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SCIENCE AND SERVICE NEWS UPDATES

NDAR FEDERATION CREATES LARGEST SOURCE OF AUTISM RESEARCH DATA TO DATE; NIH-FUNDED DATABASE SETS STANDARD FOR COLLABORATION AND DATA SHARING

A data partnership between the National Database for Autism Research (NDAR) and the Autism Genetic Resource Exchange positions NDAR as possibly the largest repository to date of genetic, phenotypic, clinical, and medical imaging data related to research on autism spectrum disorders (ASD). NDAR's mission is to facilitate data sharing and scientific collaboration on a broad scale, providing a shared common platform for autism researchers to accelerate scientific discovery. Built around the concept of federated repositories, NDAR integrates and standardizes data, tools, and computational techniques across multiple public and private autism databases. Through NDAR, researchers can access results from these different sources at the same time, using the rich data set to conduct independent analyses, supplement their own research data, or evaluate the data supporting published journal articles, among many other uses. NDAR is supported by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Center for Information Technology.

Press Release: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2011/ndar-federation-creates-largest-source-of-autism-research-data-to-date.shtml>

SUSPECT GENE VARIANTS BOOST PTSD RISK AFTER MASS SHOOTING; PROFILE OF RISK EMERGING FOR TRAUMA-TRIGGERED MOLECULAR SCARS

College students exposed to a mass shooting were 20-30 percent more likely to later develop post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) symptoms if they harbored a risk version of a gene, NIMH-funded researchers have discovered. This boost in risk, traced to common variants of the gene that controls recycling of serotonin, was comparable to the risk conferred by close proximity to the shooting – for example, being in the room with the shooter versus just being on campus. The discovery is the latest of several recently reported that collectively profile heightened biological vulnerability to developing PTSD following trauma – and the molecular scars it leaves in the brain.

Science Update: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2011/suspect-gene-variants-boost-ptsd-risk-after-mass-shooting.shtml>

CIGARETTE AND ALCOHOL USE AT HISTORIC LOW AMONG TEENS; BUT NIDA'S 2011 MONITORING THE FUTURE SURVEY ALSO SHOWS CONTINUED HIGH LEVELS OF ABUSE OF ALTERNATE TOBACCO PRODUCTS, MARIJUANA, AND PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Cigarette and alcohol use by eighth, 10th, and 12th-graders are at their lowest point since the Monitoring the Future survey began polling teenagers in 1975, according to this year's survey results. However, this positive news is tempered by a slowing rate of decline in teen smoking as well as continued high rates of abuse of other tobacco products (e.g., hookahs, small cigars, smokeless tobacco), marijuana, and prescription drugs. The National Institute on Drug Abuse-funded survey results appear to show that more teens continue to abuse marijuana than cigarettes; and alcohol is still the drug of choice among all three age groups queried.

Press Release: <http://www.nida.nih.gov/newsroom/11/NR12-14.html>

SELECTIVE SEROTONIN REUPTAKE INHIBITOR ANTIDEPRESSANTS: DRUG SAFETY COMMUNICATION - USE DURING PREGNANCY AND POTENTIAL RISK OF PERSISTENT PULMONARY HYPERTENSION OF THE NEWBORN

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) notified healthcare professionals and the public on the use of selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI) antidepressants by women during pregnancy and the potential risk of a rare heart and lung condition known as Persistent Pulmonary Hypertension of the Newborn (PPHN). The initial Public Health Advisory in July 2006 on this potential risk was based on a single published study. Since then, there have been conflicting findings from new studies evaluating this potential risk, making it unclear whether use of SSRIs during pregnancy can cause PPHN. FDA has reviewed the additional new study results and has concluded that, given the conflicting results from different studies, it is premature to reach any conclusion about a possible link between SSRI use in pregnancy and PPHN. FDA will update the SSRI drug labels to reflect the new data and the conflicting results.

FDA Drug Safety Communication:

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/SafetyAlertsforHumanMedicalProducts/ucm283696.htm>

MANY YOUNG CHILDREN OVERDOSING FROM MEDICINES AT HOME: NEW EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM REMINDS PARENTS TO KEEP MEDICATION "UP AND AWAY AND OUT OF SIGHT"

Each year, one of every 150 two-year-olds visits an emergency department in the United States for an unintentional medication overdose, most often after finding and eating or drinking medicines without adult supervision. To inform parents and caregivers about safe medication storage and what to do in case of an emergency, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Consumer Healthcare Products Association Education Foundation, and a coalition of partners are launching an educational program, *Up and Away and Out of Sight*, encouraging parents to follow a few simple steps to protect children.

Press Release: http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2011/p1213_Medicine_overdose.html

SAMHSA AND THE NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE COLLABORATE WITH FACEBOOK TO HELP THOSE IN CRISIS

Facebook is announcing a new service that harnesses the power of social networking and crisis support to help prevent suicides across the nation and Canada. The new service enables Facebook users to report a suicidal comment they see posted by a friend to Facebook using either the *Report Suicidal Content* link or the report links found throughout the site. The person who posted the suicidal comment will then immediately receive an e-mail from Facebook encouraging them to call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-TALK (8255), or to click on a link to begin a confidential chat session with a crisis worker.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1112125820.aspx>

NEW REPORT SHOWS TREATMENT ADMISSIONS FOR ABUSE OF PRESCRIPTION PAIN RELIEVERS HAVE RISEN 430 PERCENT FROM 1999-2009

A new Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) report shows that while the overall rate of substance abuse treatment admissions among those aged 12 and older in the U.S. has remained nearly the same from 1999 to 2009, there has been a dramatic rise (430 percent) in the rate of treatment admissions for the abuse of prescription pain relievers during this period. The report shows that the rate of treatment admissions primarily linked to these drugs rose from 10 per 100,000 in the population in 1999 to 53 per 100,000 population in 2009.

Full Report: <http://www.dasis.samhsa.gov/teds09/teds2009stweb.pdf>

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1112074117.aspx>

VA AND HUD REPORT DECLINE IN VETERAN HOMELESSNESS; VA ANNOUNCES \$100 MILLION TO EXPAND HOMELESS PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Departments of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced that a new national report shows homelessness among Veterans has been reduced by nearly 12 percent between January 2010 and January 2011. VA also announced it will make \$100 million in grants available to community agencies across the country to prevent nearly 42,000 Veterans and their families from falling into homelessness, or to quickly return them to stable housing. The funds are offered for fiscal year 2012 through VA's Supportive Services for Veteran Families program, a homeless-prevention and rapid re-housing program.

Press Release: <http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2234>

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS MORE LIKELY TO HAVE HEALTH CARE ACCESS PROBLEMS

In the first national report that compares the health and well-being of children with special health care needs to those children without, findings revealed that 14 to 19 percent of children in the United States have a special health care need, representing more than one in five households with children. *Children with Special Health Care Needs in Context: A Portrait of the Nation in 2007*, prepared by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), examines these children in the context of where they live, play, and go to school. Data for the report comes from The National Survey of Children's Health, a national survey about the health and well-being of more than 90,000 children in the United States.

Press Release: <http://www.hrsa.gov/about/news/pressreleases/111205cshcnbook.html>

HRSA ISSUES 2011 REPORT ON THE HEALTH STATUS, HEALTH BEHAVIORS, AND USE OF HEALTH CARE BY U.S. WOMEN

The HRSA *Women's Health USA 2011*, the 10th edition of an annual data book identifying priorities, trends, and disparities in women's health, is now available. The 2011 edition highlights several new topics, including secondhand tobacco smoke exposure, Alzheimer's disease, preconception health, unintended pregnancy, oral health care utilization, and barriers to health care. For the first time, the special population section of the report features data on the health of lesbian and bisexual women, as well as Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander women. Data on American Indian and Alaska Native women are also featured.

Press Release: <http://www.hrsa.gov/about/news/pressreleases/111031womenshealth.html>

RESOURCES: PUBLICATIONS, TOOLKITS, OTHER RESOURCES

NEW FROM NIMH

TREATMENT DEVELOPMENT: THE PAST 50 YEARS

NIMH Director Thomas Insel describes the role that publicly and privately funded research has played in the development of medications to treat mental disorders in the past 50 years.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/director/2011/treatment-development-the-past-50-years.shtml>

ANTIDEPRESSANTS: A COMPLICATED PICTURE

NIMH Director Thomas Insel discusses research about the use and efficacy of antidepressants.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/director/2011/antidepressants-a-complicated-picture.shtml>

SPANISH-LANGUAGE PUBLICATION: FOBIA SOCIAL

This brochure that explains the signs, symptoms, and treatments of social phobia is now available in Spanish. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/espanol/fobia-social-siempre-avergonzado/>

SPANISH-LANGUAGE PUBLICATION: TRASTORNO DE ANSIEDAD GENERALIZADA

This brochure that explains the signs, symptoms, and treatment of generalized anxiety disorder is now available in Spanish. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/espanol/trastorno-de-ansiedad-generalizada-cuando-no-se-pueden-controlar-las-preocupaciones/index.shtml>

DEPRESSION AND COMPLEMENTARY HEALTH PRACTICES

The latest newsletter from the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine features an overview on depression and complementary health practices.

<http://nccam.nih.gov/health/providers/digest/depression.htm>

NEW INTEGRATED EMPLOYMENT TOOLKIT

This new online toolkit from the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) includes discussion guides and answers to frequently-asked-questions for people looking for jobs, employers, community employment agencies, and others. Integrated employment places both youth and adults in regular jobs in their communities, along with any needed supports, so they can earn a decent wage. In an integrated employment setting, most of the employees are not persons with disabilities. <http://www.dol.gov/odep/i toolkit/>

NEW SPANISH-LANGUAGE PUBLICATION ON PALLIATIVE CARE

This new Spanish-language publication from the National Institute of Nursing Research provides information about palliative care, a comprehensive treatment that reduces or eliminates pain and other symptoms of illness and medical treatments.

<http://www.ninr.nih.gov/NewsAndInformation/NINRPublications/Palliative+Care+Brochure>

SAMHSA RESOURCES

OLDER ADULT ADMISSIONS REPORTING ALCOHOL AS A SUBSTANCE OF ABUSE: 1992 AND 2009

This report examines changing alcohol abuse patterns among older adult treatment admissions. Data from 1992 and 2009 are used to compare such factors as alcohol-drug combinations, demographic characteristics, co-occurring mental health problems, and prior admissions. <http://store.samhsa.gov/product/TEDS11-1115>

NEW SPANISH-LANGUAGE FOTONOVELA ON CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS

El alcohol y la depresión: El camino de Jorge hacia una vida mejor is based on *Substance Abuse Treatment for Persons With Co-Occurring Disorders*. In a manner that is culturally-relevant and dispels some of the myths around behavioral health disorders, particularly depression, this Spanish-language fotonovela tells the story of a family affected by someone with a co-occurring disorder.

<http://store.samhsa.gov/product/SMA10-4574>

NEW REPORT SHOWS THAT ADOLESCENTS ARE FAR MORE LIKELY TO DRIVE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS IF THEY LIVE WITH A PARENT THAT DRIVES UNDER THE INFLUENCE

A new report shows that adolescents appear to be strongly influenced by parental behavior when it comes to driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol. The report shows that those 16 and 17 years old living with parents who drive under the influence of drugs or alcohol are far more likely to drive under the influence than adolescents whose parents do not drive under the influence.

http://www.samhsa.gov/data/spotlight/WEB_SPOT_023/WEB_SPOT_023.pdf

2010 NATIONAL SURVEY OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES (N-SSATS)

N-SSATS is an annual census of substance abuse treatment facilities that provides data on the location and characteristics of alcohol and drug abuse treatment services throughout the United States. It also provides information on the scope and nature of how these facilities and programs are used. The report finds that overall there was very little change in the scope and nature of these treatment facilities from 2006 to 2010. Findings include that 43 percent of all people in substance abuse treatment facilities had diagnosed co-occurring substance use and mental disorders.

<http://www.dasis.samhsa.gov/10nssats/nssats2010web.pdf>

AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH QUALITY RESOURCES

THE INCREASE IN PEDIATRIC STIMULANT USE SINCE 1996 MOSTLY LINKED TO TREATMENT OF ADHD IN ADOLESCENTS

Pediatric use of stimulant medication, the first line of treatment for children with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), increased slowly over the most recent 12 years for which data is available, according to a new study. Stimulant use grew from 2.9 percent of U.S. children in 1996 to 3.5 percent in 2008. Among the estimated 2.8 million children under age 19 taking stimulants for ADHD, growth in stimulant use was highest for adolescents, growing 6.5 percent annually, from 2.3 percent of this age group in 1996 to 5 percent in 2008. The study was funded in part by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). <http://www.ahrq.gov/research/dec11/1211RA15.htm>

ADHD MEDICATIONS AND RISK OF SERIOUS CORONARY HEART DISEASE IN YOUNG AND MIDDLE-AGED ADULTS

In this study of over 440,000 young and middle-aged adults aged 25-64 years, including over 150,000 users of ADHD medications, researchers found little evidence of an increased risk of heart disease associated with current ADHD medication use when comparing to non-use or to remote use of ADHD medications. The study also found little evidence of an increased risk for current use of any of the specific medications examined (i.e., methylphenidate, amphetamines, or atomoxetine), or for an increase in risk with increasing duration of current use of ADHD medications.

<http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/search-for-guides-reviews-and-reports/?pageaction=displayproduct&productid=884&ECem=111212>

SECOND-GENERATION ANTIDEPRESSANTS IN THE PHARMACOLOGIC TREATMENT OF ADULT DEPRESSION: AN UPDATE OF THE 2007 COMPARATIVE EFFECTIVENESS REVIEW

This report is an update of a 2007 comparative effectiveness review of second-generation antidepressants. It summarizes the available evidence on the comparative efficacy, effectiveness, and harms of 13 second-generation antidepressants—bupropion, citalopram, desvenlafaxine, duloxetine, escitalopram, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, mirtazapine, nefazodone, paroxetine, sertraline, trazodone, and venlafaxine—in treating patients with major depression, dysthymia, and subsyndromal depression. It also evaluates the comparative efficacy and effectiveness for maintaining remission and treating accompanying symptoms such as anxiety and insomnia.

<http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/search-for-guides-reviews-and-reports/?pageaction=displayproduct&productid=862>

NEW FROM REAL WARRIORS

WORKING WITH YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATORS DURING DEPLOYMENT

Throughout the deployment cycle, service members and their families experience many changes, including shifting roles and responsibilities as well as new routines. Children may experience stress as a result, but parents and guardians can help them build resilience by actively engaging with their child's educators – including school administrators, counselors, and teachers. During this time of change, the stability and predictability of school can be a source of support for children.

<http://www.realwarriors.net/family/change/school.php>

NEW VIDEO AND RADIO PSAs

Leaders play a critical role in building and maintaining psychological health among warriors of all ranks and services. In these public service announcements (PSAs), leaders discuss the importance of psychological strength and resilience for total force fitness. The PSAs are available in 29- and 59-second formats.

<http://realwarriors.net/multimedia/psas.php>

REPORTS FROM THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

FOSTER CHILDREN: HHS GUIDANCE COULD HELP STATES IMPROVE OVERSIGHT OF PSYCHOTROPIC PRESCRIPTIONS

Foster children have often been removed from abusive or neglectful homes and tend to have more mental health conditions than other children. Treatment may include psychotropic drugs, but their risks to children are not well understood. Medicaid, administered by states and overseen by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), provides prescription drug coverage to foster children. This report examines rates of psychotropic prescriptions for foster and non-foster children in 2008, and state oversight of psychotropic prescriptions for foster children through October 2011. The General Accounting Office (GAO) selected Florida, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Oregon, and Texas primarily based on their geographic diversity and size of the foster care population. Results cannot be generalized to other states. In addition, GAO analyzed Medicaid fee-for-service and foster care data from selected states for 2008, the most recent year of prescription data available at the start of the audit. GAO also used expert child psychiatrists to provide a clinical perspective on its methodology and analysis, reviewed regulations and state policies, and interviewed federal and state officials. <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-12-201>

MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE: EMPLOYERS' INSURANCE COVERAGE MAINTAINED OR ENHANCED SINCE PARITY ACT, BUT EFFECT OF COVERAGE ON ENROLLEES VARIED

The Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (MHPAEA) requires that employers who offer health insurance coverage for mental health conditions and substance use disorders (MH/SU) provide coverage that is no more restrictive than that offered for medical and surgical conditions. Employers were required to comply with the law for coverage that began on or after October 3, 2009. The DOL, HHS, and Department of the Treasury share oversight for MHPAEA. MHPAEA also requires GAO to examine trends in health insurance coverage of MH/SU. This report describes the extent to which employers cover MH/SU through private health insurance plans and how this coverage has changed since 2008; and what is known about the effect of health insurance coverage for MH/SU on enrollees' health care expenditures, access to, or use of, MH/SU services, and health status. GAO surveyed a random sample of employers about their MH/SU coverage for the most current plan year and for 2008. GAO also reviewed published national employer surveys on health insurance coverage and interviewed officials from DOL, HHS, and other experts. Additionally, GAO reviewed studies that evaluated the effect of MH/SU coverage on enrollees' expenditures, access to, or use of, MH/SU services, and health status.

<http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-12-63>

CDC DEATHS: FINAL DATA FOR 2008

This report presents final 2008 data on U.S. deaths, death rates, life expectancy, infant mortality, and trends by selected characteristics such as age, sex, Hispanic origin, race, state of residence, and cause of death.

http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr59/nvsr59_10.pdf

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**WEBINAR: DEVELOPMENTAL AND MEDICAL ISSUES FOR YOUNG FOSTER CHILDREN**

JANUARY 12, 2012, 12:00 PM ET

This National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) Zero to Six Child Welfare Speaker Series webinar will address the importance of understanding the special developmental needs of young traumatized children, discuss appropriate referrals for consultation, and describe a cutting edge developmental intervention for children in the child welfare system. <http://learn.nctsn.org/>

WEBINAR: ADVANCES IN UNDERSTANDING AND PROMOTING FAMILY RESILIENCE

JANUARY 20, 2012, 1:00 PM ET

This NCTSN Family Systems Speaker Series webinar will discuss existing theoretical and practical perspectives on family resilience and the clinical and research implications for children and families who have experienced trauma. <http://learn.nctsn.org/>

WEBINAR: IMPLEMENTING EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE: A EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE ON CULTURE AND CONTEXT

JANUARY 25, 2012, 12:00 PM ET

This NCTSN Implementing and Sustaining Evidence-Based Practice Speaker Series webinar will explore cultural and contextual considerations that may apply when implementing evidence-based and evidence-informed practices throughout the world. While often originating in North America, many such practices are spreading elsewhere. Drawing on examples from the UK, Ireland, and Scandinavia, presenters will reflect on how variations in culture and in system/service-provider contexts may affect success in implementing evidence-based practice. <http://learn.nctsn.org/>

WEBINAR: ADDRESSING ALCOHOL MISUSE AMONG SERVICE MEMBERS: THE SBIRT MODEL

JANUARY 26, 2012, 1:00-2:30 PM ET

This Defense Centers of Excellence (DCoE) webinar will focus on alcohol misuse among service members and examine a secondary prevention method in non-specialty settings to engage service members at an early stage of risk. Screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment (SBIRT) is a system level approach to identify and treat people with drinking problems. Research has demonstrated that SBIRT is effective in identifying individuals at risk of developing serious alcohol problems.

<http://www.dcoe.health.mil/Training/MonthlyWebinars.aspx>

WARRIOR RESILIENCE CONFERENCE IV: RESTORING READINESS: INDIVIDUAL, UNIT, COMMUNITY, AND FAMILY

MARCH 29-30, 2012, WASHINGTON, DC

The DCoE is sponsoring the Fourth Annual Warrior Resilience Conference. This conference continues last year's theme of bringing Total Force Fitness, an initiative of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to line leaders and will focus on "Restoring Readiness: Individual, Unit, Community, and Family" as part of the initiative's social domain. <http://www.dcoe.health.mil/Training/WarriorResilienceConferenceIV.aspx>

CALLS FOR PUBLIC INPUT

SAMHSA SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON PUBLICATION TOPICS FOR 2012

SAMHSA is seeking topic suggestions for the 2012 *SAMHSA Advisory* and the *SAMHSA In Brief* publications. *The Advisory* publications provide behavioral health professionals with timely information on a broad range of either emerging or hot topics in the behavioral health field. *In Briefs* are designed to inform and educate professionals whose work is affected by issues related to substance use or mental health disorders, or who provide services for people who have these disorders. Comments can be submitted through SAMHSA's Stakeholder Forum through December 19 at 9:00 AM ET.

<http://feedback.samhsa.gov/forums/141928-samhsa-seeks-public-input-on-publication-topics-fo>

SUBMIT PROGRAM FOR SAMHSA'S MAP OF CAMPAIGNS AND PROGRAMS

The SAMHSA ADS Center website includes a "Campaigns and Programs" section that provides information about local, statewide, national, and international campaigns working to reduce prejudice and discrimination and promote social inclusion. The campaign map helps promote the work of state and local communities, and provides an opportunity to learn about other innovative and successful campaigns and programs. To submit information about local campaigns for this map, send an email to promoteacceptance@samhsa.hhs.gov with the campaign name and a short summary.

<http://promoteacceptance.samhsa.gov/campaigns/default.aspx>

DOL SEEKS TO IMPROVE JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES BY SETTING HISTORIC HIRING GOAL FOR FEDERAL CONTRACTORS

DOL is proposing a new rule that would require federal contractors and subcontractors to set a hiring goal of having seven percent of their workforces comprised by people with disabilities, among other requirements. DOL's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs wants public comments on the proposal by February 7, 2012. The proposed rule would strengthen the affirmative action requirements established in Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, obligating federal contractors and subcontractors to ensure equal employment opportunities for qualified workers with disabilities.

<http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/ofccp/OFCCP20111614.htm>

FUNDING INFORMATION

HUD TO AWARD MORE THAN \$40 MILLION IN GRANTS FOR HOUSING COUNSELING

HUD will award more than \$40 million to housing counseling programs that help families find and keep housing. Grants will be awarded to HUD-approved counseling agencies and State Housing Finance Agencies nationwide that help people avoid foreclosure and mortgage scams, get information about buying or renting a home, improve their credit scores, and qualify for a reverse mortgage.

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/press/press_releases_media_advisories/2011/HUDNo.11-280

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERAN FAMILIES PROGRAM

<http://www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf.asp>

LIMITED COMPETITION - WOMEN'S INTERAGENCY HIV STUDY (WIHS-V) (U01) (RFA-AI-12-002)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AI-12-002.html>

REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE METABOLOMICS RESOURCE CORES (RCMRC) (U24) (RFA-RM-11-016)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-11-016.html>

MENTORED RESEARCH SCIENTIST DEVELOPMENT AWARD IN METABOLOMICS (K01) (RFA-RM-11-017)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-11-017.html>

DEVELOPMENT OF COURSES OR WORKSHOPS IN METABOLOMICS (R25) (RFA-RM-11-018)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-11-018.html>

METABOLOMICS DATA REPOSITORY AND COORDINATING CENTER (DRCC) (U01) (RFA-RM-11-020)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-11-020.html>

COMPETITIVE REVISION APPLICATIONS FOR RESEARCH ON NEURAL PROCESSES UNDERLYING SEX DIFFERENCES RELATED TO RISK AND RESILIENCE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-13-020.html> (R01)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-13-021.html> (R21)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-13-022.html> (P50)



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/partners>. To subscribe to receive the **Update** every two weeks, go to: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/outreach/partnership-program/subscribe-to-the-update.shtml>

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