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SCIENCE AND SERVICE NEWS UPDATES

TEEN MUSICIANS WIN GRAMMY® EXPERIENCE FOR SONGS ABOUT DRUG ABUSE: NIH COLLABORATES WITH MUSICARES® AND GRAMMY FOUNDATION® TO HONOR TEEN MUSICIANS DURING NATIONAL DRUG FACTS WEEK

Three original music compositions that focus on personal experience living around drugs were the winners of the MusiCares and GRAMMY Foundation's Teen Substance Abuse Awareness through Music contest. The contest was created to celebrate National Drug Facts Week, a seven-day observance launched this week by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA).

Press Release: <http://www.nih.gov/news/health/nov2010/nida-10.htm>

NIH-SUPPORTED STUDY FINDS STRATEGIES TO REDUCE COLLEGE DRINKING

Highly visible cooperative projects, in which colleges and their surrounding communities target off-campus drinking settings, can reduce harmful alcohol use among college students, according to a report by researchers supported by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA).

Press Release: <http://www.nih.gov/news/health/nov2010/niaaa-12.htm>

SAMHSA AWARDS UP TO \$22.4 MILLION IN FUNDING TO HELP PREVENT SUICIDE

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is awarding a total of up to \$22.4 million in additional funds over the course of the next five years to the Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC). This new funding will allow the SPRC to increase its focus on populations at high risk for suicide or suicide attempts, such as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender youth, young Latinas, youth in the foster care and juvenile justice systems, and American Indian/Alaska natives. The funding will also allow an increased focus on increasing the suicide prevention capacity of health and mental health providers to assess and manage suicide risk and to improve quality and continuity of care for persons at high risk of suicide, including individuals who have attempted suicide, those afflicted with mental illness, and those with substance use disorders.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1011034136.aspx>

SAMHSA AWARDS UP TO \$71 MILLION FOR CHILD MENTAL HEALTH

To support communities and help families with the best mental health services available for children, SAMHSA is awarding nine new grants for a total of up to \$70.9 million over the next six years to develop and expand systems of care for children and youth with serious mental health challenges and their families.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1011124613.aspx>

RESOURCES: PUBLICATIONS, TOOLKITS, OTHER RESOURCES

NIMH DIRECTOR'S BLOG: FROM COGNITION TO GENOMICS: PROGRESS IN SCHIZOPHRENIA RESEARCH

NIMH Director Dr. Insel comments on the November 11, 2010 issue of *Nature*, which has a special section dedicated to research progress on schizophrenia. There have been few such issues dedicated to any medical disorder, so this is a landmark for schizophrenia research, a follow-up perhaps to an editorial in *Nature* at the beginning of this year predicting a “decade for psychiatric disorders”. But beyond the mere fact that schizophrenia has been singled out for this distinction, the contents document remarkable progress on a disorder that has been such a conundrum for the past century.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/director/2010/from-cognition-to-genomics-progress-in-schizophrenia-research.shtml>

LATEST NIDA NEWSSCAN AVAILABLE

This special neuroscience issue of *NIDA NewsScan* was created to coincide with the *Frontiers in Addiction Research: NIDA Mini-Convention*, a satellite meeting at the Society for Neuroscience 40th Annual Meeting.

<http://www.nida.nih.gov/newsroom/10/NS-11.html>

NEW SAMHSA RESOURCES

LATEST SAMHSA NEWS--HEALTH REFORM: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The latest issue of *SAMHSA News* discusses health reform and its impact for behavioral health. Health reform signals major changes for those with behavioral health needs. The Affordable Care Act marks a change from “sick care” to true health care for the Nation. The emphasis is on prevention, wellness, and plans for health insurance coverage for millions of Americans who are currently uninsured.

http://www.samhsa.gov/samhsaNewsletter/Volume_18_Number_5/HealthReform.aspx

FEMALE VETERANS AGED 20-39 LESS LIKELY TO USE MOST HARMFUL SUBSTANCES THAN MALE COUNTERPARTS

According to a new report by SAMHSA, female veterans aged 20-39 are far less likely to engage in binge drinking or the use of substances such as cigarettes and illicit drugs than male veterans of the same age group. The differences were most pronounced in terms of binge drinking -- drinking five or more drinks on the same occasion. While 22.9 percent of female veterans reported binge drinking in the past month, 43.2 percent of male veterans in this age group had engaged in it within the same period.

<http://oas.samhsa.gov/spotlight/FemaleVeterans.pdf>

CDC: INCREASING PREVALENCE OF PARENT-REPORTED ATTENTION-DEFICIT/HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER AMONG CHILDREN

This Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report indicates that a million more children four to 17 years of age had a parent-reported Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) diagnosis by 2007 as compared to 2003. That's a 22 percent increase in ADHD diagnosis in four years. In addition, significant increases in rates of ADHD diagnosis among older teens and Hispanics suggest that health care providers may be managing a larger and different demographic than they were four years ago.

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5944a3.htm?s_cid=mm5944a3_e

DCOE: HANDBOOK FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF SERVICE MEMBERS BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER DEPLOYMENT: THIS EMOTIONAL LIFE TOOL KIT

The Defense Centers of Excellence (DCoE) recently collaborated with PBS to produce a handbook for military families. Created as a companion to the PBS series, *This Emotional Life*, this handbook explores the stressors and feelings individuals may encounter throughout the different phases of deployment. The handbook aims to provide solutions for Service members and identifies outside tools and resources that may be useful to friends and family members before, during, and after deployment. Topics including what to expect during deployment and skills to strengthen or repair relationships are designed to help Service members and their friends and families develop skills to become more resilient throughout deployment.

http://store.samhsa.gov/product/SMA10-EMLKITM?WT.ac=EB20101111_SMA10EMLKITM

FEMA GUIDANCE TO SUPPORT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES DURING DISASTERS

These Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) guidelines on emergency sheltering can help state planners and non-profit organizations make sure that people with disabilities receive the help they need during a disaster. *Guidance on Planning for Integration of Functional Needs Support Services in General Population Shelters* provides recommendations on providing emergency sheltering services that are in compliance with disability-related federal laws. This document also describes common scenarios that shelter operators may encounter during emergencies.

http://www.fema.gov/pdf/about/odc/fnss_guidance.pdf

ED: LESSONS LEARNED RESPONDING TO A SUICIDE CLUSTER: PALO ALTO SCHOOL DISTRICT

The U.S. Department of Education's (ED) Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools, in partnership with its Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance Center, released its newest publication, *Lessons Learned Responding to a Suicide Cluster: Palo Alto School District*. The publication examines the short and long-term strategies the district utilized to support a comprehensive response to suicides in their community. http://rem.ed.gov/docs/LL_Vol5Issue2.pdf

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON CONFIDENTIALITY AND PRIVACY ISSUES RELATED TO PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING DATA

NOVEMBER 18, 2010, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

SAMHSA, in close cooperation with the HHS Office for Civil Rights, is conducting a study of the “Confidentiality and Privacy Issues Related to Psychological Testing Data.” As HIPAA’s Privacy Rule includes special protections relating to the use and disclosure of psychotherapy notes, this study is examining whether these special protections should also be applied to “test data that is related to direct responses, scores, items, forms, protocols, manuals, or other materials that are part of a mental health evaluation.” SAMHSA is hosting a regional public meeting in Los Angeles to provide the public with an opportunity to learn about this issue and express opinions. Registration is necessary, but there is no charge for attending. http://www.regonline.com/samhsa_regional_public_meeting_los_angeles

PREVENTION AND HOLISTIC APPROACHES TO WELLNESS: A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON MENTAL HEALTH RECOVERY

DECEMBER 7, 2010 3 PM–4:30 PM ET

This SAMHSA teleconference will educate diverse stakeholders about both peer-delivered and community mental health provider-delivered alternatives to wellness that focus on building resiliency and supporting individuals to establish healthier lifestyles. It also will address how to create educational campaigns and outreach to disseminate information about complementary and alternative healing practices in the context of rigorous science. <http://www.promoteacceptance.samhsa.gov/10by10/training.aspx>

THE THIRD ANNUAL TRAUMA SPECTRUM CONFERENCE: EMERGING RESEARCH ON POLYTRAUMA, RECOVERY AND REINTEGRATION OF SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

DECEMBER 7-8, 2010, BETHESDA, MARYLAND

The goal of this conference is to enhance and promote continued collaboration among the Department of Defense, NIH, the VA, and key stakeholders such as researchers, academics, other Federal partners, and military and civilian personnel dedicated to improving the lives of service members, veterans, and their families. <http://www.dcoe.health.mil/Training/UpcomingConferences.aspx>

2010 JOINT MEETING ON ADOLESCENT TREATMENT EFFECTIVENESS: JOINING WITH FAMILIES, YOUTH, AND COMMUNITIES TO PROMOTE AND IMPROVE ADOLESCENT ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG TREATMENT AND RECOVERY

DECEMBER 14-16, 2010, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

SAMHSA has issued a call for presentations for the upcoming 2010 Joint Meeting on Adolescent Treatment Effectiveness (JMATE). Co-sponsored by the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention and other SAMHSA partners, JMATE seeks to enhance adolescent substance abuse treatment and recovery by providing a forum for the exchange of information among researchers, practitioners, youth and their families, policymakers, and community members. <http://www.jmate.org/jmate2010/Presentations.aspx>

2011 DOD/VA ANNUAL SUICIDE PREVENTION CONFERENCE: ALL THE WAY HOME: PREVENTING SUICIDE AMONG SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS

SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 14-17, 2011, BOSTON, MA

The 2011 Departments of Defense (DOD) and Veterans Affairs (VA) Annual Suicide Prevention Conference is planned for March 2011 in Boston, Massachusetts.

<http://www.dcoe.health.mil/Events/UpcomingConferences.aspx>

CALLS FOR PUBLIC INPUT

UPCOMING INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP ON YOUTH PROGRAMS LISTENING SESSIONS

The Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs (IWGYP), a collaborative of 12 federal agencies, is hosting a series of listening sessions around the country to gather input to inform the development of an overarching strategic plan for federal youth policy. The IWGYP wants to hear from young people, families, youth workers, researchers, policymakers, state and local affiliates of youth serving organizations, and other stakeholders at the state and local levels. Listening sessions include:

- November 16, 2010: Region IV (AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN) Listening Session in Orlando on Juvenile Justice
- November 18, 2010: Region VI (AR, LA, NM, OK, TX) Listening Session in Houston on Housing
- December 2, 2010: Region III (DE, DC, MD, PA, VA, WV) Listening Session in Washington, DC on Youth Enrichment, Youth Engagement, Youth Mentoring, and Positive Youth Development

<http://events.findyouthinfo.gov/>

SAMHSA SOLICITING INPUT ABOUT PUBLICATIONS

SAMHSA is soliciting input about its publications from its grantees on its stakeholder feedback forum. SAMHSA is interested in the following areas:

- What publications would help the work as SAMHSA grantees?
- What gaps exist in SAMHSA's currently available resources and publications on mental health and substance abuse?
- What publications are most relevant to grantee work?
- What publications have grantees heard from others that they wished were available on mental health and substance abuse?

Comments accepted through November 30, 2010.

<http://feedback.samhsa.gov/forums/62261-what-publications-would-help-your-work-as-samhsa-g>

COMMENTS SOUGHT FOR AHRQ EFFECTIVE HEALTH CARE PROGRAM REPORTS

The Agency for Healthcare Research Quality (AHRQ) Effective Health Care Program encourages the public to participate in the development of its research projects. The Program 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:

DRAFT REPORT: ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER: EFFECTIVENESS OF TREATMENT IN AT-RISK PRESCHOOLERS; LONG-TERM EFFECTIVENESS IN ALL AGES; AND VARIABILITY IN PREVALENCE, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT (DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS IS NOVEMBER 16, 2010)

<http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/search-for-guides-reviews-and-reports/?pageaction=displayproduct&productid=552>

DRAFT REPORT: NONPHARMACOLOGIC INTERVENTIONS FOR TREATMENT-RESISTANT DEPRESSION IN ADULTS (DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS IS DECEMBER 6, 2010)

<http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/search-for-guides-reviews-and-reports/?pageaction=displayProduct&productID=574>

ONC REQUESTS YOUR COMMENTS ABOUT PERSONAL HEALTH RECORDS

The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) is soliciting public comments on personal health records in conjunction with ONC's upcoming roundtable discussion, *Personal Health Records—Understanding the Evolving Landscape*. Comments don't have to be restricted to behavioral health, but can address health care issues in general such as privacy and security, consumer expectations, and non-covered entities. Deadline for public comment: December 10, 2010.

http://healthit.hhs.gov/blog/phr-roundtable/?page_id=18

FDA SOLICITING PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW CIGARETTE PACKAGING LABELS

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is soliciting public comment on proposed new warning labels for cigarette packages and advertising. FDA issued a proposed rule, *Required Warnings for Cigarette Packages and Advertisements*, proposing to modify the required warnings that appear on cigarette packages and in cigarette advertisements. These new required warnings would consist of nine new textual warning statements accompanied by color graphics depicting the negative health consequences of smoking. Deadline for public comment: January 11, 2011.

<http://www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/Labeling/CigaretteProductWarningLabels/default.htm>

FUNDING INFORMATION

CENTERS PROGRAM FOR RESEARCH ON HIV/AIDS AND MENTAL HEALTH

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-11-019.html>

INTEGRATING COMPARATIVE EFFECTIVENESS RESEARCH FINDINGS INTO CARE DELIVERY THROUGH ECONOMIC INCENTIVES

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-11-001.html>

MOLECULAR GENETICS OF DRUG ADDICTION AND RELATED CO-MORBIDITIES

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-11-026.html>

ALCOHOL MARKETING AND YOUTH DRINKING

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-11-015.html>



The **Outreach Partnership Program** 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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