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SCIENCE AND SERVICE NEWS UPDATES

WHITE HOUSE NAMES NIMH A “CHAMPION OF CHANGE” FOR ITS SUICIDE PREVENTION EFFORTS

The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) was named by the White House as a “Champion of Change” for its efforts in supporting research on suicide prevention. Jane Pearson, Ph.D., and Kevin Quinn, Ph.D., of NIMH accepted the award at a ceremony and roundtable event at the White House, where they joined White House policy officials and others for a discussion of suicide prevention best practices. In addition to NIMH, the Suicide Prevention Resource Center; Suicide Prevention Action Network; SAVE Foundation; the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention; National Suicide Prevention Lifeline; Blue Star Families; the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network; the Creative Coalition; and the Trevor Project, all of whom are dedicated to preventing suicide, were honored.

Science News: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2011/white-house-names-nimh-a-champion-of-change-for-its-suicide-prevention-efforts.shtml>

AUTISM RISK IN YOUNGER SIBLINGS MAY BE HIGHER THAN PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT

Parents of a child with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) face about a 19 percent chance that subsequent children will also develop ASD, according to a study partially funded by the NIMH. This estimate is much higher than previous reports, but may also be more accurate due to the study's size and design, according to the researchers. The study was published August 15, 2011, online ahead of print in the journal *Pediatrics*.

Science News: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2011/autism-risk-in-younger-siblings-may-be-higher-than-previously-thought.shtml>

BIOLOGY, NOT JUST SOCIETY, MAY INCREASE RISK OF BINGE EATING DURING PUBERTY

Biological changes associated with puberty may influence the development of binge eating and related eating disorders, according to a recent study on female rats conducted by NIMH-funded researchers. After puberty, the rats showed binge eating patterns that resemble those in humans, supporting the role of biological factors, since rats do not experience pressures to be thin or other psychosocial risk factors commonly associated with human eating disorders. The study was published May 16, 2011, online ahead of print in the *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*.

Science News: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2011/biology-not-just-society-may-increase-risk-of-binge-eating-during-puberty.shtml>

NEW NEURONS IN ADULT BRAIN BUFFER STRESS

New neurons growing in the adult brain help buffer the effects of stress, according to a new study in mice. Previous research has suggested that the growth of new neurons, or neurogenesis, in adults is involved in recovery from depression. This work provides evidence that loss of new neurons plays a role in the development of depression, and suggests that the stress response is the link between adult neurogenesis and depressive illness. In this study, reported in the journal *Nature*, NIMH intramural researchers interrupted adult neurogenesis in mice, then tracked how the mice responded to stress.

Science News: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2011/new-neurons-in-adult-brain-buffer-stress.shtml>

SCIENTISTS SHOW HOW GENE VARIANT LINKED TO ADHD COULD OPERATE: NIH STUDY IN MICE SHOWS A POTENTIAL NEW TARGET FOR THE TREATMENT OF ADHD

A study using mice provides insight into how a specific receptor subtype in the brain could play a role in increasing a person's risk for attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). The research, conducted by the Intramural Research Program at the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), could also help explain how stimulants work to treat symptoms of ADHD.

Press Release: <http://www.nida.nih.gov/newsroom/11/NR8-16.html>

STUDY LINKS LOW DHA LEVELS TO SUICIDE RISK AMONG U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL

Scientists at the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) teamed with researchers at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences to analyze a sample of suicide deaths among U.S. military personnel on active duty between 2002 and 2008. The researchers compared levels of omega-3 fatty acids of 800 individuals who committed suicide with those of 800 randomly selected controls — service members who were matched with the suicide cases by age, sex, and rank. They found that all the service members had low omega-3 levels, and that suicide risk was greatest among individuals with the lowest levels of docosahexaenoic acid (DHA), the major omega-3 fatty acid concentrated in the brain. The new study is reported online in the *Journal of Clinical Psychiatry*.

Press Release: <http://www.nih.gov/news/health/aug2011/niaaa-23.htm>

CDC REPORT IDENTIFIES NEED FOR INCREASED MONITORING OF ADULT MENTAL ILLNESS

This report summarizes data from selected Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) surveillance systems that measure the prevalence and impact of mental illness in the U.S. adult population. It is the first agency-wide compilation of data from selected surveillance and information systems that measure the prevalence and effects of mental illness in the U.S. adult population. CDC plans to issue a similar report in 2012 focusing on childhood mental illness.

Press Release: http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2011/a0901_adult_mental_illness.html

Full Report: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/su6003a1.htm>

HHS TIGHTENS FINANCIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST RULES FOR RESEARCHERS: INCREASED REPORTING, TRANSPARENCY TO ENSURE SCIENTIFIC OBJECTIVITY AND INTEGRITY

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued an updated final rule on conflict of interest, providing a framework for identifying, managing, and ultimately avoiding investigators' financial conflicts of interest. NIH Staff worked with others in HHS to revise the 1995 regulations to update and enhance the objectivity and integrity of the research process.

Press Release: <http://www.nih.gov/news/health/aug2011/od-23.htm>

NIH DATABASE WILL SPEED RESEARCH TOWARD BETTER PREVENTION, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT OF TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY

The National Institutes of Health (NIH), in partnership with the Department of Defense, is building a central database on traumatic brain injuries. The Federal Interagency Traumatic Brain Injury Research database, funded at \$10 million over four years, is designed to accelerate comparative effectiveness research on brain injury treatment and diagnosis. It will serve as a central repository for new data, link to current databases, and allow valid comparison of results across studies.

Press Release: <http://www.nih.gov/news/health/aug2011/ninds-29.htm>

SECOND ANNUAL NATIONAL DRUG FACTS WEEK BEGINS OCTOBER 31: AWARENESS WEEK FOR TEENS PROMOTES SCIENTIFIC FACTS ABOUT DRUGS

Teens and drug experts will connect for the second annual National Drug Facts Week, held October 31 through November 6. This week-long observance sponsored by NIDA will bring together teens and scientific experts in community events across the country to discuss scientific facts about drug abuse. National Drug Facts Week encourages community-based question and answer sessions between teens and scientists. Events can be sponsored by a variety of organizations, including schools, community groups, sports clubs, book clubs, and local hospitals. NIDA provides an online toolkit that advises teens and their sponsoring organizations on how to create an event, how to publicize it, how to find a scientific expert, and where to find scientific information on drugs. NIDA will support event holders by offering its teen booklet, *Drugs: Shatter the Myths*, free of charge as well as a new online *National Drug IQ Challenge*, a 10-question multiple choice quiz that teens and adults can take to test their knowledge about drugs.

Press Release: <http://www.nih.gov/news/health/aug2011/nida-22.htm>

NEW DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM TO HELP STATES IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF CARE FOR PATIENTS EXPERIENCING A PSYCHIATRIC EMERGENCY

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services announced a new Medicaid Emergency Psychiatric Demonstration designed to provide states with more flexibility and resources to care for Medicaid beneficiaries with mental illnesses. This demonstration provides up to \$75 million in funding to states over three years, as authorized by the Affordable Care Act, to help care for Medicaid patients (aged 21 through 64) with psychiatric emergencies, in private inpatient psychiatric facilities with 17 or more beds, also known as institutions for mental diseases.

Press Release:

<http://www.cms.gov/DemonstrProjectsEvalRepts/MDP/itemdetail.asp?filterType=none&filterByDID=-99&sortByDID=3&sortOrder=ascending&itemID=CMS1249074&intNumPerPage=10>

VA RULE AFFIRMS ROLE OF COMMUNITY PROVIDERS IN TREATING VETERANS WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

As part of its efforts to end homelessness among veterans, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) issued a final rule clarifying that veterans with substance use disorders qualify for services under the Health Care for Homeless Veterans program. This program assists certain homeless veterans in obtaining treatment from non-VA community-based providers, where extensive outreach, physical and psychiatric health exams, treatment, referrals, and ongoing case management are provided. The final rule establishes regulations for contracting with community-based treatment facilities in the VA and clarifies that veterans with substance use disorders may qualify for the program.

Final Rule:

http://www.va.gov/ORPM/docs/20110823_AN73_HealthCareforHomelessVeteransProgram.pdf

RESOURCES: PUBLICATIONS, TOOLKITS, OTHER RESOURCES

NEW ON NIMH WEBSITE

NIMH VIDEO: SUICIDE PREVENTION AND RESEARCH

NIMH researcher Dr. Jane Pearson talks about warning signs as well as progress in suicide prevention. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/media/video/suicide-prevention-and-research.shtml>

NIMH VIDEO: SUICIDE PREVENTION RESEARCH

NIMH researcher Dr. Douglas Meinecke talks about critical suicide prevention research. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/media/video/suicide-prevention-research.shtml>

MEETING SUMMARY: IMPROVING CARE FOR CHILD AND ADULT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLIENTS WITH SUICIDAL IDEATION AND BEHAVIOR IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT SETTINGS CONFERENCE

NIMH partnered with SAMHSA, representatives from the Institute for Behavioral Healthcare Improvement, and the Department of Veterans Affairs, in the planning and coordination of a meeting to discuss suicide prevention in Emergency Department (ED) settings. The goal of the meeting was to review the empirical basis of and consider best practices for the assessment and care of children and adults with suicidal thoughts and behaviors who present to hospital EDs/urgent care settings.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/research-funding/scientific-meetings/2011/improving-care-in-emergency-departments-for-suicide-ideation/index.shtml>

STRIVING FOR DIVERSITY

NIMH Director Dr. Thomas Insel addresses NIH's challenge to increasing diversity among the research community. NIMH programs to achieve diversity in the NIMH workforce, advisory committees, and grantees are discussed. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/director/2011/striving-for-diversity.shtml>

BORDERLINE PERSONALITY DISORDER BOOKLET--REVISED

This resource describes the signs, symptoms, treatment options, and current research on borderline personality disorder. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/borderline-personality-disorder/>

REAL WARRIORS: SUICIDE PREVENTION RESOURCES FOR MILITARY FAMILIES

This Real Warriors article provides an overview of resources for family members concerned that a service member or veteran in their family is considering harming him/herself.

<http://www.realwarriors.net/family/support/preventsuicide.php>

AHRQ RESOURCES

CATALOGUE OF FEDERAL MEDICAL HOME ACTIVITIES

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) has announced the release of the online *Catalogue of Federal Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Activities* which summarizes the PCMH-related work of Federal agencies. The website contains white papers on care coordination and the medical neighborhood, and a searchable database of articles.

http://www.pcmh.ahrq.gov/portal/server.pt/community/pcmh__home/1483/federal_pcmh_activities

SPANISH CONSUMER GUIDE ON TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY AND DEPRESSION

The Spanish versions of AHRQ's guide, *Depression After Brain Injury: A Guide for Patients and Their Caregivers*, is now available.

Spanish Version: <http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/search-for-guides-reviews-and-reports/?pageaction=displayproduct&productid=744>

English Version: <http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/search-for-guides-reviews-and-reports/?pageaction=displayproduct&productID=647>

AHRQ RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

DIAGNOSING AND TREATING DEPRESSION GETS BETTER IN NURSING HOMES BUT SOME DISPARITIES REMAIN

This AHRQ-funded study demonstrated that diagnosis and treatment of depression among nursing home residents has risen significantly in the past decade. Yet some disparities persist, particularly among minority residents and those with significant cognitive impairment or dementia.

<http://www.ahrq.gov/research/sep11/0911RA14.htm>

ANXIETY IS COMMON AMONG OLDER ADULTS RECEIVING CARE FROM AGING SERVICES AGENCIES

More than 10 million older adults receive services from approximately 30,000 local and State aging services agencies. More than a quarter of this group had significant levels of anxiety, according to a new AHRQ-funded study. <http://www.ahrq.gov/research/sep11/0911RA28.htm>

CDC RESOURCES

ATTENTION-DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER AMONG CHILDREN AGED 5-17 YEARS IN THE UNITED STATES, 1998-2009

This CDC data brief presents recent trends in prevalence and differences between population subgroups of children aged 5–17 years with ADHD. <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/databriefs/db70.htm>

SURVEILLANCE FOR VIOLENT DEATHS

An estimated 50,000 persons die annually in the United States as a result of violence-related injuries. This report summarizes data from CDC's National Violent Death Reporting System regarding violent deaths from 16 U.S. states for 2008. Results are reported by sex, age group, race/ethnicity, marital status, location of injury, method of injury, circumstances of injury, and other selected characteristics.

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/ss6010a1.htm>

SUSTAINABILITY PLANNING GUIDE FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

This new CDC Healthy Communities Program guide provides the science- and practice-based evidence designed to help facilitate communities, community leaders, and other public and community health professionals to develop a sustainability plan and learn key sustainability approaches like policies, partnerships, organizational strategies, and communication plans. The Guide provides a process for sustaining policy strategies and related activities, introduces various approaches to sustainability, and demonstrates sustainability planning in action with real-life examples.

<http://www.cdc.gov/healthycommunitiesprogram/tools/index.htm#guide>

NEW ON SAMHSA RECOVERY MONTH WEBSITE

FAITH COMMUNITY BULLETIN INSERT

This bulletin insert was created to provide faith communities with information about the reality and hope of recovery during Recovery Month.

<http://www.attcnetwork.org/regcenters/productdetails.asp?prodID=722&rcID=5>

MOBILE VERSION OF WEBSITE

A new mobile version of the Recovery Month website, which is accessed by smartphone or iphone, is now available. To get to the mobile site via smartphone, simply browse to www.recoverymonth.gov, and the phone will automatically pick up the mobile site.

CONTENT IN SPANISH

The Recovery Month website now has content available in Spanish. To view the Spanish content, simply browse to www.recoverymonth.gov, and click on the "En Espanol" button in the left navigation, or at the top. From this page, users select a button that says "Switch to Spanish" to view all content available in Spanish.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HEALTH OBSERVANCE: 2011 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>

HEALTH OBSERVANCE: SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK

SEPTEMBER 4 – 10, 2011

Each year as a part of Suicide Prevention Week, SAMHSA's Suicide Prevention Resource Center produces an updated list of ideas for suicide prevention awareness and activities. This year's list contains 11 program and activity ideas to raise awareness for suicide prevention week or anytime throughout the year.

<http://www.sprc.org/library/spweek.pdf>

WEBINAR: TRAUMA AND JUSTICE: TREATMENT AND RECOVERY THROUGH THE DELIVERY OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

AVAILABLE SEPTEMBER 7, 2011

This Center for Substance Abuse Treatment webcast will examine the need to address trauma in the delivery of substance use and/or mental disorders' treatment and recovery services, discuss how to screen for and identify individuals with trauma-related problems, and provide suggested interventions and support services. Discussion will include what interventions work, how to collaborate, and how to provide a full range of support services to ensure a full and sustained recovery.

<http://www.recoverymonth.gov/Multimedia/Road-to-Recovery-Television-Series.aspx>

WEBINAR: READY TO REMEMBER: HELPING CHILDREN WITH TRAUMATIC GRIEF

SEPTEMBER 7, 2011, 1:30 PM ET

As part of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) Childhood Traumatic Grief Speaker Series, presenters will describe childhood traumatic grief. In addition two family members will answer presenters' questions about experiencing traumatic grief, processing their grief, treatment, and the coping skills and resilience of their families. <http://learn.nctsn.org/calendar/view.php>

VIDEOCAST: SUICIDE IN THE US: FINDING PATHWAYS TO PREVENTION

SEPTEMBER 7, 2011, 2:00 – 3:30 PM ET

As part of Suicide Prevention Awareness, NIMH is sponsoring a videocast panel of suicide prevention experts. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and hear directly from people working in the field. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/suicide-prevention/index.shtml>

WEBINAR: DECADE OF GROWTH: REFLECTIONS ON WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED SINCE 9/11

SEPTEMBER 9, 2011, 1:00 PM ET

As part of the NCTSN Terrorism and Disaster Speaker Series, presenters will describe their most poignant moments in the response to the September 11 (9/11) terrorist attacks, the impact on their work, the role of the NCTSN, and—considering its growth in the last decade—the future of the disaster mental health field. <http://learn.nctsn.org/calendar/view.php>

WEBINAR: ACTIONABLE KNOWLEDGE AND SUICIDE PREVENTION: PUTTING WHAT WE KNOW INTO PRACTICE

SEPTEMBER 9, 2011, 1:00 – 2:00 PM ET

In order to help address the research to practice gap in suicide prevention, CDC and SAMHSA supported three Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act (GLS) grantees to conduct enhanced evaluations of youth suicide prevention programs. The primary focus of this CDC webinar will be to highlight the unique and innovative ways actionable knowledge can bring science to “life” in the field of suicide prevention. In addition, the webinar will highlight the “actionable knowledge” products developed by these GLS Enhanced Evaluation grantees.

<http://event.onlineseminarsolutions.com/r.htm?e=345586&s=1&k=1588B33968840195C0C5762D3665F555>

WEBINAR: PREPARING OUR CHILDREN FOR EMERGENCIES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2011, 1:00 ET

As part of the NCTSN Terrorism and Disaster Speaker Series, presenters will describe how best to prepare our children for emergencies from the standpoint of community preparedness, and resilience and emergency preparedness in school settings. <http://learn.nctsn.org/calendar/view.php>

WEBINAR: LESSONS LEARNED SINCE 9/11 ABOUT POST-DISASTER INTERVENTION

SEPTEMBER 14, 2011, 2:00 PM ET

As part of the NCTSN Terrorism and Disaster Speaker Series, presenters will examine the evolution of post-disaster interventions since 9/11. <http://learn.nctsn.org/calendar/view.php>

WEBINAR: BRIEF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INTERVENTIONS IN PRIMARY CARE

SEPTEMBER 14, 2011, 1:00 – 2:30 PM ET

Brief behavioral health interventions in primary care offer primary care and behavioral health clinicians a viable option to improve the health of patients with both behavioral health and general health needs. This SAMHSA-Health Resources Services Administration Center for Integrated Health Solutions webinar will provide an overview of evidence-based brief behavioral health interventions for common conditions—such as depression, anxiety, substance abuse, and diabetes—seen in primary care offices.

http://www.thenationalcouncil.org/cs/center_for_integrated_health_solutions

WEBINAR: INNOVATIONS IN FAMILY-CENTERED APPROACHES TO TRAUMA AND LOSS

SEPTEMBER 16, 2010, 1:00 PM ET

As part of the NCTSN Family Systems Speaker Series, presenters will describe three family-based models of intervention for families who have experienced trauma: FOCUS, Strengthening Family Coping Resources, and Trauma Adapted Family Connections. A moderated panel discussion will allow presenters to elaborate on how each model implements interventions to families' responses to trauma.

<http://learn.nctsn.org/calendar/view.php>

HEALTH OBSERVANCE: NATIONAL WELLNESS WEEK

SEPTEMBER 19 – 25, 2011

The first National Wellness Week will be held as part of SAMHSA's Recovery Month. During that period, SAMHSA will provide individuals with mental health and substance use problems, as well as their behavioral health and primary care providers ways to incorporate the eight dimensions of wellness into their recovery. Armed with this holistic approach to recovery, thousands of communities across the country can lead the way in improving the overall health and life expectancy of people with behavioral health problems by 10 percent over the next 10 years. <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1106280601.aspx>

WEBINAR: DEMYSTIFYING TRAUMA: SHARING PATHWAYS TO HEALING AND WELLNESS

SEPTEMBER 26, 2011, 3:00 – 4:30 PM ET

During this SAMHSA webinar, participants will learn how traumatic experiences and their impact are a nearly universal experience, and how broad the impact can be on mind, body, spirit, and relationships. Participants will gain strategies and techniques for listening in a way that is supportive and compassionate, but also allows listeners to cope with the emotional responses that may be triggered by painful stories. Registration will close at 5:00 PM ET on September 25, 2011.

<http://www.promoteacceptance.samhsa.gov/teleconferences/archive/training/teleconference09262011.aspx>

WEBINAR: THE IMPACT OF TRAUMA AND THE EXPERIENCE OF YOUNG CHILDREN IN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM

OCTOBER 6, 2011, 12:00 PM ET

As part of the NCTSN Zero to Six Speaker Series, presenters will discuss the impact of trauma and the experience of young children in the child welfare system, and the signs, symptoms, and consequences of trauma in infants, young children, and their caregivers. <http://learn.nctsn.org/calendar/view.php>

WEBINAR: USING AND ADAPTING TRAUMA EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES FOR FAMILY TRAUMA CONTEXT

OCTOBER 12, 2011, 1:00 PM ET

As part of the NCTSN Family Systems Speaker Series, presenters will discuss the critical impact of parent or other caregiver involvement in two evidence-based practices: Trauma-focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Child-Parent Psychotherapy, and describe the ways in which parents take part in each model, and the evidence demonstrating that parent participation and parent well-being is an essential element in the child's recovery. <http://learn.nctsn.org/calendar/view.php>

CALLS FOR PUBLIC INPUT

NIH WANTS TO HEAR FROM PUBLIC ABOUT ITS COMMON FUND PROGRAMS

The NIH Common Fund supports exceptionally innovative programs that are inherently high-risk, but have the potential for high-payoff by catalyzing research across all of NIH and in the biomedical research community. New ideas for Common Fund programs are identified annually by internal and external scientists and stakeholders. NIH seeks public input on these ideas to help shape new programs for 2013. NIH wants to know which ideas have the potential to fundamentally change how to think about, support, or do research in a specific field, or to create a new field all together. The feedback period is open until Wednesday, September 14, 2011 and can be found at: <http://commonfund.nih.gov/strategicplanning>. For more information about the NIH Common Fund, visit: <http://commonfund.nih.gov>.

NATIONAL DRUG FACTS WEEK: ORIGINAL MUSIC AND MUSIC VIDEO COMPETITION

Announced by NIDA, along with MusiCares and the GRAMMY Foundation—the two nonprofit organizations of The Recording Academy®—the contest asks young musicians, ages 14-18, to compose or create an original song and/or music video that explores, encourages, and celebrates a healthy lifestyle, or accurately depicts a story about drug abuse. Winners will be revealed during NIDA's second annual National Drug Facts Week, which begins October 31, 2011. Original music compositions or compositions with accompanying videos must be sent to MusiCares, postmarked no later than October 10, 2011.

<http://drugfactsweek.drugabuse.gov/contest.php>

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: EXPANSION OF SHARING AND STANDARDIZATION OF NIH-FUNDED HUMAN BRAIN IMAGING DATA

The Blueprint Workgroup on Neuroimaging Data-Sharing and the Blueprint Lifespan Human Connectome Project Team are seeking input from the scientific community, health professionals, patient advocates, community-based organizations, students, and the general public about the administrative and technical issues involved in removing barriers to the sharing of human brain imaging data collected using NIH support. This input may include (but is not limited to) issues or potential solutions related to image hosting, as well as the adoption of standardized scanning procedures, imaging protocols, phenotypic characterization, and data formats. Of particular interest is input regarding human-subjects protection and confidentiality issues. Responses will be accepted until October 14, 2011.

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-DA-11-021.html>

WHITE HOUSE DISABILITY CONFERENCE CALL: PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON TOPICS

Each month, White House staff who work on disability-related policies host a public, live-captioned conference call to keep the public better informed about important developments on many different disability issues. These calls connect the public to leaders in the Federal government who work on these issues. Over the past several months, monthly conference calls have featured discussions on accessibility, employment, education, technology, emergency preparedness, transportation, healthcare, and the Federal budget. The White House is now offering the opportunity for members of the public to suggest topics to be discussed during these calls, as well as the Federal officials who can address these subjects.

<https://www.disability.gov/WHQuestion>

CLINICAL TRIAL PARTICIPATION NEWS

NATIONWIDE RECRUITMENT: ADULT DEPRESSION RESEARCH STUDY-- ANXIOUS DEPRESSION AND AZD2327

Individuals diagnosed with major depression and have anxiety symptoms may be able to participate in an NIMH research study that seeks to decrease symptoms of depression and understand the causes of anxious depression. Anxiety symptoms may include tension, worry, apprehension, restlessness, or loss of appetite. This study evaluates the effectiveness and safety of the study drug AZD2327, in the treatment of major depression and anxiety symptoms. This drug has a different mechanism of action from commonly used selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRI's) for anxiety and depression. This is a 12-week outpatient study, including an inpatient stay of four days in Bethesda, MD.

Individuals 18-65 years of age who have been diagnosed with major depression and have anxiety symptoms may be eligible for this clinical trial. There is the chance of receiving placebo in this study. After completion of the study, NIMH will provide short-term follow-up care, and then participants will return to the care of their own provider. All research participation is without cost and NIMH will cover all transportation costs from anywhere in the United States.

To find out more information, please call 1-877-MIND-NIH (1-877-646-3644), or send an email to moodresearch@mail.nih.gov. (TTY: 1-866-411-1010) Atendemos pacientes de habla hispana.

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

NONPROFIT CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM

http://www.nationalservice.gov/for_organizations/funding/nofa_detail.asp?tbl_nofa_id=89

INNOVATIVE PILOT STUDIES OF NOVEL MECHANISM OF ACTION COMPOUNDS FOR TREATING PSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS (U01)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-11-316.html>

SYSTEMS SCIENCE AND HEALTH IN THE BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-11-314.html> (R01)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-11-315.html> (R21)

DIMENSIONAL APPROACHES TO RESEARCH CLASSIFICATION IN PSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS (R01)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-12-100.html>

2012 NIH DIRECTOR'S NEW INNOVATOR AWARD PROGRAM (DP2)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-11-005.html>

ECONOMIC RESEARCH ON INCENTIVES FOR EFFICIENT USE OF PREVENTIVE SERVICES (R01)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-11-012.html>

DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION INTERVENTION RESEARCH

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-11-311.html> (R01)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-11-312.html> (R21)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-11-313.html> (R03)



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>

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.