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## STILLBIRTH MAY INCREASE WOMEN'S LONG-TERM RISK FOR DEPRESSION; NIH-FUNDED NETWORK STUDY FINDS RISK EVEN FOR WOMEN WITH NO HISTORY OF DEPRESSION

Women who deliver a stillbirth—but who have no history of depression—may be at a higher risk for long-lasting depression, conclude researchers funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The depression may last beyond the six months most people require to recover from a major loss and persist for as long as 36 months. The findings were published online in *Paediatric and Perinatal Epidemiology* by researchers in the NIH's Stillbirth Collaborative Research Network, which seeks to understand the causes of stillbirth, improve reporting of stillbirths that have occurred, and develop ways to prevent stillbirth.

**Press Release:** <http://www.nichd.nih.gov/news/releases/Pages/021815-stillbirth-risk-depression.aspx>

## MOLECULE HIJACKS ENZYME TO BOOST ALCOHOL METABOLISM

An experimental compound empowers an enzyme to help process acetaldehyde, a toxic metabolite of alcohol, according to new research supported by NIH's National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. The findings, now online in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, might lead to new treatments to help people with impaired ability to metabolize acetaldehyde and other toxic substances.

**Press Release:** <http://www.niaaa.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/molecule-hijacks-enzyme-boost-alcohol-metabolism>

## HHS AWARDS \$386 MILLION TO SUPPORT FAMILIES THROUGH THE HOME VISITING PROGRAM; PROGRAM INVESTS IN AMERICA'S YOUNGEST CHILDREN

The United States (U.S.) Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced \$386 million in grant awards to states, territories, and non-profit organizations to support the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (Home Visiting Program). These funds will allow states to continue to expand voluntary, evidence-based home visiting services to women during pregnancy and to parents with young children. The Home Visiting Program currently serves approximately one-third of the counties in the country with high rates of the following indicators: low birth weight, teen birth rate, living in poverty, and infant mortality rates.

**Press Release:** <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2015pres/02/20150219a.html>

## VA ANNOUNCES \$300 MILLION IN GRANTS TO COMMUNITY PARTNERS WORKING TO END VETERAN HOMELESSNESS; GRANTS AVAILABLE TO CURRENT GRANTEEES SEEKING RENEWAL

Building on President Obama's commitment to end Veteran homelessness, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is announcing the availability of \$300 million in grants to non-profit organizations and other groups that serve Veterans through VA's Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program. The SSVF program assists very low-income Veteran families who are homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless. The \$300 million grants are available to current grantees seeking renewals.

Press Release: <http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2677>

### RESOURCES: PUBLICATIONS, TOOLKITS, OTHER RESOURCES

#### NEW FROM NIMH

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##### DIRECTOR'S BLOG: MORTALITY AND MENTAL DISORDERS

A recent paper reports findings on the reduction in life expectancy among people with mental illness relative to the general population. National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Director Thomas Insel discusses the magnitude and reasons for this excess mortality.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/director/2015/mortality-and-mental-disorders.shtml>

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##### BINGE EATING DISORDER TWITTER CHAT TRANSCRIPT

On February 23, 2015, NIMH hosted a Twitter chat on binge eating disorder for National Eating Disorders Awareness Week with grantee and eating disorders expert Cynthia Bulik, Ph.D. Dr. Bulik is Distinguished Professor of Eating Disorders in the Department of Psychiatry in the School of Medicine at the University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill, Professor of Nutrition in the Gillings School of Global Public Health, and Founding Director of the UNC Center of Excellence for Eating Disorders. A transcript of the chat is now available. <https://storify.com/NIMHgov/nimh-twitter-chat-on-binge-eating-disorder>

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##### VIDEO: NIMH DIRECTOR'S INNOVATION SPEAKER SERIES - DR. ALYCE S. ADAMS, PHD

A video is available of the presentation, "When Access isn't Enough - Persistent disparities among our nation's insured," by Alyce S. Adams, PhD, Chief, Health Care Delivery and Policy at Kaiser Permanente Division of Research, who presented as part of the NIMH Director's Innovation Speaker Series.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/media/2015/nimh-directors-innovation-speaker-series-dr-alyce-s-adams-phd.shtml>

## NEW FROM NIDA

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### NIDA DIRECTOR BLOG: KNOWN AND UNKNOWN ABOUT E-CIGARETTES AND TEENS

National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA) Director Nora Volkow explores what is known about the dangers of e-cigarettes, given the growing popularity among youth combined with society's past experiences with tobacco and other addictive substances. <http://www.drugabuse.gov/about-nida/noras-blog/2015/02/knowns-unknowns-about-e-cigarettes-teens>

### NIDA NOTES: STUDY POINTS TO INDIVIDUALIZED THERAPY FOR OPIOID ADDICTION

A recent NIDA-supported clinical trial affirmed one common supposition about medically-assisted treatment for opioid addiction and challenged another. As anticipated, trial participants who were addicted to opioid painkillers and did not inject drugs stayed in treatment longer and achieved better outcomes than those who were addicted to heroin or injected drugs. However, the expectation that users of painkillers would benefit more from buprenorphine and naloxone than from methadone therapy was not borne out. The findings should help clinicians make optimal treatment choices for individual patients.

<http://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/nida-notes/2015/02/study-points-to-individualized-therapy-opioid-addiction>

### RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA USE ASSOCIATED WITH INCREASED IMPULSIVITY AND HOSTILITY IN DAILY LIFE

Despite high levels of marijuana use in the U.S., little is known about the effects of recreational marijuana use on daily life. In a recent study of recreational marijuana users, marijuana use was correlated with increased impulsivity on the day of use and the following day. Participants also reported higher hostility ratings – for both themselves and their perception of others – on the day they used marijuana. This effect did not last into the next day and appeared to lessen as the study progressed. Results were not impacted by other variables measured such as alcohol or nicotine use. <http://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/latest-science/recreational-marijuana-use-associated-increased-impulsivity-hostility-in-daily-life>

### INFOGRAPHIC: 2014 MONITORING THE FUTURE SURVEY RESULTS

An infographic is available highlighting the results of the 2014 Monitoring the Future survey, which found high rates of e-cigarette use and fewer concerns about marijuana's risks. This annual survey of 8th, 10th, and 12th-graders measures drug, alcohol, and cigarette use, and related attitudes.

<http://www.drugabuse.gov/related-topics/trends-statistics/infographics/monitoring-future-2014-survey-results>

## SAMHSA RESOURCES

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### BLOG POST: FIVE POINT PLAN TO IMPROVE THE NATION'S MENTAL HEALTH

SAMHSA Administrator Pamela Hyde and Center for Mental Health Services Director Paolo Del Vecchio outline five steps America could take that would immediately and greatly improve the existing overburdened mental health system, and would help ensure delivery of effective, high quality, coordinated, and evidence-based care for Americans with mental illnesses. <http://blog.samhsa.gov/2015/02/18/five-point-plan-to-improve-the-nations-mental-health/>

### BLOG POST: ACA AND THE PROMISE OF RECOVERY

Recently, SAMHSA partnered with the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) to host an event recognizing the expansion of behavioral healthcare made possible by the Affordable Care Act (ACA), and the positive impact it has had on people in recovery. This blog post provides answers to questions that were not addressed during the panel discussion. <http://blog.samhsa.gov/2015/02/13/aca-and-the-promise-of-recovery/>

### NEW TOOL TO ANALYZE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DATA

A new tool available from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Data Archive allows users to create tables and graphs using SAMHSA behavioral health data in two steps.

<http://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USSAMHSA/bulletins/f32a1c>

### REACHING AND MOBILIZING "NON-COLLEGE" YOUNG ADULTS IN PREVENTION EFFORTS

This new resource offers practitioners working to reduce substance misuse and abuse among non-college young adults useful tips for finding the data they need to inform their planning efforts, and for overcoming some common challenges to reaching and engaging young adults in prevention efforts.

<http://captus.samhsa.gov/access-resources/tips-and-tools-reaching-and-mobilizing-%E2%80%9Cnon-college%E2%80%9D-young-adults-prevention-efforts>

### APPLYING THE STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK AND HHS DISPARITY IMPACT MEASUREMENT FRAMEWORK TO ADDRESS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISPARITIES

This resource graphically displays opportunities for considering and addressing disparities at each step of the strategic prevention framework process. <http://captus.samhsa.gov/access-resources/applying-strategic-prevention-framework-and-hhs-disparity-impact-measurement-framework-address-behav>

## NEW FROM CDC

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### PERCENTAGE OF ADULTS AGED 18-64 WHO HAVE SEEN OR TALKED WITH A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS, BY HEALTH INSURANCE STATUS AND AGE GROUP

During 2012 to 2013, the percentage of insured adults aged 65 years and older who reported seeing or talking with a mental health professional in the past 12 months was more than twice that of uninsured adults for all age groups. The percentage of adults generally increased with age for both insured and uninsured adults, with a larger increase occurring from persons aged 35 to 49 years to persons aged 50 to 64 years, for which the percentage increased from 37.5 percent to 49 percent for insured adults and from 14.1 percent to 20.3 percent for uninsured adults.

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6407a12.htm>

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### STRIVING TO REDUCE YOUTH VIOLENCE EVERYWHERE (STRYVE) STRATEGY SELECTOR TOOL

This new interactive tool combines rigorous evaluation science with the flexibility required for practitioners and communities to devise a tailored approach to youth violence prevention. The STRYVE Strategy Selector is one of many resources coming soon as part of the newly redesigned youth violence section of the VetoViolence website. The site offers tools to help plan, implement, and evaluate youth violence prevention programs. [http://vetoviolence.cdc.gov/apps/stryve/strategy\\_selector.html](http://vetoviolence.cdc.gov/apps/stryve/strategy_selector.html)

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### CDC GRAND ROUNDS: PREVENTING YOUTH VIOLENCE

This report based on a recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) grand rounds event provides an overview of the youth violence and evidence-based youth violence prevention strategies.

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6407a2.htm>

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### PREVALENCE OF RISK FACTORS FOR SUICIDE AMONG VETERINARIANS — U.S., 2014

Veterinarians are believed to be at increased risk for suicide compared with the general population. Few data on the occurrence of suicidal behavior and suicide risk factors among U.S. veterinarians are available. Veterinarians participating in two wellness summits held during September 2013 concluded that more research is needed on veterinarians and their mental health. This article reports data from an anonymous, Web-based questionnaire made available to veterinarians through a number of sources. The questionnaire asked respondents about their experiences with depression and suicidal behavior, and included standardized questions from the Kessler-6 psychological distress scale that assesses for the presence of serious mental illness. <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6405a6.htm>

## ACF RESOURCES

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### CHILD MALTREATMENT 2013

This HHS Administration for Children and Families (ACF) report presents national data about child abuse and neglect known to child protective services agencies in the U.S. during the federal fiscal year (FY) 2013.

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/child-maltreatment-2013>

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### HOW GRANTEES OF EX-PRISONER REENTRY PROJECT WORK WITH FATHERS TO STRENGTHEN FAMILIES

What kinds of services, programs, and activities can assist fathers and their families as they move from prison back to the community? This ACF blog post describes insights as to how to deliver services to these men learned from early implementation activities of grantees working with ex-prisoners.

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/blog/2015/02/how-grantees-of-ex-prisoner-reentry-project-work-with-fathers-to-strengthen-families>

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## HHS BLOG POSTS

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### A SHOT OF TRUTH: MYTH BUSTING EXCESSIVE ALCOHOL USE

This HHS blog post summarizes a CDC report on alcohol poisoning death, which reported the analysis of deaths due to alcohol poisoning using U.S. death certificate data for 2010 to 2012.

<http://www.hhs.gov/blog/2015/02/23/shot-truth-myth-busting-excessive-alcohol-use.html>

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### UNCOVERING HEALTH DISPARITIES THROUGH DATA

The role of data in driving policy and interventions to address health disparities cannot be overemphasized. Data highlights the dimensions and complexities of health disparities, and therefore the actions that can be taken at multiple levels for prevention and mitigation. This National Partnership for Action blog post provides a preliminary look at the results of an environmental scan being conducted by the Pacific and Southwest Regional Health Equity Council (RHEC) on health disparities and the social determinants of health. Results of the scan will guide the RHEC's work to end health disparities in the region.

<http://minorityhealth.hhs.gov/npa/blog/BlogPost.aspx?BlogID=3393>

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## DCOE BLOG POSTS

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### TREAT STRESS AND ANXIETY EARLY FOR SUCCESSFUL TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (TBI) RECOVERY

This blog post summarizes a recent Defense Centers of Excellence on Psychological Health and TBI (DCoE) webinar on the proper identification and early treatment of psychological concerns of individuals with TBI. [http://www.dcoe.mil/blog/15-02-18/Treat\\_Stress\\_Anxiety\\_Early\\_for\\_Successful\\_TBI\\_Recovery.aspx](http://www.dcoe.mil/blog/15-02-18/Treat_Stress_Anxiety_Early_for_Successful_TBI_Recovery.aspx)

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### MINDFULNESS MEDITATION CAN HELP YOUR BRAIN HANDLE STRESS

This is the first in a series of DCoE blog posts on mindfulness meditation, a popular form of meditation that helps treat various psychological health concerns. This article describes the approach and clinical evidence of its effectiveness. Future posts will feature mindfulness meditation techniques and how the practice can help treat various health concerns. [http://www.dcoe.mil/blog/15-02-25/Mindfulness\\_Meditation\\_Can\\_Help\\_Your\\_Brain\\_Handle\\_Stress.aspx](http://www.dcoe.mil/blog/15-02-25/Mindfulness_Meditation_Can_Help_Your_Brain_Handle_Stress.aspx)

## NEW FROM REAL WARRIORS CAMPAIGN

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### UNDERSTANDING AND MANAGING ANXIETY DISORDERS

This article highlights anxiety disorder symptoms, tips on how to manage anxiety disorder, and options for seeking care. <http://www.realwarriors.net/active/treatment/anxietydisorders.php>

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### DISCUSSING PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH WITH A PROVIDER

This article offers useful tips to help choose a provider, prepare for a first appointment, and make the most of visits. <http://www.realwarriors.net/active/treatment/discussingmentalhealth.php>

## EVENTS

### WEBINAR: RESOURCES SCHOOL-JUSTICE PARTNERS CAN USE TO KEEP KIDS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN LEARNING AND OUT OF COURT

MARCH 4, 2015, 3:00-4:30 PM ET

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The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Justice and SAMHSA will present this webinar focusing on resources to help practitioners and policymakers implement recommendations in the *School Discipline Consensus Report*. Presenters will highlight the success of localities currently implementing these recommendations and will address questions that participants in previous webinars from this series asked. <http://ojjdp.gov/enews/15juvjust/150224.html>



## **WEBINAR: GOT COVERAGE? NEXT STEPS IN USING YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE**

MARCH 5, 2015, 2:00-3:00 PM ET

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Many people now have health insurance, but may not know how to use it. This HHS Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships webinar will discuss how to read an insurance card, how to find a doctor, what one needs to know in making an appointment, and what to do in case of a health emergency. Key terms will be discussed as well as recommended health screenings. The webinar will highlight the Coverage to Care materials on health insurance literacy.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3659206947380303874>

## **WEBINAR: WOMEN IN THE MIRROR: ADDRESSING CO-OCCURRING MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND TRAUMA IN WOMEN WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS**

MARCH 5, 2015, 3:00-4:30 PM ET

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Women with substance use disorders have alarmingly high rates of co-occurring mental health issues and histories of trauma. Failure to address these issues and their interconnections can lead to significant setbacks in recovery. This session in the SAMHSA Women Matter webinar series offers current information about effective interventions and strategies for supporting women with co-occurring substance use, trauma, and mental health issues. Topics include: trauma, eating disorders, depression, bipolar disorder, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) among women with substance use disorders.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4619287306747049217>

## **WEBINAR: BEST PRACTICES IN SUSTAINING ON-SITE TRAINING OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINICIANS**

MARCH 11, 2:00-3:30 PM ET

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As integrated care evolves as a foundation for healthcare design, quality, and value, service providers must remain attentive to behavioral health workforce development needs. Join this SAMHSA-Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) webinar discussion on training and education from three perspectives – community provider, federal agency, and area health education center – on everything from building community relationships for education and training to providing orientation programs for students and trainees and matching trainees with field sites. Learn how these programs develop protocols for how to effectively provide field placements, including accounting for mentor time, effectively dealing with the business costs of intern positions for healthcare provider organizations, and addressing the need to provide services while training interns. <http://www.integration.samhsa.gov/about-us/webinars>

## **WEBINAR: SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIODS AND RESOURCES FOR THE UNINSURED**

MARCH 12, 2015, 1:00-2:00 PM ET

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The healthcare law has created special enrollment periods for those who experience special circumstances such as graduating from college and losing health insurance, getting married and needing coverage for a spouse, losing employer insurance, or turning 26 and losing coverage on a parent's health plan. Join this HHS Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships webinar to learn more about special enrollment periods and how to enroll in the Health Insurance Marketplace. For those who are uninsured and don't qualify for the special enrollment period, learn what resources are available and when to enroll in the Health Insurance Marketplace. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4732148876671189506>

## **WHO'S LEADING THE LEADING HEALTH INDICATORS? WEBINAR: MENTAL HEALTH**

MARCH 19, 2015, 12:00-1:00 PM ET

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This Healthy People 2020 webinar will focus on activities and interventions related to mental health disorders. Through four presentations focusing on data, communication efforts, and effective implementation strategies at the state level, presenters will explore the importance of mental health and the progress being made to address this public health issue.

<http://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/webinars-events>

## **SAVE THE DATE: DISCUSSING NEXT STEPS FOR GOVERNMENT SUPPORT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND TBI NEEDS OF SERVICE MEMBERS**

MARCH 26, 2015, 1:00-2:30 PM ET

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Save the date for DCoE's webinar on government support of mental health and TBI needs of service members. [http://www.dcoe.mil/Training/Monthly\\_Webinars.aspx](http://www.dcoe.mil/Training/Monthly_Webinars.aspx)

## **HEALTH OBSERVANCE: NATIONAL MINORITY HEALTH MONTH**

APRIL 2015

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During April, the HHS Office of Minority Health marks National Minority Health Month by raising awareness about the health disparities that continue to affect racial and ethnic minorities.

<http://www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov/nmhm/>

## HEALTH OBSERVANCE: ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

APRIL 2015

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Alcohol Awareness Month is an opportunity to raise awareness about alcohol abuse and take action to prevent it, both at home and in the community. The HHS Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion has created a toolkit to spread the word about strategies for preventing alcohol abuse.

<http://www.healthfinder.gov/NHO/AprilToolkit.aspx>

## HEALTH OBSERVANCE: NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

APRIL 2015

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National Child Abuse Prevention Month is a time to acknowledge the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect, and to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families. Visitors to the 2015 National Child Abuse Prevention Month website can access tools to engage children, families, and communities, and raise awareness of child maltreatment prevention, including the new interactive Protective Factors in Practice vignettes illustrating how multiple protective factors support and strengthen families. The website also features three new strength-based parent tip sheets and three activity calendars for promoting well-being using protective factors for prevention programs, parents, and community partners—all of which are available in both English and Spanish. <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/preventing/preventionmonth>

## WEBINAR: USING MONITORING THE FUTURE DATA TO AMPLIFY YOUR PREVENTION EFFORTS

APRIL 30, 2015, 1:30 PM ET

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Co-sponsored by the ONDCP, NIDA, and Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America, presenters will explore the most recent Monitoring the Future findings, key drug use trends especially related to marijuana use, and tips on how community leaders can use the data in their drug prevention efforts.

<http://captus.samhsa.gov/news-and-events/show-me-data-using-monitoring-future-data-amplify-your-prevention-efforts>

## **2015 NIH REGIONAL SEMINAR ON PROGRAM FUNDING AND GRANTS ADMINISTRATION**

MAY 6-8, 2015, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

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This NIH seminar is designed to help demystify the NIH grant application and review process, as well as clarify federal regulations and policies so that attendees will be able to return to their institution with a much better understanding of the overall NIH grants process.

<http://regionalseminars.od.nih.gov/baltimore2015/>

## **HEALTH OBSERVANCE: NATIONAL CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY**

MAY 7, 2015

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National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day seeks to raise awareness about the importance of children's mental health and to show that positive mental health is essential to a child's healthy development from birth. This year, Awareness Day will address the needs of children, youth, and young adults with mental health and substance use challenges and their families. A national launch event will take place in Washington, DC to highlight strategies for integrating behavioral health with primary healthcare, child welfare, and education. <http://www.samhsa.gov/children/national-childrens-awareness-day-events/awareness-day-2015>

## **HEALTH OBSERVANCE: NATIONAL PREVENTION WEEK**

MAY 17-23, 2015

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National Prevention Week is a SAMHSA-supported annual health observance dedicated to increasing public awareness of, and action around, substance abuse and mental health issues. The National Prevention Week 2015 theme is, "The Voice of One, the Power of All." This theme highlights the important role that individuals and communities alike have in helping people lead healthy, productive lives. A planning toolkit for participating in the week's observances is available. <http://www.samhsa.gov/prevention-week>

## **SAMHSA IS ACCEPTING PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE FY 2016-2017 DRAFT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION AND PLAN**

SAMHSA is accepting public comment on FY 2016-2017 draft Block Grant documents. SAMHSA is requesting approval from the Office of Management and Budget for a revision of the 2016 and 2017 Community Mental Health Services Block Grant and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant Plan and Report Guidance and Instructions. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Written comments should be received by March 9, 2015. <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/block-grants>

## **FDA SEEKS COMMENTS ON DRAFT GUIDANCE FOR INDUSTRY: DEVELOPING DRUGS FOR ALCOHOLISM TREATMENT**

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has announced the availability of a draft guidance to assist sponsors in the development of drugs for the treatment of alcoholism. Traditionally, alcoholism treatments have been assessed based on the number of patients who refrain from drinking altogether. Patients who attain and sustain complete abstinence from alcohol may be assumed to accrue clinical benefit. However, other patterns of drinking also may be valid surrogates for clinical benefit. This guidance provides supporting information for endpoints based on patterns of drinking that may be considered appropriate measures of clinical benefit. Although comment on any guidance can be submitted at any time, to ensure that the FDA considers comments on this draft guidance before it begins work on the final version of the guidance, submit them by April 13, 2015. <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2015/02/12/2015-02908/alcoholism-developing-drugs-for-treatment-draft-guidance-for-industry-availability>

## NATIONWIDE RECRUITMENT: BIPOLAR DISORDER, PEDIATRIC RESEARCH STUDY

### TREATMENT OF SEVERE MOOD DYSREGULATION (SMD)

(Inpatient: 12- to 15 weeks) This study tests the efficacy of different treatments for decreasing irritability in children with severe mood and behavioral problems. Participants have symptoms of severe irritability and are not doing well on their current medications. The child must be currently in treatment with a physician, medically healthy and not currently hospitalized, psychotic or suicidal. The study includes day or full hospitalization to discontinue medication, followed by either methylphenidate plus citalopram, or methylphenidate plus placebo. Recruiting ages 7-17. [09-M-0034]

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/labs-at-nimh/join-a-study/trials/childrens-studies/citalopram-methylphenidate-irritability.shtml>

For more information on research conducted by NIMH in Bethesda, MD click here  
[www.nimh.nih.gov/JoinAStudy](http://www.nimh.nih.gov/JoinAStudy).

## FUNDING INFORMATION

NIMH OUTREACH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM AMENDED REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND QUESTION AND ANSWERS AVAILABLE

[https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&tab=core&id=2695f2a613cd9a1a4c032599ffc369aa&\\_cview=0](https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&tab=core&id=2695f2a613cd9a1a4c032599ffc369aa&_cview=0)

2015 CAMPUS SUICIDE PREVENTION GRANT

<http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-15-008>

NATIONAL CONSUMER AND CONSUMER SUPPORTER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTERS

<http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-15-011>

TARGETED CAPACITY EXPANSION: MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT - PRESCRIPTION DRUG AND OPIOID ADDICTION

<http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/ti-15-007>

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN: INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE, SEXUAL VIOLENCE, TEEN DATING VIOLENCE, AND STALKING

<https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl001145.pdf>

SECOND CHANCE ACT REENTRY PROGRAM FOR ADULTS WITH CO-OCCURRING SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL DISORDERS

<https://www.bja.gov/Funding/15SCACoOccurringDisordersSol.pdf>

FY'15 JUSTICE AND MENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATION PROGRAM

<https://www.bja.gov/Funding/15JMHCPSol.pdf>

FY'15 ADULT DRUG COURT DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM

<https://www.bja.gov/Funding/15DrugCourtSol.pdf>

FY'15 YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION COORDINATED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=270954>

NIDA MENTORED CLINICAL SCIENTISTS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AWARD IN DRUG ABUSE AND ADDICTION

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-15-119.html>

AUTISM INTERVENTION RESEARCH NETWORK ON PHYSICAL HEALTH

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=274671>

AUTISM INTERVENTION RESEARCH NETWORK ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=274637>

BRAIN INITIATIVE: OPTIMIZATION OF NOVEL TOOLS AND TECHNOLOGIES FOR NEUROSCIENCE RESEARCH

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-15-121.html>



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