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## **SUSPECT MOLECULES OVERLAP IN AUTISM, SCHIZOPHRENIA, BIPOLAR DISORDER; SHARED PATTERNS OF GENE EXPRESSION MAY HOLD CLUES TO DISEASE PROCESSES**

Evidence has been mounting that some mental disorders share many of the same genetic risk factors. Now, researchers have discovered that this overlap extends to the molecular level – some of these suspect genes also turn on-and-off similarly in the brains of people with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), schizophrenia, and bipolar disorder. These molecular signatures may hold clues to what goes wrong in the brain in these disorders—and potentially ways to better treat or even prevent them. In search of such clues, Drs. Daniel Geschwind and Michael Gandolf of the University of California Los Angeles, and colleagues, examined gene expression in postmortem brains of people who had been diagnosed with ASD, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, major depressive disorder, or alcoholism. One of the largest such efforts of its kind to date, the study, funded by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), tapped brain molecular data resources gathered through the NIMH-funded PsychENCODE consortium, a data-sharing collaboration among NIMH grantees. <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/science-news/2018/suspect-molecules-overlap-in-autism-schizophrenia-bipolar-disorder.shtml>

## **NIMH'S DR. ANN WAGNER DESIGNATED AS THE NATIONAL AUTISM COORDINATOR**

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Alex Azar has designated Ann E. Wagner, Ph.D., as the National Autism Coordinator. Dr. Wagner will play a vital role in ensuring the implementation of national ASD research, services, and support activities across federal agencies. This role will complement the activities of the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee, which includes public and federal members, takes place in a public forum, and focuses on sharing information about ongoing activities and providing advice to the HHS Secretary on issues related to ASD. Dr. Wagner is currently the Chief of the Biomarker and Intervention Development for Childhood-Onset Mental Disorders Branch in the Division of Translational Research at NIMH, part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). In this role, she oversees the NIMH Autism Research Program, which supports a wide range of research on the characterization, pathophysiology, treatment, and outcomes of individuals with ASD and related neurodevelopmental disorders. <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/science-news/2018/nimhs-dr-ann-wagner-designated-as-the-national-autism-coordinator.shtml>

## **MEDICATION IN PRISON ASSOCIATED WITH REDUCTIONS IN FATAL OPIOID OVERDOSES AFTER RELEASE**

A state-led initiative created within the Rhode Island correctional system showed that offering medication to inmates with opioid use disorders (OUD) reduced fatal overdoses once the inmates were released. The reduction in fatal overdoses was large enough to have a significant effect on the death rate from opioid overdoses statewide. The research was funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at NIH, as well as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). <https://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/news-releases/2018/02/medication-in-prison-associated-reductions-in-fatal-opioid-overdoses-after-release>

## **GREEK LIFE MEMBERSHIP ASSOCIATED WITH BINGE DRINKING AND MARIJUANA USE IN LATER LIFE**

A scientific study finds that close to half of residential fraternity members had symptoms of alcohol use disorder by age 35, and that living in a fraternity or sorority at college is associated with continued binge drinking and marijuana use through early midlife. The research, from the University of Michigan, is published in the *Journal of Adolescent Health* and was funded by NIDA. <https://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/news-releases/2018/02/greek-life-membership-associated-binge-drinking-marijuana-use-in-later-life>

## **SAMHSA AND VA ANNOUNCE CITIES PARTICIPATING IN THE MAYOR'S CHALLENGE TO PREVENT SUICIDE AMONG SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS, AND THEIR FAMILIES**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced the cities that will participate in the first group for the Mayor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans, and their Families, including Albuquerque, NM., Billings, MT., Richmond, VA., Helena, MT, Houston, TX, Las Vegas, NV, Los Angeles, CA, and Phoenix, AZ. The cities will form interagency teams to increase suicide prevention support for Veterans in their communities. SAMHSA and VA identified these cities based on Veteran population data, suicide prevalence rates, and capacity of the cities to lead the way in this first year of the Mayor's Challenge. The goal of the Mayor's Challenge is to reduce suicides among service members, Veterans, and their families using a public health approach to suicide prevention. <https://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/press-announcements/201802200200>

## **CDC RELEASES REPORT TO CONGRESS DETAILING THE IMPACT OF TBI ON CHILDREN, FAMILIES**

CDC released a *Report to Congress on The Management of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) in Children*, detailing the impact a TBI can have on children and their families. The report identifies gaps in care, outlines opportunities for action to reduce the gaps, and highlights policy strategies to address the short- and long-term consequences of a TBI. The report also highlights TBI management as children transition into adulthood, challenges in accessing pediatric specialists to ensure best care, research to support management and outcomes, and the importance of long-term monitoring of children to better understand adult outcomes and how TBIs at specific developmental periods affect post-TBI outcomes.

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2018/a0221-traumatic-brain-injury.html>

## **FDA INVESTIGATES MULTISTATE OUTBREAK OF SALMONELLA INFECTIONS LINKED TO PRODUCTS REPORTEDLY CONTAINING KRATOM**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) along with the CDC and state and local officials are investigating a multistate outbreak of Salmonella infections linked to products reportedly containing kratom.

<https://www.fda.gov/Food/RecallsOutbreaksEmergencies/Outbreaks/ucm597265.htm>

## **FDA AUTHORIZES MARKETING OF FIRST BLOOD TEST TO AID IN THE EVALUATION OF CONCUSSION IN ADULTS**

The FDA permitted marketing of the first blood test to evaluate mild traumatic brain injury (mTBI), commonly referred to as concussion, in adults. The FDA reviewed and authorized for marketing the Banyan Brain Trauma Indicator in fewer than six months as part of its Breakthrough Devices Program. Availability of a blood test for concussion will help health care professionals determine the need for a computed tomography (CT) scan in patients suspected of having mTBI, and help prevent unnecessary neuroimaging and associated radiation exposure to patients.

<https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm596531.htm>

## FDA OVERSEES DESTRUCTION AND RECALL OF KRATOM PRODUCTS AND REITERATES ITS CONCERNS ON RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS OPIOID

The FDA announced the voluntary destruction and recall of a large volume of dietary supplements containing kratom, an opioid, manufactured and distributed nationwide under the brand names Botany Bay, Enhance Your Life, and Divinity by Divinity Products Distribution of Grain Valley, Missouri. In cooperation with the FDA, the company has agreed to stop selling all products containing kratom. Based on the scientific evidence of the serious risks associated with the use of kratom, the FDA encourages all companies currently involved in the sale of products containing kratom intended for human consumption to take similar steps to take their products off the market.

<https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm597649.htm>

### RESOURCES: PUBLICATIONS, TOOLKITS, OTHER RESOURCES

#### NEW FROM NIMH

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##### DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE: NIMH'S PORTFOLIO BALANCE: QUALITY SCIENCE COMES FIRST

In his latest message, NIMH Director Dr. Joshua Gordon describes the balance of the NIMH portfolio of research investments. After sharing his observations on how and why NIMH's portfolio balance has changed over time, Dr. Gordon concludes that he will do all he can to support and encourage investigators to engage in the highest quality science across all areas of the Institute's portfolio.

<https://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/director/messages/2018/nimhs-portfolio-balance-quality-science-comes-first.shtml>

#### NEW FROM NIH

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##### NIH RECORD ARTICLE: ABNORMALITIES IN REWARD PROCESSING MAY UNDERLIE DEPRESSION, OUTBURSTS

Understanding how the brain processes rewards and threat might hold the key to treating depression and a childhood condition of severe and chronic irritability called disruptive mood dysregulation disorder (DMDD). This *NIH Record* article summarizes a recent NIH grand rounds lecture by NIMH intramural scientists who described their research seeking to understand the underlying mechanisms of depression and DMDD.

[https://nihrecord.nih.gov/newsletters/2018/02\\_09\\_2018/story3.htm](https://nihrecord.nih.gov/newsletters/2018/02_09_2018/story3.htm)

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#### BLOG POST: COULD NALTREXONE BE USED TO TREAT PREGNANT WOMEN WITH OPIOID ADDICTION?

As naltrexone becomes more widely used in the treatment of OUDs, we need to learn more about whether it could be safe and effective for opioid-addicted women who are pregnant. NIDA Director Dr. Nora Volkow reviews existing research on the use of naltrexone for pregnant women with opioid use disorders.

<https://www.drugabuse.gov/about-nida/noras-blog/2018/02/could-naltrexone-be-used-to-treat-pregnant-women-opioid-addiction>

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#### LONG-TERM MARIJUANA USE IS ASSOCIATED WITH HEALTH PROBLEMS LATER IN LIFE

This NIDA-supported study found that marijuana users exhibited six different patterns of marijuana use from ages 18 to 50. It also found that longer-term marijuana use (extending from age 18 into the late 20s or beyond) was associated with increased risk of self-reported health problems at age 50.

<https://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/nida-notes/2018/02/long-term-marijuana-use-associated-health-problems-later-in-life>

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#### BLOG POST: WORDS MATTER: WHY DON'T WE SAY "ADDICT"?

This NIDA blog post explains the importance of using “person with a substance use disorder” or “someone who’s addicted to drugs” instead of “substance abuser” or “addict.” Saying “person with a substance use disorder” is more accurate as it describes a complete and complex person—one who happens to have that disorder. <https://teens.drugabuse.gov/blog/post/words-matter-why-don-t-we-say-addict>

## NEW FROM SAMHSA

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#### SUICIDE CLUSTERS WITHIN AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE COMMUNITIES

This report on suicide clusters within American Indian and Alaska Native populations examines what is known about the topic and offers prevention recommendations.

<https://store.samhsa.gov/product/Suicide-Clusters-within-American-Indian-and-Alaska-Native-Communities-/SMA17-5050>

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#### GUIDANCE ON OUD MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT

The *Treatment Improvement Protocol, Medications for Opioid Use Disorder*, reviews the use of the three FDA-approved medications used to treat OUD—methadone, naltrexone, and buprenorphine—and the other strategies and services needed to support recovery for people with OUD. The guidance includes recommendations for health care professionals in a general medical setting, addiction treatment professionals, and peer recovery support specialists. <https://store.samhsa.gov/product/SMA18-5063FULLDOC>

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#### THE ROLE OF PREVENTION FOLLOWING A NONFATAL OPIOID OVERDOSE

This resource describes three post-overdose interventions that have shown promise in reducing the risk of subsequent overdoses and improving other health outcomes among people who have experienced a non-fatal overdose. <https://www.samhsa.gov/capt/now-what-role-of-prevention-following-nonfatal-opioid-overdose>

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#### GATHERING OF NATIVE AMERICANS BUILDS RESILIENCY AMONG NATIVE YOUTH IN THE BAY AREA

This post describes how the Native American Health Center has been delivering SAMHSA's Gathering of Native Americans (GONA) curriculum to urban native youth. Recognized by SAMHSA as an effective culture-based intervention, GONA—and its Alaskan counterpart, the Gathering of Alaska Natives—helps communities establish a safe and supportive environment where youth can learn how to “... thrive, grow up in balance, and pave the way for healthy futures.” <https://www.samhsa.gov/capt/tools-learning-resources/native-americans-build-resiliency-among-youth>

#### SAMHSA PREVENTION CONVERSATIONS: REFRAMING THE PREVENTION NARRATIVE

In these videos, hear about strategies for building awareness and support for opioid overdose prevention efforts.

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#### REFRAMING THE OPIOID PREVENTION NARRATIVE: ADDRESSING MISPERCEPTIONS

Learn about the importance of understanding the nature of addiction as a critical first step in preventing opioid misuse and overdose. <https://www.samhsa.gov/capt/tools-learning-resources/reframing-opioid-prevention-narrative-addressing-misperceptions>

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#### REFRAMING THE OPIOID PREVENTION NARRATIVE: WORKING WITH THE PRESS

Hear about how a community coalition partnered with the area’s leading newspaper to correct misperceptions about the nature of addiction. <https://www.samhsa.gov/capt/tools-learning-resources/reframing-opioid-prevention-narrative-working-press>

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#### PREVENTING OPIOID MISUSE AND OVERDOSE: USING DATA TO CORRECT MISPERCEPTIONS

Learn about the importance of using data to make the case for prevention efforts. <https://www.samhsa.gov/capt/tools-learning-resources/preventing-opioid-misuse-overdose-using-data-correct-misperceptions>

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#### LESSONS FROM MASSACHUSETTS: CHANGING THE CONVERSATION ABOUT ADDICTION

Hear how changing attitudes toward people who use drugs can play a key role in program success. <https://www.samhsa.gov/capt/tools-learning-resources/lessons-massachusetts-changing-conversation-about-addiction>

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## HRSA: UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACT OF SUICIDE IN RURAL AMERICA

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services released this policy brief and recommendations on suicide in rural America. It includes a discussion of the impact of suicide in rural areas along with prevention strategies at the state and federal levels. <https://www.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hrsa/advisory-committees/rural/publications/2017-Impact-of-Suicide.pdf>

## HHS BLOG POSTS

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### AHRQ STANDS READY TO ASSIST SECRETARY AZAR IN THE FIGHT AGAINST OPIOID EPIDEMIC

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Director Gopal Khanna describes the agency's efforts to address the opioid crisis. AHRQ plans to continue its commitment with opioid-related research projects, toolkits to help providers improve pain management, and data for policymakers on how the opioid crisis is affecting their communities at the federal, state, and county level.

<https://www.ahrq.gov/news/blog/ahrqviews/opioid-5-point-strategy.html>

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### FIVE WAYS TO HELP YOUTH EXPERIENCING DATING ABUSE

February was Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, a national effort to raise awareness about dating abuse in teen and 20-somethings' relationships. This Administration for Children and Families blog post outlines steps that adults can take to help the young people in their lives, including offering referrals to supportive services in their community. <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/blog/2018/02/5-ways-to-help-youth-experiencing-dating-abuse>

## GAO: INFORMATION ON INMATES WITH SMI AND STRATEGIES TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM

The 21st Century Cures Act directed the Government Accountability Office to report on the prevalence of crimes committed by persons with serious mental illness (SMI) and the costs to treat these offenders, including identifying strategies for reducing recidivism among these individuals. This report discusses what is known about crimes committed by inmates with SMI incarcerated by the federal and selected state governments, the costs to the federal and selected state governments to incarcerate and provide mental health care services to those individuals, and the strategies federal and selected state governments and studies have identified for reducing recidivism among individuals with SMI.

<https://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-18-182>



## EVENTS

### WEBINAR: ENGAGING AND SUPPORTING FAMILIES IN SUICIDE PREVENTION

MARCH 5, 2018, 2:00-3:30 PM ET

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SAMHSA's Suicide Prevention Resource Center is hosting this webinar on engaging and supporting families in suicide prevention. It will focus on engaging families whose loved ones are in suicidal crisis or have attempted suicide, and their crucial role in suicide prevention. Presenters will highlight current research in family engagement and share an example of family programming geared toward parents of suicidal teens and young adults. <https://go.edc.org/engagingfamilies>

### WEBCAST: WORKSHOP ON WOMEN'S MENTAL HEALTH ACROSS THE LIFE COURSE THROUGH A SEX-GENDER LENS

MARCH 7, 2018, 8:30 AM-5:00 PM ET

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This workshop funded by the HHS Office on Women's Health will explore how environmental, sociocultural, behavioral, and biological factors affect women's mental health across the life course and across different racial/ethnic groups. The workshop will include sessions on: life course framing, population patterns, measurement, and methods; psychological and structural factors in women's mental health; mental health over adolescence, mid-life, and later life; mental health care and policy; and an agenda for advancing women's mental health over the life course.

[https://sites.nationalacademies.org/DBASSE/CPOP/Womens\\_Mental\\_Health/index.htm](https://sites.nationalacademies.org/DBASSE/CPOP/Womens_Mental_Health/index.htm)

### WEBINAR: LOCAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL PARTNERS' RESPONSES TO INFECTIOUS DISEASE CONSEQUENCES OF OPIOID EPIDEMIC-HEALTH POLICY PERSPECTIVES

MARCH 8, 2018, 3:00-4:30 PM ET

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This webinar will include discussion of the impact of the opioid epidemic on infectious diseases, burdens and challenges, innovative steps being taken to address the intertwined problems, and opportunities to further strengthen these efforts by both non-federal and federal partners. Panelists will describe the use of existing federal guidance, policies, and resources that support their efforts – at the local, state, and national levels – to respond to the opioid epidemic and its infectious disease consequences.

<https://www.hhs.gov/hepatitis/blog/2018/02/07/register-now-webinars-on-opioid-and-infectious-disease-epidemics.html>

## NIMH WEBINAR: DEPRESSION AND TMS

MARCH 21, 2018, 3:00 PM ET

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Join NIMH staff scientist Dr. Bruce Luber for a webinar on depression and transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS). Dr. Luber will discuss depression as a brain disorder, and participants will learn about the old and new approaches to understanding depression, including diagnosis using symptoms versus abnormal brain networks. In addition, the webinar will cover neurostimulation tools, from electroconvulsive therapy (ECT) to TMS; modulating brain dysfunction and enhancing neuroplasticity in depression through TMS; pairing psychotherapy with neurostimulation; and the latest research at NIMH on TMS and depression.

<https://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/events/announcements/live-webinar-depression-and-tms.shtml>

## UNIVERSITY TECHNICAL GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP

MARCH 22-23, 2018, XAVIER UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA – NEW ORLEANS, LA

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The HHS Office of Minority Health Resource Center offers a series of University Vision, Design and Capacity (UVDC) technical grant writing workshops to provide university and health professionals with strategies to make grant proposals more competitive. These hands-on, two-day workshops are for junior faculty and staff and college/university health professionals who are interested in community-based participatory research, committed to working with underserved populations, and want to build their institution's capacity to compete and receive competitive grant awards.

<https://www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov/omh/browse.aspx?lvl=3&lvlid=100>

## WEBINAR: SUICIDE PREVENTION IN LATER LIFE: CONNECTING AND CONTRIBUTING

MARCH 26, 2018, 2:00-3:30 PM ET

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This SAMHSA-sponsored webinar will highlight the importance of suicide prevention in later life, with an emphasis on increasing social connectedness as a means for prevention. It will cover basic epidemiology of late-life suicide and how a contemporary theory of suicide can inform prevention efforts by highlighting potential mechanisms. The webinar will feature four strategies for increasing social connectedness in later life that have been examined in studies by the presenter—peer companionship, volunteering, psychotherapy, and web-based social skills training. [https://events-na3.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/986655080/en/events/event/shared/1700946820/event\\_landing.html?sco-id=2051179697](https://events-na3.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/986655080/en/events/event/shared/1700946820/event_landing.html?sco-id=2051179697)

## HEALTH OBSERVANCE: NATIONAL MINORITY HEALTH MONTH

APRIL 2018

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The theme for the 2018 National Minority Health Month is “Partnering for Health Equity.” Partnerships at the national, state, tribal, and local levels are vital to the work of reducing health disparities and advancing health equity. During National Minority Health Month, the HHS Office of Minority Health will join with partners, health advocates, and organizations in highlighting the role of partnerships in improving the health of people and communities across the country.

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USOPHSOMH/bulletins/1d5cf12>

## UNIVERSITY TECHNICAL GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP

APRIL 5-6, 2018, MEHARRY MEDICAL COLLEGE – NASHVILLE, TN

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## UNIVERSITY TECHNICAL GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP

APRIL 26-27, 2018, BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY – BEMIDJI, MN

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## CALLS FOR PUBLIC INPUT

### COMMENTS SOUGHT FOR AHRQ EFFECTIVE HEALTH CARE PROGRAM REPORTS

The AHRQ's 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 interested in receiving supplemental evidence and data for the following review:

ADVERSE EFFECTS OF FIRST-LINE PHARMACOLOGIC TREATMENTS OF MAJOR DEPRESSION IN OLDER ADULTS (INPUT ACCEPTED THROUGH MARCH 7, 2018)

<https://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/get-involved/submit-sead>

## CLINICAL TRIAL PARTICIPATION NEWS

### NATIONWIDE RECRUITMENT: DEPRESSION AND BRAIN FUNCTION

(Inpatient and/or Outpatient study: 8 weeks, and 3 once-a-month follow up visits or phone calls.)

This depression research study tests the effects of the combination of TMS and psychotherapy on brain function. Participation includes research evaluations, brain scans, and active TMS and psychotherapy, or inactive TMS and psychotherapy. Recruiting ages 18-65 with major depressive disorder, who are free of other serious medical conditions. If you are currently taking anti-depressants, you may still be eligible.

(17-M-0147). Call: 1-877-MIND-NIH, (1-877-646-3644), TTY: 1-877-411-1010, email moodresearch@mail.nih.gov, NIH, NIMH, Protocol #17-M-0147. <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/labs-at-nimh/join-a-study/trials/adult-studies/depression-tms-psychotherapy-and-brain-function.shtml>

#### FACEBOOK POST

#### NIH Research Study: Depression and Brain Function

This research study seeks depressed participants to test the effects of the combination of repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) and psychotherapy on brain function. Learn more and find out if you are eligible. 1-877-646-3644, TTY: 1-877-411-1010, email moodresearch@mail.nih.gov. No cost to participate, compensation provided. Protocol #17-M-0147. <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/labs-at-nimh/join-a-study/trials/adult-studies/depression-tms-psychotherapy-and-brain-function.shtml>

#### TWITTER

Seeking adults 18-65 to participate in a depression and brain function research study. <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/labs-at-nimh/join-a-study/trials/adult-studies/depression-tms-psychotherapy-and-brain-function.shtml>

## **UNDERREPRESENTATION OF MINORITIES IN RESEARCH STUDIES IS NOT DUE TO UNWILLINGNESS**

African American and Latino adults are willing to participate in medical research, but they are not being asked, according to a study funded by National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities. The study results highlight the need for focused recruitment of racial and ethnic minorities in medical research studies. In particular, research recruitment efforts targeting minorities should highlight the value of medical research and provide increased understanding of human subjects protections.

<https://obssr.od.nih.gov/research-spotlights-february-2018/#post1>

### **FUNDING INFORMATION**

STATEWIDE CONSUMER NETWORK PROGRAM

<https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-18-008>

STATEWIDE FAMILY NETWORK PROGRAM

<https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-18-007>

ENHANCEMENT AND EXPANSION OF TREATMENT AND RECOVERY SERVICES FOR ADOLESCENTS, TRANSITIONAL AGED YOUTH, AND THEIR FAMILIES

<https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/ti-18-010>

TARGETED CAPACITY EXPANSION HISPANIC/LATINO CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT AND RECOVERY PROGRAM

<https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/ti-18-012>

DRUG FREE COMMUNITIES (DFC) – NEW (ELIGIBILITY IS LIMITED TO COMMUNITY-BASED COALITIONS ADDRESSING YOUTH SUBSTANCE USE THAT HAVE NEVER RECEIVED A DFC GRANT)

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=298776>

COLLABORATIVE IMPROVEMENT AND INNOVATION NETWORK ON SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH SERVICES

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=295236>

EVALUATION OF POLICIES FOR THE PRIMARY PREVENTION OF MULTIPLE FORMS OF VIOLENCE

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=297311>

DEVELOPMENT OF MEDICATIONS TO PREVENT AND TREAT OUDS AND OVERDOSE (CLINICAL TRIAL OPTIONAL)

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=299429>

RESEARCH AND EVALUATION ON DRUGS AND CRIME

<https://www.nij.gov/funding/Documents/solicitations/NIJ-2018-13682.pdf>



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.