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CONNECTIONS STRENGTHEN WITHIN SPECIALIZED NETWORKS AS BRAIN'S EXECUTIVE FUNCTION MATURES

As we grow up, our brain's specialized networks become more structurally segregated, contributing to improved executive functioning, researchers funded by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) have discovered. These densely interconnected "modules" process information for key functions that underlie development of mental control and self-regulation. The findings may improve understanding of teen risk-taking and mental illnesses associated with executive system dysfunction – and may help identify biomarkers of risk and resilience, say researchers.

Science Update: <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/science-news/2017/connections-strengthen-within-specialized-networks-as-brains-executive-function-matures.shtml>

BRAIN CIRCUIT TWEAK WINS HER AFFECTION (IF SHE'S A VOLE); PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN MECHANISM UNDERLYING PAIR BONDING BEHAVIOR DISCOVERED

For the first time, NIMH-funded neuroscientists have boosted a female rodent's partnering with a male by stimulating connectivity of a brain reward circuit. In a monogamous female vole socializing with a male, the researchers tuned-in to electrical communications in two sites known to be critical for reward processing and social bonding. Results from this study suggest that individual differences in chemical messenger systems such as oxytocin "could underlie how strongly this circuit is activated to promote an enduring bond," suggest the researchers. Understanding the circuitry of such affiliative behaviors may lead to improved treatments for social impairment in mental disorders.

Science Update: <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/science-news/2017/brain-circuit-tweak-wins-her-affection-if-shes-a-vole.shtml>

NIH-LED WORKSHOP ADDRESSES OPIOID MISUSE DURING PREGNANCY; EXPERTS IDENTIFY RESEARCH GAPS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR FAMILIES

Research is essential to determining how best to screen pregnant women for opioid use disorder, to treat pregnant women who have the disorder, and to care for infants as they experience withdrawal symptoms, according to experts convened for a National Institutes of Health (NIH) workshop in April 2016. A summary of the workshop, co-sponsored by NIH's Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), appears in the online issue of *Obstetrics and Gynecology*.

Press Release: <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/nih-led-workshop-addresses-opioid-misuse-during-pregnancy>

NEUROIMAGING TECHNIQUE MAY HELP PREDICT AUTISM AMONG HIGH-RISK INFANTS; BRAIN PATTERNS PRECEDE BEHAVIORAL SYMPTOMS OF AUTISM, NIH-FUNDED STUDY SUGGEST

Functional connectivity magnetic resonance imaging (fcMRI) may predict which high-risk, six-month old infants will develop autism spectrum disorder by age two years, according to a study funded by NICHD and NIMH. The study is published in the June 7, 2017, issue of *Science Translational Medicine*.

Press Release: <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/neuroimaging-technique-may-help-predict-autism-among-high-risk-infants>

NIH SCIENTISTS TRY TO CRACK THE BRAIN'S MEMORY CODES; STUDIES OF EPILEPSY PATIENTS UNCOVER CLUES TO HOW THE BRAIN REMEMBERS

In a pair of studies, NIH scientists explored how the human brain stores and retrieves memories. One study suggests that the brain etches each memory into unique firing patterns of individual neurons. Meanwhile, the second study suggests that the brain replays memories faster than they are stored.

Press Release: <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/nih-scientists-try-crack-brains-memory-codes>

STRATEGIES NEEDED TO REDUCE TREATMENT DROPOUT RATE FOR VETERANS WITH PTSD AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

Although there are effective treatments for Veterans with co-occurring post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and substance use disorders (SUD), many drop out of treatment. Research funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) looked for predictors of dropout from one such empirically proven treatment, integrated prolonged exposure therapy. They found that 43 percent of patients dropped out over the course of the 12-week treatment. The dropout rate was fairly constant, with a spike between sessions nine and ten. Patients with more severe PTSD symptoms at the start of therapy were modestly more likely to drop out.

Release: <https://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/latest-science/strategies-needed-to-reduce-treatment-dropout-rate-veterans-ptsd-substance-use-disorders>

SAMHSA'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BAROMETER PROVIDES KEY IN-DEPTH INFORMATION ON THE NATION'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) *Behavioral Health Barometer, United States, Volume 4* report provides an overview of the nation's behavioral health. The Barometer includes key behavioral health issues such as the prevalence of substance use, serious mental illness, serious thoughts of suicide, and related treatment. Furthermore, the Barometer breaks down its findings into major groups according to age, gender, racial and ethnic categories, poverty status, and health insurance status.

Press Release: <https://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/press-announcements/201706120100>

SAMHSA AWARDS UP TO \$34.4 MILLION IN GRANTS TO IMPROVE TREATMENT FOR YOUTH WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS AND/OR CO-OCCURRING SUBSTANCE USE AND MENTAL DISORDERS

SAMHSA awarded up to \$34.4 million over four years to improve treatment for adolescents (ages 12-18) and/or transitional aged youth (ages 16-25) with SUD and/or co-occurring substance use and mental disorders. These funds were awarded to 10 states and the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma.

Press Release: <https://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/press-announcements/201706090100>

SAMHSA PROVIDES UP TO \$13.4 MILLION IN GRANTS FOR CIRCLE OF CARE VII

SAMHSA announced that it will be awarding up to \$13.4 million in grants to 11 federally recognized Tribes and Tribal Organizations in the United States (U.S.). The three-year funds are for Planning and Developing Infrastructure to Improve the Mental Health and Wellness of Children, Youth, and Families in American Indian/Alaska Native Communities.

Press Release: <https://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/press-announcements/201706081145>

MORE THAN A NAME CHANGE: AIDS.GOV BECOMES HIV.GOV

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) officially changed the name of AIDS.gov, the federal government's leading source for information about HIV, to HIV.gov. The announcement coincides with the 36th anniversary of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) first report of the initial cases of what would become known as AIDS. The name change reflects major scientific advances that have transformed an almost universally fatal disease to a condition that, if diagnosed and treated early and continuously, can be controlled and prevented from progressing to AIDS.

Press Release: <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2017/06/05/more-name-change-aidsgov-becomes-hivgov.html>

FDA REQUESTS REMOVAL OF OPANA ER FOR RISKS RELATED TO ABUSE

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requested that Endo Pharmaceuticals remove its opioid pain medication, reformulated Opana ER (oxymorphone hydrochloride), from the market. After careful consideration, the agency is seeking removal based on its concern that the benefits of the drug may no longer outweigh its risks. This is the first time the agency has taken steps to remove a currently marketed opioid pain medication from sale due to the public health consequences of abuse.

News release: <https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm562401.htm>

FDA APPROVES FIRST GENERIC STRATTERA FOR THE TREATMENT OF ADHD

The FDA approved the first generic versions of Strattera (atomoxetine) to treat attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) in pediatric and adult patients.

Release: <https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm561096.htm>

NEW VA ONLINE TOOL HELPS VETERANS LEARN ABOUT AND COMPARE EFFECTIVE PTSD TREATMENTS

The VA launched a new online tool that will help Veterans compare various treatment options for PTSD. The *PTSD Treatment Decision Aid* is a free, interactive online tool that helps educate patients about effective treatment options for PTSD and encourages them to participate actively in decisions about their care.

Press Release: <https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2913>

NEW FROM NIMH

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE: THE FUTURE OF RDOC

In the first of two messages, NIMH Director Dr. Joshua Gordon shares his thoughts on NIMH's Research Domain Criteria (RDoC), and discusses how we might be able to use big data approaches to enhance this research framework in the future. <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/director/messages/2017/the-future-of-rdoc.shtml>

NEW FROM NIH

NIH NEWS IN HEALTH: DEALING WITH DRUG PROBLEMS

This article addresses what you can do to help if you know or suspect that someone you know has a drug problem. <https://newsinhealth.nih.gov/issue/jun2017/Feature1>

NIDA VIDEO: RESEARCHERS SPEAK: THE ABCD STUDY

In this NIDA video, Dr. Terry Jernigan, Professor at the University of California, San Diego and the Co-Director of the Coordinating Center for the Adolescent Brain and Cognitive Development (ABCD) Study, describes the purpose and goals of the ABCD Study. <https://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/nida-notes/2017/06/researchers-speak-abcd-study>

NIDA DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE: "ALL SCIENTIFIC HANDS ON DECK" TO END THE OPIOID CRISIS

NIDA Director Dr. Nora Volkow and NIH Director Francis Collins describe a plan to accelerate research in three crucial areas to address the opioid crisis: overdose reversal, addiction treatment, and pain management. <https://www.drugabuse.gov/about-nida/noras-blog/2017/05/all-scientific-hands-deck-to-end-opioid-crisis>

BETA TESTING BEGINS FOR NIH'S ALL OF US RESEARCH PROGRAM

The All of Us Research Program, which seeks to gather data from over one million adults to accelerate health research and medical breakthroughs that will enable individualized prevention, treatment, and care for everyone, has begun enrolling its first participants as beta testers. <https://allofus.nih.gov/news-events-and-media/announcements/beta-testing-begins-nih-s-all-us-research-program>

HELP ME UNDERSTAND GENETICS

From the National Library of Medicine, this resource provides an introduction to fundamental topics related to human genetics, including illustrations and basic explanations of genetics concepts.

<https://ghr.nlm.nih.gov/primer>

NEW FROM SAMHSA

MEDIA CAMPAIGNS TO PREVENT PRESCRIPTION DRUG AND OPIOID MISUSE

This resource provides links and contact information for a selection of campaigns aimed at preventing prescription drug and opioid misuse. <https://www.samhsa.gov/capt/tools-capt-learning-resources/media-campaigns-prevent-rx-drugs-opioid-misuse>

MEDIA CAMPAIGNS TO PREVENT PRESCRIPTION DRUG MISUSE, YOUTH MARIJUANA MISUSE, AND UNDERAGE DRINKING: EVIDENCE OF EFFECTIVENESS

This resource summarizes evaluation findings from a selection of current and past media campaigns shown to be effective in preventing critical substance use-related problems. <https://www.samhsa.gov/capt/tools-capt-learning-resources/media-campaigns-evaluation-information>

PODCAST: FIVE-MINUTE RELAXATION

This podcast from SAMHSA's National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCSTN) was created to support parents whose birth or adoptive children have experienced trauma, displacement, or adverse childhood events. In this podcast, parents will find an effective tool to reduce stress by taking five minutes in the day to notice their breathing so they can "de-stress," be more present in the moment, and "take charge and recharge."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bplWvwiBQTo&index=1&list=PLmW1ACrTaZIPVd2bIN6Ka5nN0iVemDnQE>

PODCAST: TRANSITIONS

In this NCTSN podcast created to support trauma-informed parents, listeners are guided through an exercise to help with transitions. It can be used for staff, parents, or as a guide for facilitators to create their own transition exercise.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ah2NHtzf_n4&index=2&list=PLmW1ACrTaZIPVd2bIN6Ka5nN0iVemDnQE

NEW FROM CDC

QUICKSTATS: AVERAGE NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES, SUICIDE, AND HOMICIDE, BY DAY OF THE WEEK - NATIONAL VITAL STATISTICS SYSTEM, U.S., 2015

The CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control has released new data in its Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. The data show that in 2015, an average of 103 motor vehicle injury deaths, 121 suicides, and 49 homicides occurred each day. The highest number of suicides occurred on Mondays and Tuesdays and the lowest on Saturdays. <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/66/wr/mm6622a5.htm>

COPING WITH EMOTIONAL ISSUES

The CDC's National Diabetes Education Program has created this web page to disseminate resources that health professionals and caregivers can share with people with diabetes to help them deal with the emotional struggles they may face when living with the disease.

<https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/ndep/people-with-diabetes/coping-with-issues.html>

AHRQ IMPACT CASE STUDIES

ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT USES AHRQ RESOURCES FOR CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM TRAINING

Learn how the Albuquerque Police Department became the first law enforcement agency in the nation to train its officers through videoconferencing with psychiatrists based on the Project ECHO learning model funded by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). Since then, the department has increased its focus on making mental health referrals instead of arrests, and an increasing number of agencies now receive the training.

<https://www.ahrq.gov/policymakers/case-studies/201708.html>

PENNSYLVANIA PSYCHIATRIC INSTITUTE SLASHES READMISSION RATES WITH AHRQ-BASED DISCHARGE PROGRAM

The Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute in Harrisburg reduced its 30-day readmission rate from 20 percent in 2013 to 10.4 percent in 2015 after implementing a discharge program modeled after AHRQ's Re-Engineered Discharge toolkit. Prior to implementing the program, the Institute had a higher 30-day readmission rate than three other acute-care facilities in the region, according to county-level data.

<https://www.ahrq.gov/policymakers/case-studies/201706.html>

VA ROCKY MOUNTAIN SHORT TAKES ON SUICIDE PREVENTION: THE ZERO SUICIDE INITIATIVE TRILOGY

The VA Rocky Mountain Mental Illness Research, Education, and Clinical Centers for Suicide Prevention has added three interviews with Zero Suicide leaders to its podcast series on suicide prevention. These include "An Introduction to the Zero Suicide Initiative" with Julie Goldstein Grumet, director of Health and Behavioral Health Initiatives at Suicide Prevention Resource Center; "A New Take on Zero Suicide and Risk Formulation" with Anthony R. Pisani, associate professor of psychiatry and pediatrics at the Center for the Study and Prevention of Suicide at the University of Rochester; and "Suicide Prevention in Health Systems" with Brian K. Ahmedani, assistant research scientist at the Henry Ford Health System Center for Health Services Research. https://www.mirecc.va.gov/visn19/education/media/podcasts/5_31_2017.asp

BUREAU OF JUSTICE STATISTICS RELEASES 2016 SCHOOL CRIME AND SAFETY REPORT

The Bureau of Justice Statistics, in collaboration with the National Center for Education Statistics, has released *Indicators of School Crime and Safety: 2016*. This annual report provides the most recent data on school crime and student safety. The report contains 23 indicators of crime and safety at schools on topics, including victimization at school, teacher injury, bullying and cyberbullying, school conditions, fights, weapons, availability and student use of drugs and alcohol, student perceptions of personal safety at school, and crime at postsecondary institutions. <https://www.ojjdp.gov/enews/17juvjust/170525.html>

REAL WARRIORS: DEALING WITH DEPRESSION: SYMPTOMS AND TREATMENT

This article from the Real Warriors campaign explains how to identify the signs of depression, and discusses potential causes and treatment options. <http://www.realwarriors.net/active/treatment/depression.php>

DCOE BLOG POSTS

BE KIND TO YOURSELF: UNDERSTANDING AND IMPLEMENTING SELF-COMPASSION

This blog post from the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury provides steps to understanding self-compassion. It outlines the difference between being “self-compassionate” and “self-centered,” and provides tips for improving self-talk. <http://dcoe.mil/blog/17-06-07/be-kind-yourself-understanding-and-implementing-self-compassion>

IS DEPRESSION AFFECTING YOUR MILITARY FAMILY? THESE NEW RESOURCES CAN HELP

This blog post describes new publications for military communities to learn more about depression. The materials were released as part of a suite of clinical support tools for major depressive disorder to inform patients and health care providers about treatment options and where to find help.

<http://dcoe.mil/blog/17-06-05/depression-affecting-your-military-family-these-new-resources-can-help>

WORKING WITH YOUR PROVIDER: DOES RANK IMPACT THERAPY?

Getting medical treatment and therapy from the Military Health System can pose unique challenges. For example, sometimes the issue of military rank comes up. What happens when a health care provider is lower ranking than the patient? Does rank affect the doctor-patient relationship? Retired Captain Richard D. Bergthold shares his experiences with military rank in the treatment setting in this blog post. Bergthold is the Navy Clinical Psychology Internship Program director at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. <http://dcoe.mil/blog/17-06-01/working-your-provider-does-rank-impact-therapy>

FIVE STEPS TO TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

This blog post offers five steps to help take charge of one’s mental health. <http://dcoe.mil/blog/17-05-26/5-steps-take-charge-your-mental-health>

EVENTS

HEALTH OBSERVANCE: PTSD AWARENESS MONTH

JUNE 2017

June has been designated as PTSD Awareness Month by the VA's National Center for PTSD. Join VA efforts to spread the word about PTSD and effective treatments during PTSD Awareness Month. VA materials are available which describe PTSD Awareness Month and offer suggestions to raise awareness in communities across the country. <https://www.ptsd.va.gov/about/ptsd-awareness/>

HEALTH OBSERVANCE: NATIONAL MEN'S MONTH

JUNE 2017

During Men's Health Month in June, HHS encourages men and boys to take steps toward a healthier lifestyle. It is an opportunity to raise awareness about the impact of preventable illnesses such as heart disease, and highlight ways to stay healthy such as exercise and getting regular medical check-ups. <https://www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov/omh/content.aspx?ID=10238&lvl=2&lvid=12>

CELEBRATING WORLD REFUGEE DAY: REFUGEE EXPERIENCES AND IMPROVING SERVICES

JUNE 20, 2017, 12:00-1:30 PM ET

The presenters in this NCTSN webinar will share current information about refugee arrivals in the U.S., and refugee mental health needs and best practices. They will discuss how host communities and service providers need to take trauma and loss into consideration as they support refugees. Presenters will discuss refugee core stressors and highlight the importance of creating trauma-informed, culturally accessible services. Additionally, they will utilize Trauma Systems Therapy for Refugees as an example of an intervention specifically tailored to address the needs of refugees. <https://learn.nctsn.org/login/index.php>

WEBINAR: BRAIN INJURY AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH FOLLOWING COMBAT DEPLOYMENT: IMPLICATIONS FOR LONG-TERM OUTCOME

JUNE 20, 2017, 2:00-3:00 PM ET

This VA webinar will cover findings from a prospective, observational, longitudinal research study that has been following service members from the point of injury in combat out to one-year and now five-year outcomes. Results from both the advanced neuroimaging and extensive battery of neurological, neuropsychological, and psychiatric outcomes collected in these patients will be presented.

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3489453365309234947>

WEBINAR: OPIOID THERAPY FOR CHRONIC PAIN: UNDERSTANDING UPDATED GUIDELINES

JUNE 22, 2017, 1:00-2:30 PM ET

This DCoE webinar will focus on how to access, use, and distribute the opioid guideline, *Clinical Practice Guideline for Opioid Therapy for Chronic Pain*, and related tools developed by the VA, Army Medical Command, and DCoE. Webinar participants will learn to: discern expectations of patients and practitioners regarding opioid therapy, and the risks and benefits of the treatment options for chronic pain; evaluate the use of patient-centered care including self-management to improve function and quality of life; choose an appropriate chronic pain therapy in conjunction with the patient, and minimize adverse outcomes of pain therapy, particularly opioid therapy, and effectively treat them if they do occur.

<http://dcoe.mil/training/webinars>

WEBINAR: TRUSTWORTHINESS AND TRANSPARENCY: HANDLE WITH CARE

JUNE 26, 2017, 1:00-2:30 PM ET

This webinar hosted by SAMHSA's National Center for Trauma-Informed Care and Alternatives to Seclusion and Restraint will highlight the collaboration between the West Virginia (WV) Center for Children's Justice and the WV State Police Crimes Against Children Unit. This unique collaboration between the educational system and law enforcement is designed to prevent further traumatization of youth witnessing violence. Handle with Care supports school age children returning to the classroom upon experiencing a stressful home event where police were involved. This informative discussion will present program highlights and provide guidance on replication for interested communities. https://events-na3.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/986655080/en/events/event/shared/1700946820/event_landing.html?sco-id=1952238003&_charset_=utf-8

WEBINAR: EMPOWERMENT, VOICE AND CHOICE: GRASSROOTS WELLNESS PEER-RUN RESPITE AND LEARNING COMMUNITY

JUNE 26, 2017, 3:00-4:00 PM ET

This principle is rooted in the primacy of the people served; in resilience; and the ability of individuals, organizations, and communities to heal and promote recovery from trauma. There is a recognition of the ways in which trauma survivors, historically, have been diminished in voice and choice. In this SAMHSA webinar, the program coordinator with the Grassroots Wellness Peer-Run Respite and Learning Community in Wisconsin, will share how the peer-run respite fosters empowerment, voice, and choice as part of an overall trauma-informed approach, and that people seeking support have the opportunity for shared decision-making and goal setting to determine the plan of action they need to heal and move forward.

<https://www.nasmhpd.org/content/crisis-services-vln>

HEALTH OBSERVANCE: NATIONAL PTSD AWARENESS DAY

JUNE 27, 2017

To bring greater awareness to the issue of PTSD, the U.S. Senate designated June 27th as National PTSD Awareness Day. Learn about NCTSN resources to help educate individuals, families, professionals, policy makers, and communities about the significant impact that PTSD has on men, women, and children.

<http://www.nctsn.org/resources/public-awareness/national-ptsd-awareness-day>

NCATS ADVOCACY DAY: PARTNERING WITH PATIENTS FOR SMARTER SCIENCE

JUNE 30, 2017, BETHESDA, MD

The inaugural National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) Advocacy Day will inform patients and their advocates about NCATS and its programs, identify patient needs, and collectively discuss ways for improved patient inclusion in NCATS' translational science activities. The full day event features presentations, interactive activities, and a poster session. Designed for patients, families, caregivers, and patient advocacy groups, the event will foster an open dialogue among patients and their advocates to discuss common translational science roadblocks, brainstorm ideas for improvement, and apply that knowledge to strengthen patient and community engagement at NCATS.

<https://ncats.nih.gov/events#advocacy>

WEBINAR: COLLABORATION AND MUTUALITY

JULY 24, 2017, 1:00-2:30 PM ET

This webinar hosted by SAMHSA's National Center for Trauma-Informed Care and Alternatives to Seclusion and Restraint will highlight the efforts of the San Jose, California Mayor's Office of Prevention of Gang Violence. This collaborative model successfully developed and implemented will focus on prevention of gang violence and facilitating community healing through effective collaborations with grassroots stakeholders, including the faith-based community, gang members, community providers, etc.

<https://www.nasmhpd.org/content/community-vln>

WEBINAR: COLLABORATION AND MUTUALITY: HARBEL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION MONDAY

JULY 24, 2017, 3:00-4:00 PM ET

In this SAMHSA webinar, learn about the role community organization plays in Harbel Community Services. Harbel provides recovery services, but what is unique about their approach is their use of collaborative relationships with a wide range of community partners. Harbel employs persons with lived experience in all aspects of service delivery. A critical role includes outreach and support to individuals struggling with opiate addiction. Peer workers are trained to carry and administer Naloxone to revive individuals who have overdosed and offer recovery, trauma-informed services immediately, thus helping to address the opioid epidemic. <https://www.nasmhpd.org/content/crisis-services-vln>

CALLS FOR PUBLIC INPUT

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: INCLUSION IN CLINICAL RESEARCH ACROSS THE LIFESPAN

In response to scientific need and a congressional mandate in the 21st Century Cures Act, NIH convened a workshop of experts on the appropriate inclusion of pediatric and older populations in research studies involving human subjects, and is seeking input from the wider scientific community and the public concerning inclusion in research. The NIH is interested in hearing from the public on a number of topics, including best study designs that ensure the inclusion of participants from a broad range of ages, sex/gender, and race/ethnicity in clinical trials or clinical studies; potential ethical challenges when including those individuals under 18 years of age, or frail or cognitively impaired older adults in trials; strategies to expand current successful practices for inclusion of these populations; and potential barriers to and the opportunities for inclusion of pediatric and older populations in clinical studies. Responses will be accepted until June 30, 2017. <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-17-059.html>

FUNDING INFORMATION

NEW TUTORIALS ON PREPARING AND SUBMITTING YOUR NIH GRANT APPLICATION

NIH has prepared a new video tutorial series to walk potential applicants through the basics of preparing, writing, and submitting a grant application. Tutorials take between four to 11 minutes each to listen through, and viewers can easily jump ahead to chapters of interest, or navigate back.

<https://nexus.od.nih.gov/all/2017/05/19/new-tutorials-on-preparing-and-submitting-your-nih-grant-application/>

EMPOWERED COMMUNITIES FOR A HEALTHIER NATION INITIATIVE

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=294314>

ADDRESSING SUICIDE RESEARCH GAPS: UNDERSTANDING MORTALITY OUTCOMES

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-18-410.html>

SOCIOECONOMIC DISPARITIES IN HEALTH AND MORTALITY AT OLDER AGES

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AG-18-011.html>

OFFICE OF VICTIMS OF CRIMES FISCAL YEAR 2017 FIELD-GENERATED INNOVATIONS IN ADDRESSING ELDER ABUSE AND FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>



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 increase the public's access to science-based mental health information through partnerships with national and state organizations. 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.