handle the problem without treatment, or they did not know where to go for services. The findings also shed light on mental health issues among young people. According to the report, 2.2 million youth aged 12 to 17 experienced a major depressive episode in 2012. These young people were more than three times as likely to have a substance use disorder than their counterparts who had not experienced a major depressive episode.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1312181201.aspx>

HHS STRENGTHENS COMMUNITY LIVING OPTIONS FOR OLDER AMERICANS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services issued a final rule to ensure that Medicaid's home and community-based services programs provide full access to the benefits of community living and offer services in the most integrated settings. The rule, as part of the Affordable Care Act, supports the HHS Community Living Initiative. The initiative was launched in 2009 to develop and implement innovative strategies to increase opportunities for Americans with disabilities and older adults to enjoy meaningful community living. Under the final rule, Medicaid programs will support home and community-based settings that serve as an alternative to institutional care and that take into account the quality of individuals' experiences. The final rule includes a transitional period for states to ensure that their programs meet the home and community-based services settings requirements.

Press Release: <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2014pres/01/20140110a.html>

VA TO EXPAND BENEFITS FOR TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY; ADDS FIVE ILLNESSES RELATED TO SERVICE-CONNECTED TBI

Some Veterans with traumatic brain injury (TBI) who are diagnosed with any of five other ailments will have an easier path to receive additional disability pay under new regulations developed by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The new regulation impacts some Veterans living with TBI who also have Parkinson's disease, certain types of dementia, depression, unprovoked seizures, or certain diseases of the hypothalamus and pituitary glands.

Press Release: <http://va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2506>

U.S. DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND JUSTICE RELEASE SCHOOL DISCIPLINE GUIDANCE PACKAGE TO ENHANCE SCHOOL CLIMATE AND IMPROVE SCHOOL DISCIPLINE POLICIES/PRACTICES

The U.S. Department of Education, in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Justice, released a school discipline guidance package that will assist states, districts, and schools in developing practices and strategies to enhance school climate, and ensure those policies and practices comply with federal law. Even though incidents of school violence have decreased overall, too many schools are still struggling to create positive, safe environments. Schools can improve safety by making sure that climates are welcoming and that responses to misbehavior are fair, non-discriminatory, and effective.

Press Release: <http://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/us-departments-education-and-justice-release-school-discipline-guidance-package->

COGNITIVE TRAINING SHOWS STAYING POWER; NIH-FUNDED TRIAL SHOWS 10-YEAR BENEFIT IN REALMS OF REASONING, SPEED

Training to improve cognitive abilities in older people lasted to some degree 10 years after the training program was completed, according to results of a randomized clinical trial supported by the NIH.

Press Release: <http://www.nia.nih.gov/newsroom/2014/01/cognitive-training-shows-staying-power>

RESOURCES: PUBLICATIONS, TOOLKITS, OTHER RESOURCES

NEW FROM NIMH

DIRECTOR'S BLOG: THINKING ABOUT 2014

National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Director Thomas Insel looks forward to what's ahead in 2014 for neuroscience and mental health: both challenges and promise.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/director/2014/thinking-about-2014.shtml>

TRANSGENIC MICE LINES AID IN BRAIN CIRCUIT IMAGING

A major advance in understanding the brain circuits responsible for behavior has been made possible by a number of new techniques. One involves the use of light activation of specific brain systems in behaving animals. The power of this approach, called optogenetics, is enabled by the ability to target light-sensitive proteins to specific neuron types that make up the complex circuits in the brain. To this end, neuroscientists at NIMH, the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute have generated over 250 genetically engineered mice lines in which the protein Cre-recombinase zeroes in on particular neurons and brain systems. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/science-news/2013/transgenic-mice-lines-aid-in-brain-circuit-imaging.shtml>

NIH RESOURCES

NIH NEWS IN HEALTH: DEALING WITH DEMENTIA: WHEN THINKING AND BEHAVIOR DECLINE

Feeling forgetful and confused may be a normal part of life. But if thinking problems or unusual behavior start to interfere with everyday activities, they could be a sign of a brain condition known as dementia. This *NIH News in Health* article reviews the causes and symptoms of dementia.

<http://newsinhealth.nih.gov/issue/Jan2014/Feature1>

INSIGHTS INTO BRAIN INJURY

New findings provide insight into the damage caused by mild TBI and suggest approaches for reducing its harmful effects. <http://www.nih.gov/researchmatters/december2013/12162013brain.htm>

NIH DIRECTOR BLOG: CREATIVE MINDS: CAN MICROBES INFLUENCE MENTAL HEALTH?

NIH Director Francis Collins explores how microbes living in intestines can play a role in mental well-being.

<http://directorsblog.nih.gov/2014/01/09/creative-minds-can-microbes-influence-mental-health/>

CDC: SUICIDE IN THE UNITED STATES

As part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) *Health Disparities and Inequalities Report*, the CDC examined the prevalence of suicide by sex, race/ethnicity, age, and educational attainment in the United States. The report concludes that development and implementation of culturally relevant and effective programs are needed to reduce the rates of suicide among groups that are disproportionately affected. <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/su6203a31.htm>

NEW FROM SAMHSA

LATEST ISSUE OF DIALOGUE: DISASTER RESPONSE

The latest issue of *Dialogue* focuses on community resilience in the aftermath of disaster. Articles include the public and mental health response to the Boston marathon bombing and the impact of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill on Louisiana. <http://www.samhsa.gov/dtac/dialogue/The%20Dialogue-Vol10-2013.pdf>

SEMINAR ON ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT

This SAMHSA blog post summarizes a recent public seminar facilitating a discussion on assisted outpatient treatment, also known as involuntary outpatient commitment. SAMHSA held this seminar to educate about and improve the understanding of this form of court-ordered treatment for people with mental illnesses. <http://blog.samhsa.gov/2013/12/17/samhsa-holds-seminar-on-assisted-outpatient-treatment/>

TELEBEHAVIORAL HEALTH ONLINE TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The SAMHSA-Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Center for Integrated Health Solutions (CIHS) Telebehavioral Health Training and Technical Assistance Series is designed to help safety net providers and rural health clinics understand and adopt telebehavioral health services. The implementation of telehealth services for mental health and substance use allows for increased access to these services, particularly in rural or underserved areas. Divided into six sessions, the training provides tools and resources necessary to identify and implement a telebehavioral health program.

<http://www.integration.samhsa.gov/operations-administration/telebehavioral-health>

NEW PEER PROVIDERS PAGE

The CIHS website has launched a new Peer Providers webpage, which includes billing resources, sample job descriptions, the Whole Health Action Management (WHAM) training and participant guide (now available in Spanish), and the latest research on the effectiveness of peer providers.

<http://www.integration.samhsa.gov/workforce/peer-providers>

DISASTER PLANNING HANDBOOK FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT PROGRAMS

This resource offers guidance in creating a disaster preparedness and recovery plan for programs that provide treatment for mental illness and substance use disorders. It covers the planning process, preparing for disaster, roles and responsibilities, training, and testing. <http://store.samhsa.gov//product/SMA13-4779>

QUICK GUIDE FOR ADMINISTRATORS: ADDRESSING SUICIDAL THOUGHTS AND BEHAVIORS IN SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT

This resource equips administrators of substance abuse treatment facilities with a quick guide to implementing programs that address suicide among clients with substance use disorders. It addresses legal and ethical issues, referrals, as well as privacy and confidentiality.

<http://store.samhsa.gov//product/SMA13-4786>

QUICK GUIDE FOR CLINICIANS: ADDRESSING SUICIDAL THOUGHTS AND BEHAVIORS IN SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT

This guide equips clinicians and other service providers with a quick reference to addressing suicide and suicide prevention in clients with substance use disorders. It covers risk factors and warning signs for suicide, core competencies, and information for administrators. <http://store.samhsa.gov//product/SMA13-4793>

AHRQ REVIEW FINDS SOME MEDITATION PROGRAMS BENEFICIAL FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL STRESS

Meditation programs – particularly mindfulness programs designed to focus attention and awareness on inner and outer experiences with acceptance, patience, and compassion – are beneficial for reducing psychological stress, including anxiety, depression, and pain, according to a new research review from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality’s Effective Health Care Program. Meditation employs a variety of techniques to facilitate the mind’s capacity to affect bodily function and symptoms. However, according to AHRQ’s research review, there was insufficient evidence on the effect of meditation programs on stress-related behavioral outcomes such as positive mood, attention, substance use, eating, sleep, and weight.

<http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/search-for-guides-reviews-and-reports/?pageaction=displayproduct&productID=1830&pccm=en>

STOPBULLYING.GOV BLOG POSTS

BULLYING AND SUICIDE: WHAT’S THE CONNECTION?

This blog post summarizes an expert panel discussion organized by CDC about research focusing on the complex relationship between youth involvement in bullying (youth who bully, youth who are bullied, and those who bully and are bullied) and suicide-related behaviors (attempts, deaths, and risk factors associated with suicide such as depression).

<http://www.stopbullying.gov/blog/2013/12/30/bullying-and-suicide-whats-the-connection>

WHAT’S NEW ON STOPBULLYING.GOV

This blog post describes new resources on the Stopbullying.gov website, including free training resources to help local leaders organize an event or town hall on bullying as well as resources to promote best practices in bullying intervention among bus drivers and classroom educators. The site also added 11 new audience-specific resources to show the role these community members play in preventing bullying.

<http://www.stopbullying.gov/blog/2014/01/07/whats-new-stopbullying-redesigned-training-center-plus-11-user-guides>

INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE SCREENING AND COUNSELING TOOLKIT

The Administration for Children and Families’ (ACF) National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence health team has launched an online toolkit for healthcare providers and domestic violence advocates to learn more about how to help women be healthy and safe. The new educational tools and strategies include patient resources, tools for providers, tools to help health systems and clinics prepare their practice, materials for domestic violence advocates, and setting-specific practice recommendations and tools.

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/resource/ipv-toolkit-20130913>

REAL WARRIORS: MARTIAL ARTS TO COPE WITH STRESS AND BOOST RESILIENCE

This Real Warriors article describes how training in martial arts can help one cope with stress, reduce anxiety, and boost resilience when faced with known and unknown challenges.

<http://www.realwarriors.net/active/treatment/martialarts.php>

DCOE BLOG: DEGREE, DURATION OF SYMPTOMS IDENTIFY PTSD

This Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury blog describes the difference between post-traumatic stress (PTS) and posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Both PTS and PTSD are associated with feeling fearful and/or nervous, avoiding the activity or place associated with the traumatic event, and nightmares; however, there are significant differences in symptom intensity, duration, and treatment. http://www.dcoe.mil/blog/13-12-23/Degree_Duration_of_Symptoms_Identify_PTSD.aspx

EVENTS

GAINS CENTER EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE WEBINAR: FORENSIC ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT

JANUARY 21, 2014, 3:00-4:30 PM ET

To complement the *Forensic Assertive Community Treatment (FACT): Updating the Evidence* brief, the GAINS Center will hold a webinar on the brief. Authors will share their knowledge on what the research says and how to apply FACT in real world settings. <http://gainscenter.samhsa.gov/eNews/solicit-1-14.html>

WEBINAR: ISOLATION PRACTICES WITH VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

JANUARY 22, 2014, 2:00-3:30 PM ET

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) in collaboration with the National Center for Youth in Custody present this webinar on improving conditions of confinement for vulnerable populations. While isolation is harmful and traumatic for any youth, it can be particularly traumatic for youth with disabilities and for youth who have experienced physical, sexual, or other forms of abuse. This webinar will look at the impact of isolation practices on these vulnerable populations and identify appropriate alternatives being implemented in several jurisdictions.

<http://www.ojjdp.gov/enews/14juvjust/140110b.html>

WEBINAR: YOUTH DIVERSION STRATEGIES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

JANUARY 23, 2014, 2:00-3:30 PM ET

OJJDP, in collaboration with the International Association of Chiefs of Police, will present this webinar focused on youth diversion programs, including program development, implementation challenges, and successes. Panelists will discuss strategies for law enforcement agencies starting or improving a youth diversion program. <http://www.ojjdp.gov/enews/14juvjust/140108.html>

NATIONAL DRUG FACTS WEEK 2014

JANUARY 27 - FEBRUARY 2, 2014

Coordinated by NIDA, National Drug Facts Week encourages and stimulates community-based events where teens ask questions of addiction scientists or health experts. Events can be sponsored by a variety of organizations, including schools, community groups, sports clubs, and hospitals. Topics for discussion include the science behind illicit drug use, prescription drug abuse, and use of alcohol and tobacco. Event holders who register will receive free booklets with science-based facts about drugs, designed specifically for teens. <http://drugfactsweek.drugabuse.gov/>

DRUG FACTS CHAT DAY

JANUARY 28, 2014

Join NIDA and NIMH in honor of National Drug Facts Week for NIDA's seventh annual Drug Facts Chat Day. Register to chat online with NIDA and NIMH experts to get the facts about drugs, alcohol, and mental health. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/science-news/2014/join-the-2014-drug-facts-chat-day.shtml>

WEBINAR: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON THE ACA

JANUARY 30, 2014, 3:00 PM ET

The HHS Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships is hosting this webinar about the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Presenters will answer questions that have been submitted in advance as well as new questions asked during the webinar. Please send questions by January 30 at 10 am ET to ACA101@hhs.gov. http://www.hhs.gov/partnerships/resources/aca_101-invite.html

HEALTH OBSERVANCE: NATIONAL TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

FEBRUARY 2014

Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Awareness Month is a national effort to raise awareness about abuse in teen and twenty-something relationships and promote programs that prevent it during the month of February. <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/DatingViolence/>

SAMHSA'S PREVENTION DAY

FEBRUARY 3, 2014

At SAMHSA's annual Prevention Day participants will learn about effective programs and the latest prevention-related developments in the areas of substance abuse and mental health, be able to network with other SAMHSA grantees and partners, and have the opportunity to take part in workshops to enhance their strategic planning and to share experiences and information. Dr. Thomas A. Workman, a communications researcher and evaluator with more than 15 years of experience working with communities and institutions to address illegal and excessive consumption of substances by young adults through evidence-based environmental strategies, will serve as keynote speaker.

<http://forum.cadca.org/?q=node/59>

WEBINAR: HOW TO ENROLL IN THE HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE

FEBRUARY 4, 2014, 3:00 PM ET

This HHS Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships webinar will explain the health care law, show how to shop for plans, explain how to enroll, and answer questions. The open enrollment period for health insurance in the Health Insurance Marketplace ends on March 31, 2014. Please send any questions to ACA101@hhs.gov prior to February 4 at 10 am ET. http://www.hhs.gov/partnerships/resources/aca_101-invite.html

WEBINAR: AN ANALYTICAL LOOK AT EVIDENCE-BASED RESOURCES

FEBRUARY 6, 2014, 2:00-3:30 PM ET

OJJDP in collaboration with the National Juvenile Justice Evaluation Center will present this webinar on evidence-based practice (EBP) resources available to juvenile justice and youth service professionals. Panelists will discuss ways to apply EBP to daily work in the field and to be critical consumers of research evidence. <http://www.ojjdp.gov/enews/13juvjust/131231.html>

WEBINAR: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON THE ACA

FEBRUARY 20, 2014, 1:00 PM ET

The HHS Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships is hosting this webinar about the ACA. Presenters will answer questions that have been submitted in advance as well as new questions asked during the webinar. Please send questions by February 20 at 10 am ET to ACA101@hhs.gov.

http://www.hhs.gov/partnerships/resources/aca_101-invite.html

SAVE THE DATE: 19TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

APRIL 30 - MAY 2, 2014, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

The Children's Bureau's Office on Child Abuse and Neglect announced the 19th National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, the only Federally-sponsored national conference devoted to the issues of child maltreatment that serves as the nation's leading training and technical assistance event for practitioners, policymakers, advocates, and researchers. <http://www.pal-tech.com/web/NCCAN19/>

SAVE THE DATE: UPCOMING CONFERENCE ON SUPPORTING CHILDREN AFFECTED BY PARENTAL CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS

JUNE 30 - JULY 2, 2014, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

The National Abandoned Infants Assistance Resource Center, a service of the Children's Bureau, is hosting this national symposium to address the needs of children whose parents have co-occurring disorders.

<http://aia.berkeley.edu/training/events/conference/supporting-children/>

CALLS FOR PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS SOUGHT FOR AHRQ EFFECTIVE HEALTH CARE PROGRAM REPORT

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality 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:

MANAGEMENT AND OUTCOMES OF BINGE EATING DISORDER (COMMENTS DUE FEBRUARY 3, 2014)

<http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/research-available-for-comment/comment-key-questions/?pageaction=displayquestions&topicid=563&questionset=244>

FUNDING INFORMATION

SAMHSA'S BRINGING RECOVERY SUPPORTS TO SCALE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER STRATEGY (BRSS TACS) BRSS TACS PEER AWARDS FOR HEALTH REFORM EDUCATION

brsstacs.center4si.com/2014_BRSSSTACS_HealthReform_RFA.docx

BRSS TACS POLICY ACADEMY, SUPPORTING RECOVERY THROUGH EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR EMPLOYMENT

http://brsstacs.center4si.com/BRSSSTACS_2014PolicyAcademy_Letter.pdf

RECOVERY COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM-STATEWIDE NETWORK

<http://beta.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/ti-14-001>

STATEWIDE CONSUMER NETWORK PROGRAM

<http://beta.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-14-006>

STATEWIDE FAMILY NETWORK PROGRAM

<http://beta.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-14-005>

PLANNING GRANTS FOR EXPANSION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

<http://beta.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-14-001>

IMPLEMENTATION COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS FOR EXPANSION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES PROGRAM

<http://beta.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-14-002>

PLANNING AND DEVELOPING INFRASTRUCTURE TO IMPROVE THE MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES IN AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE COMMUNITIES

<http://beta.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-14-003>

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS FOR LINKING ACTIONS FOR UNMET NEEDS IN CHILDREN'S HEALTH (PROJECT LAUNCH)

<http://beta.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-14-004>

CDC: RESEARCH GRANTS FOR PREVENTING VIOLENCE AND VIOLENCE RELATED INJURY

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=249242>

USING SOCIAL MEDIA TO UNDERSTAND AND ADDRESS SUBSTANCE USE AND ADDICTION

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-14-008.html> (R01)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-14-009.html> (R21)



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>.

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