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SCIENCE AND SERVICE NEWS UPDATES

DRUG BOOSTS GROWTH FACTOR TO JUMP-START RAPID ANTIDEPRESSANT RESPONSE; LITTLE-KNOWN ENZYME PIVOTAL

A study in mice has pinpointed a pivotal new player in triggering the rapid antidepressant response produced by ketamine. By deactivating a little-known enzyme, the drug takes the brakes off rapid synthesis of a key growth factor thought to lift depression, say researchers supported by the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Press Release: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2011/drug-boosts-growth-factor-to-jump-start-rapid-antidepressant-response.shtml>

SUPPORT PROGRAM CAN HELP CAREGIVERS COPE WITH RELATIVE'S MENTAL ILLNESS

A free, nationally available support program can significantly improve a family's ability to cope with an ill relative's mental disorder, according to an NIMH-funded study published June 2011 in *Psychiatric Services*.

Science News: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2011/support-program-can-help-caregivers-cope-with-relatives-mental-illness.shtml>

NATIONAL PREVENTION STRATEGY: AMERICA'S PLAN FOR BETTER HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Members of the National Prevention, Health Promotion, and Public Health Council released the *National Prevention and Health Promotion Strategy*, a comprehensive plan to increase the number of Americans who are healthy at every stage of life. The Strategy emphasizes that good health comes not just from receiving quality medical care, but also from stopping disease before it starts. Its goal is to transform the health care system from its focus on treating illness and disease to preventing it in the first place.

Press Release: <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2011pres/06/20110616a.html>

Full Report: <http://www.healthcare.gov/news/factsheets/prevention06162011a.html>

A 55 PERCENT INCREASE IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS FOR DRUG-RELATED SUICIDE ATTEMPTS BY MALES AGED 21 TO 34

A national study conducted by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) shows that from 2005 to 2009 there was a 55 percent increase in emergency department visits for drug-related suicide attempts by men aged 21 to 34 from 19,024 visits in 2005 to 29,407 visits in 2009. In 2009, there were a total of 77,971 emergency department visits for drug-related suicide attempts among males of all ages.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1106162934.aspx>

Full Report: <http://oas.samhsa.gov/2k11/DAWN018/DAWN018.cfm>

MAJORITY OF ADULT MALES ARRESTED IN 10 U.S. CITIES TEST POSITIVE FOR ILLEGAL DRUGS AT TIME OF ARREST

The Office of National Drug Control Policy released new data which highlight the need for diverting non-violent drug offenders into treatment instead of jail, expanding drug treatment for incarcerated addicts. The *Arrestee Drug Abuse Monitoring 2010 Annual Report* reveals more than half of adult males arrested for crimes ranging from misdemeanors to felonies tested positive for at least one drug.

Press Release: <http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/news/press11/061511.html>

Full Report: http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/publications/Adam_II_Report/index2010.html

A SIGNIFICANT GROWTH IN SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT ADMISSIONS RELATED TO PRESCRIPTION OPIATES AND OTHER DRUGS

A new national report shows that from 1999 to 2009 substance abuse treatment admissions among individuals ages 12 and older have gone up for cases involving alcohol, opiates, and marijuana. The SAMHSA report reveals that one of the most notable shifts in this period was in the rise of opiate admissions attributable mostly to prescription drugs from 8 percent in 1999 to 33 percent in 2009.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1106222941.aspx>

Full Report: <http://www.dasis.samhsa.gov/teds09/teds2k9nweb.pdf>

FDA SAFETY ALERT: RISPERDAL (RISPERIDONE) AND RISPERIDONE: RECALL - UNCHARACTERISTIC ODOR

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a safety alert regarding Risperdal and Risperidone. Janssen Pharmaceuticals issued a recall of Risperdal (risperidone) lot OGG904 3mg tablets and risperidone lot OIGI752mg tablets. The recall stems from an uncharacteristic odor thought to be caused by trace amounts of TBA (2,4,6 tribromoanisole), a non-toxic byproduct of a chemical preservative sometimes applied to wood often used in the construction of pallets used for transporting and storing materials. A small number of consumers have reported temporary gastrointestinal symptoms.

Safety Alert:

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/SafetyAlertsforHumanMedicalProducts/ucm259901.htm>

RESOURCES: PUBLICATIONS, TOOLKITS, OTHER RESOURCES

NEW ON NIMH WEBSITE

DIRECTOR'S BLOG: AUTISM SPRING

NIMH Director, Thomas Insel, discusses recent research discoveries in the field of autism, which bring new insights into the molecular basis of autism. Some of these discoveries with autism have implications for mental disorders like schizophrenia and mood disorders, which increasingly are being addressed as neurodevelopmental disorders. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/director/2011/autism-spring.shtml>

DIRECTOR'S BLOG: INVESTING WISELY IN PUBLIC HEALTH

NIMH Director, Thomas Insel, discusses the critical need to invest in research to reduce the much greater cost of disease. He reviews how NIMH used American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds to support four signature projects aimed at changing science with huge potential economic savings. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/director/2011/investing-wisely-in-public-health.shtml>

MEETING SUMMARY: OUTREACH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM 2011 ANNUAL MEETING

In March 2011, nearly 90 researchers, clinicians, and national, state, and territorial nonprofit mental health organizations met in Houston, Texas for the annual meeting of the NIMH Outreach Partnership Program. All came together to learn more about the latest scientific research and best practices in the prevention, pre-emption, screening, and treatment of mental disorders. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/outreach/partnership-program/meetings/outreach-partnership-program-2011-annual-meeting-overview.shtml>
Photos from meeting: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/nimhgov/collections/72157626861103362/>

LATEST EDITION OF INSIDE NIMH

The June 2011 edition of *Inside NIMH* discusses recent funding and new initiatives the Institute is considering for the future. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/research-funding/newsletter/2011-june-inside-nimh.shtml>

MEDLINEPLUS MAGAZINE: THE PROMISE AND PAYOFF OF RARE DISEASES RESEARCH

NIH Director, Francis S. Collins, spoke with NIH *MedlinePlus Magazine* about the increasing promise of genetics research to the investigation and diagnosis of rare diseases. He led the successful effort to complete the Human Genome Project, a complex multidisciplinary scientific enterprise to map and sequence human DNA. <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/magazine/issues/spring11/articles/spring11pg2-3.html>

NIH RESEARCH MATTERS: EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM HAS ENDURING BENEFITS

A NIH-funded study shows that an early education program for children from low-income families provides benefits that last well into adulthood.

<http://www.nih.gov/researchmatters/june2011/06202011childhood.htm>

SAMHSA RESOURCES

SAMHSA BLOG: HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND WHERE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FITS

This SAMHSA blog posting discusses the role of health information technology in behavioral health.

<http://blog.samhsa.gov/>

CONSUMER-OPERATED SERVICES EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES KIT

The *Consumer-Operated Services Evidence-Based Practice Kit* is now available. This kit provides tools for developing mental health services that are owned and operated by people who have personal experience living with a psychiatric disorder. It offers guidance grounded in evidence-based practices.

<http://store.samhsa.gov/product/Consumer-Operated-Services-Evidence-Based-Practices-EBP-Kit/SMA11-4633CD-DVD>

AHRQ RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

TRENDS IN TREATING DEPRESSION FAVOR PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATIONS OVER PSYCHOTHERAPY

The way depression is treated in the United States has changed over the past 20 years. Between 1987 and 1997, significantly more people were treated for depression on an outpatient basis. During this time, the use of psychotherapy declined, replaced by antidepressant medications. In 1987, 37.3 percent of outpatients treated for depression received antidepressant medications. By 1997, it had doubled to 74.5 percent. Two recent studies looked at the next decade from 1998 to 2007 to see if these trends in treating depression continued. Results revealed a continued decline in the use of psychotherapy and stabilization in the use of antidepressants to treat depression. Both studies were supported by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). <http://www.ahrq.gov/research/jul11/0711RA22.htm>

WOMEN'S SELF-REPORTED STRESS SEEMS TO JIBE WITH A COMMON STRESS BIOMARKER

A new study finds that a biomarker typically associated with chronic stress appears to be present when women of childbearing age report having stressful lives. Up to 90 percent of adults are infected with Epstein-Barr virus (EBV), but the virus stays latent for most of them. Adequate immune function is required to maintain EBV in this latent state. However, when an individual experiences chronic stress, immune dysfunction allows the EBV to reactivate and release viral antigen. Elevated EBV antibody titer serves as an indirect measure of chronic stress and has been associated with a wide range of chronic stressors.

<http://www.ahrq.gov/research/jul11/0711RA29.htm>

NEW FROM REAL WARRIORS CAMPAIGN

BOOSTING RESILIENCE THROUGH SPIRITUALITY

This Real Warriors article discusses the role of spirituality in resilience—it can help one feel connected to something bigger than oneself and build resilience at the same time. Spirituality can involve whatever beliefs and values give a sense of purpose. <http://www.realwarriors.net/active/treatment/spirituality.php>

DISPELLING MYTHS ABOUT POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER

This article looks at facts and fiction about Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

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

REAL WARRIORS CAMPAIGN GOES MOBILE

The Real Warriors Campaign has gone mobile. Visit m.realwarriors.net to access website features from a smart mobile device. <http://www.realwarriors.net/mobile.php>

NEW VIDEO PROFILE

The campaign launched its most recent video profile of Staff Sgt. Stacy Pearsall (U.S Air Force, retired). As a combat photographer documenting every aspect of war, including heavy fighting during multiple Iraq deployments, Pearsall received numerous physical injuries and experienced PTSD from the events she witnessed. With help from a friend, she found needed support through her local Department of Veterans Affairs. <http://www.realwarriors.net/multimedia/profiles/pearsall.php>

NEW FAMILY BROCHURE

The campaign released a new mini-brochure to help families manage the common challenges of military life. The brochure provides ways military families can help one another feel connected and build resilience to manage stressors such as multiple deployments, frequent relocations or separations, and psychological health concerns. http://www.realwarriors.net/materials/brochure_families.php

NEW FROM DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

DCOE BLOG: WHAT DOES PTSD MEAN TO YOU?

In recognition of PTSD Awareness Day, this Defense Centers of Excellence (DCoE) blog posting discusses advances in the understanding and treatment of PTSD.

<http://www.dcoe.health.mil/blog/article.aspx?id=1&postid=260>

ARCHIVED WEBINAR: ANATOMICAL AND PHYSIOLOGICAL CHANGES SECONDARY TO PTSD

This archived DCoE webinar examines the co-occurrence of PTSD and TBI within patient populations, and ongoing research to better understand the relationship between these conditions. Speakers talk about the National Intrepid Center of Excellence ground-breaking work related to the identification and understanding of the anatomical and physiological changes connected to PTSD and TBI.

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

ONLINE COURSE: ACUTE STRESS MANAGEMENT AND PREVENTION OF PTSD

Over the coming year the National Center for PTSD is adding a series of courses to its website to cover recommendations in the *PTSD Clinical Practice Guideline* developed by Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense. The first course in the series is now live and is based on psychological first aid principles: *Recommendations for Acute Stress Management and Prevention of PTSD*.

http://www.ptsd.va.gov/professional/ptsd101/course-modules/recommendations_acute_stress_management.asp

HUD REPORT: 2010 ANNUAL HOMELESS ASSESSMENT REPORT TO CONGRESS

The *2010 Annual Homeless Assessment Report* represents the sixth in a series of reports on homelessness in the U.S. It responds to a congressional directive that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provide an annual report to Congress on the extent and nature of homelessness.

<http://www.hudhre.info/documents/2010HomelessAssessmentReport.pdf>

OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION NEWSLETTER

The May/June issue of OJJDP's bimonthly newsletter is now available. This issue's lead article reports on a new public service announcement to raise awareness about the problem of children's exposure to violence.

<http://www.ojjdp.gov/publications/PubAbstract.asp?pubi=256273>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

IMPROVING CAMPUS CLIMATE FOR LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER STUDENTS

JULY 13-14, 2011, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

The Department of Education (DOE) Higher Education Center is sponsoring this training to help create safe campus climates for retention and academic success. During this two-day training institute, participants will build upon existing skills to improve their own campus climate, support effective prevention of alcohol and other drug abuse and violence on college campuses for LGBT college students, and learn how policies can bring about long-lasting positive changes that increase their retention and academic success.

<http://higheredcenter.ed.gov/services/training/institute/improving-campus-climate-lgbt-students>

WEBINAR: INTRODUCTION TO DISASTER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

JULY 14, 2011, 2:00-3:00PM ET

The SAMHSA Disaster Technical Assistance Center is presenting this webinar to educate participants about the mental health, substance abuse, and stress management needs of people who have been exposed to human-caused, natural, or technological disasters. This webinar will help build awareness about preparedness and response efforts in this area by providing: 1) an overview of core disaster behavioral health concepts; 2) guidance on basic actions that disaster response personnel can incorporate in their interactions with disaster survivors without the need for extensive training; and 3) guidance on recognizing severe reactions to disasters and need for a referral for a behavioral health assessment.

<https://cc.readytalk.com/cc/schedule/display.do?udc=dc0xxykw6ak1>

ONLINE TRAINING: PREVENTING VIOLENCE AND PROMOTING SAFETY IN HIGHER EDUCATION SETTINGS--CREATING COMPREHENSIVE AND EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS

JULY 18–29, 2011 (MODERATED COURSE OVER A TWO-WEEK PERIOD)

This DOE online training will introduce participants to a set of principles and a strategic planning process that campus and community stakeholders can use to design a comprehensive and effective violence prevention initiative. The training will touch on multiple aspects of effective strategic planning, including assessing problems on campus, using data to inform strategy design, coordinating prevention efforts, building prevention infrastructure, and working in partnerships.

<http://higheredcenter.ed.gov/services/training/online/registration>

WEBINAR: REINTEGRATIVE MEDICINE--FOCUSING ON FAMILY AND CLINICAL PERSPECTIVE, AND ADAPTATION FOLLOWING INCIDENT

JULY 28, 2011, 1:00-2:30PM ET

This webinar is part of the DCoE monthly webinar series, which provides information and facilitates discussion on a variety of topics related to psychological health and TBI.

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

ACTION SUMMIT FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION AND THE 2ND ANNUAL METHAMPHETAMINE AND SUICIDE PREVENTION INITIATIVE CONFERENCE

AUGUST 1-4, 2011, SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA

The 2011 Action Summit for Suicide Prevention is an opportunity to hear from, and interact with, nationally-recognized speakers, behavioral health providers, tribal leaders, health care providers, law enforcement, first responders, and school personnel committed to addressing emergent suicide and substance abuse prevention issues in Indian Country. This free event, sponsored by the Indian Health Service, will provide the most up-to-date research, best practices, and promising practices to address suicide and substance abuse prevention, intervention, and aftercare in Indian Country. <http://www.ihs.gov/suicidepreventionsummit>

OFFICE OF SAFE AND DRUG FREE SCHOOLS NATIONAL CONFERENCE

AUGUST 8-10, 2011, NATIONAL HARBOR, MARYLAND

The theme of this year's Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools conference is *Making the Connection: Creating and Maintaining Conditions for Learning*. The conference will address issues related to: alcohol, drug, and violence prevention; health, mental health, and physical education; special populations; emerging issues; and other areas of drug and violence prevention. <http://osdfs.dgimeetings.com>

2011 NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HEALTH COMMUNICATION, MARKETING, AND MEDIA

AUGUST 9-11, 2011, ATLANTA, GEORGIA

This Centers for Disease Control and Prevention conference brings together individuals representing academia, public health researchers, and practitioners from federal and state government and the private sector, and provides a forum for collegial dialogue within and across these disciplines. The conference is an opportunity to meet with colleagues and shape the future of health communication, marketing, and media practice. <http://www.cdc.gov/NCHCMM/>

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY TO ADDRESS DISPARITIES IN MENTAL HEALTH CARE

AUGUST 22-25, 2011, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Georgetown University, in collaboration with SAMHSA's Center for Mental Health Services and AFYA, Inc., is convening a *Leadership Academy to Address Disparities in Mental Health Care*. The Academy is designed for individuals who are actively engaged in mental health care policy, practice, research, and advocacy throughout the life cycle and who are invested in developing their leadership role to address disparities in mental health care. It is an intensive course of study comprised of three months of preparatory activities and a four-day residential learning experience.

<http://www.attcnetwork.org/documents/gusavedateLA.pdf>

WEBINAR: POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AND NATURAL DISASTERS

AUGUST 25, 2011, 1:00-2:30PM ET

This webinar is part of the DCoE monthly webinars series, which provides information and facilitates discussion on a variety of topics related to psychological health and TBI.

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

HEALTH OBSERVANCE: NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

SEPTEMBER 2011

The 2011 Recovery Month theme is Join the Voices for Recovery: Recovery Benefits Everyone. SAMHSA has developed materials to help communities plan and host Recovery Month events, and activities to help address the treatment needs of those dealing with behavioral health problems.

<http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1106280601.aspx>

CALLS FOR PUBLIC INPUT**COMMENTS SOUGHT FOR AHRQ EFFECTIVE HEALTH CARE PROGRAM REPORTS**

The AHRQ *Effective Health Care Program* encourages the public to participate in the development of its research projects. AHRQ uses these comments to help focus the research and ensure that the final comparative effectiveness reviews answer the most important questions that clinicians, patients, consumers, and policymakers have about a given treatment, test, or procedure. The Program is currently seeking comments for:

ANTI-PSYCHOTICS IN ADULTS: COMPARATIVE EFFECTIVENESS OF FIRST-GENERATION VERSUS SECOND-GENERATION MEDICATIONS. (DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS IS JULY 5, 2011)

<http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/research-available-for-comment/comment-draft-reports/?pageaction=displayDraftCommentForm&topicid=146&productID=694>

SAMHSA REVISES MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE BLOCK GRANTS BASED ON USER FEEDBACK

SAMHSA announced a new approach for the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SAPTBG) and the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (MHSBG). The initial 60-day comment period on the uniform MHSBG and SAPTBG closed on June 9, 2011. Based on the comments SAMHSA received, the application and reporting sections have been revised. The application has been posted again in the Federal Register: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-06-17/pdf/2011-15070.pdf> SAMHSA is accepting comments until July 18, 2011. <http://samhsa.gov/grants/blockgrant>

NIH SEEKS NOMINATIONS TO FILL THE 2011 COUNCIL OF PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES ROSTER

The NIH Director is seeking nominations to fill vacant appointments to the 2011 Council of Public Representatives (COPR) roster. The COPR consists of up to 21 individuals with diverse backgrounds, from local, regional, and national levels, with a range of professions and experiences, including but not limited to community leaders, patient advocates, health educators, media, medical and public health professionals, science administrators, and academicians who have a broad public perspective. Applications are due July 29, 2011. <http://copr.nih.gov/nomination>

HHS ANNOUNCES PROPOSED CHANGES TO HIPAA PRIVACY RULE

A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking concerning the accounting of disclosures requirement under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability (HIPAA) Act Privacy Rule, is available for public comment. The proposed rule would give people the right to get a report on who has electronically accessed their protected health information. Comments are due August 1, 2011.

Proposed rule: <http://www.federalregister.gov/>

Submit comments: <http://www.regulations.gov/>

DOE INVITES COMMENTS ON SCHOOL BULLYING LAW AND POLICY PLAN

The DOE has published a plan to conduct case studies at 24 school sites across the nation to analyze bullying laws and policies. The study will identify promising strategies and practices schools use to combat bullying, and will examine how state legislative requirements influence policies, including ways that state and district policies facilitate or create challenges for effective implementation. Comments about the plan are due August 1, 2011. <http://www.ojjdp.gov/enews/11juvjust/110620.html>

HELP NIH BRING ENGAGING AND INEXPENSIVE EXPERIMENTS INTO THE CLASSROOM SO EVERYONE CAN ENJOY DOING SCIENCE

A new competition seeks to bring hands-on science into classrooms nationwide. The NIH's *K-12 Lessons About Bioscience (LAB) Challenge* asks teachers, students, parents, scientists, and science enthusiasts to submit their favorite experiments for elementary, middle, and high school students. The challenge is open to any resident of the United States or a U.S. territory. The entry deadline is December 1, 2011. Winners will be announced on March 1, 2012. <http://LAB.challenge.gov>

CLINICAL TRIAL PARTICIPATION NEWS

NATIONWIDE RECRUITMENT: BIPOLAR DISORDER GENETICS: A COLLABORATIVE STUDY

Individuals who have been diagnosed with bipolar disorder may be eligible to participate in a research study at the NIH clinical Center in Bethesda, MD. The purpose of this study is to identify genes that may contribute to the development of bipolar disorder (manic depression), and related conditions. Bipolar disorder is a common and potentially life-threatening mood disorder. The tendency to develop bipolar disorder can be inherited, but this is poorly understood and probably involves multiple genes. This study will use genetic markers to map and identify genes that contribute to bipolar disorder.

Families and individuals who have the disorder are asked to contribute their personal information and a blood sample to an anonymous national database. This information will aid scientists around the world who are working together to develop better treatments for this serious mood disorder.

For more information about this study, please call 1-866-644-4363, or email us at kazubad@mail.nih.gov.

For more information on research conducted by the National Institute of Mental Health in Bethesda, MD click here <http://patientinfo.nimh.nih.gov>.

FUNDING INFORMATION

HHS: \$10 MILLION IN AFFORDABLE CARE ACT FUNDS TO HELP CREATE WORKPLACE HEALTH PROGRAMS

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced the availability of \$10 million to establish and evaluate comprehensive workplace health promotion programs across the nation to improve the health of American workers and their families. The initiative, with funds from the Affordable Care Act's Prevention and Public Health Fund, is aimed at improving workplace environments so that they support healthy lifestyles and reduce risk factors for chronic diseases like heart disease, cancer, stroke, and diabetes. <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2011pres/06/20110623a.html>

THE HEALTHY PEOPLE 2010 COMMUNITY INNOVATIONS PROJECT

The *Healthy People 2010 Community Innovations Project* will fund non-profit, community-based organizations with budgets less than \$750,000 to implement projects that address Healthy People 2020 overarching goals, topic areas, and objectives, and integrate at least one of the Healthy People 2020 Community Innovation Projects priorities: environmental justice, health equity, and healthy behaviors across all life stages. As many as 170 projects will be given between \$5,000 to \$10,000 to conduct projects between December 1, 2011 and May 31, 2012. The deadline for submitting an application is Friday, August 5, 2011.

<http://1.usa.gov/kSzpXs>

DOE: REHABILITATION RESEARCH AND TRAINING CENTER--INTERVENTIONS TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY LIVING AMONG INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

The National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research's Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program invites applications for new awards for fiscal year 2011 for the Interventions to Promote Community Living Among Individuals with Disabilities project.

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-06-27/html/2011-16031.htm>



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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