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CIRCUIT TWEAK BOOSTS SOCIAL MEMORY IN MICE; STAYING POWER SOARS AT LEAST 80-FOLD

National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) researchers have boosted the staying power of a social memory at least 80-fold by stimulating a circuit they discovered in mouse brain. A male mouse that would normally forget a female mouse it had just met within an hour instead remembered it at least a week later. Researchers precisely tweaked the circuit by genetically priming it to respond to pulses of light –a cutting edge technique called optogenetics. The study is the first to enhance social memory by stimulating a specific circuit.

Science Update: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/science-news/2016/circuit-tweak-boosts-social-memory-in-mice.shtml>

SPEEDING UP BRAIN'S WASTE DISPOSAL MAY SLOW DOWN NEURODEGENERATIVE DISEASES; NIH-FUNDED MOUSE STUDY IDENTIFIES THERAPEUTIC TARGET FOR CLEARING OUT TOXIC PROTEINS DAMAGED DURING NEURODEGENERATIVE DISORDERS

A study of mice shows how proteasomes, a cell's waste disposal system, may break down during Alzheimer's disease, creating a cycle in which increased levels of damaged proteins become toxic, clog proteasomes, and kill neurons. The study, published in *Nature Medicine* and supported by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), suggests that enhancing proteasome activity with drugs during the early stages of Alzheimer's may prevent dementia and reduce damage to the brain.

Press Release: <http://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/speeding-brains-waste-disposal-may-slow-down-neurodegenerative-diseases>

NEW EXECUTIVE ACTIONS TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE AND MAKE COMMUNITIES SAFER

The President and Vice President are committed to using every tool at the Administration's disposal to reduce gun violence. The Administration announced a series of executive actions designed to: keep guns out of the wrong hands through background checks; make communities safer from gun violence; increase mental health treatment and reporting to the background check system; and shape the future of gun safety technology.

Fact Sheet: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/01/05/fact-sheet-new-executive-actions-reduce-gun-violence-and-make-our>

Blog post: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2016/01/04/live-updates-what-president-doing-keep-guns-out-wrong-hands>

FIRST-EVER CMS INNOVATION CENTER PILOT PROJECT TO TEST IMPROVING PATIENTS' HEALTH BY ADDRESSING THEIR SOCIAL NEEDS; \$157 MILLION IN FUNDING WILL BRIDGE CLINICAL CARE WITH SOCIAL SERVICES

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced a new funding opportunity of up to \$157 million to test whether screening beneficiaries for health-related social needs and associated referrals to and navigation of community-based services will improve quality and affordability in Medicare and Medicaid. Many of these social issues, such as housing instability, hunger, and interpersonal violence, affect individuals' health, yet they may not be detected or addressed during typical health care-related visits. Over time, these unmet needs may increase the risk of developing chronic conditions and reduce an individual's ability to manage these conditions, resulting in increased health care utilization and costs.

The five-year program, called the Accountable Health Communities Model, is the first Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Innovation Center model to focus on the health-related social needs of Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries, including building alignment between clinical and community-based services at the local level. The goal of this model is that beneficiaries struggling with unmet health-related social needs are aware of the community-based services available to them and receive assistance accessing those services.

Press Release: <http://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2016/01/05/first-ever-cms-innovation-center-pilot-project-test-improving-patients-health.html>

SAMHSA IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR UP TO 13.2 MILLION FOR SCREENING, BRIEF INTERVENTION AND REFERRAL TO TREATMENT (SBIRT) GRANTS

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is accepting applications for up to \$13,267,000 in Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) grants. The purpose of this program is to implement screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment services for adults in primary care and community health settings for substance misuse and substance use disorders (SUDs). This program is designed to expand and enhance the state and tribal continuum of care for SUD services and reduce consumption of alcohol and other drugs. Other goals of the program include increasing abstinence and reducing utilization of more costly health care.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/press-announcements/201512181200-0>

NEW FROM NIH

NIDA SCIENCE UPDATE: TEEN OPIOID PRESCRIPTIONS RAISE RISK OF LATER OPIOID MISUSE

Recent research has highlighted concerns that legitimate medicinal use of prescribed opioid pain medications may be a pathway to opioid misuse and opioid use disorders among adults, raising new questions about the risks versus benefits of these drugs in treating some forms of chronic pain. A new study funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) shows that teens who received a prescription for opioid pain medication by grade 12 were at 33 percent increased risk of misusing an opioid between ages 19 and 25. Strikingly, the risk was found to be most concentrated among teens who would be expected to be at low risk of drug misuse: those with no illicit drug experience and those who reported that they disapproved of regular marijuana use. Among those with low predicted risk of future opioid use in 12th grade, having an opioid prescription increased their risk of post-high-school opioid misuse three-fold.

<https://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/latest-science/teen-opioid-prescriptions-raise-risk-later-opioid-misuse>

NIDA INFOGRAPHIC: SUBSTANCE USE IN WOMEN AND MEN

This NIDA infographic shows differences in substance use trends between women and men for marijuana use disorder, abuse of prescription pain medicines, treatment admissions for sleeping aid misuse, and nicotine cessation. <https://www.drugabuse.gov/related-topics/trends-statistics/infographics/substance-use-in-women-men>

NICHD PODCAST: LITHIUM APPEARS APPROPRIATE FOR CHILDREN WITH BIPOLAR DISORDER

In this National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) podcast, researchers describe a recent study confirming that lithium is appropriate for children with bipolar disorder. The drug has long been prescribed to adults with the disorder, which is characterized by extreme mood swings.

<https://www.nichd.nih.gov/news/releases/Pages/120815-podcast-lithium.aspx>

NICHD PODCAST: KIDS EXPECTING AGGRESSION FROM OTHERS LIKELY TO BE AGGRESSIVE THEMSELVES

This NICDH podcast describes a study which found that children who assumed a hostile intent after a minor infringement—being bumped from behind, for example—were more likely to react aggressively than those who assumed the offender meant no harm. Children likely to assume hostile intent were more likely to be involved in aggressive behaviors later on. <https://www.nichd.nih.gov/news/releases/Pages/121015-podcast-dodge.aspx>

NEW FROM SAMHSA

ADVISORY: COMPLEMENTARY HEALTH APPROACHES: ADVISING CLIENTS ABOUT EVIDENCE AND RISKS

This resource provides behavioral health practitioners with a brief overview of complimentary health approaches. It gives examples of the types of practices and products considered complementary. It also discusses how practitioners can offer guidance to clients regarding the benefits and risks of adopting such approaches. <http://store.samhsa.gov/product/Advisory-Complementary-Health-Approaches/All-New-Products/SMA15-4921>

THE ROAD TO RECOVERY: SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED TRAUMA

This training for providers presents an overview on how to work with children and families who are living with intellectual and developmental disabilities who have experienced trauma. The materials, which include a facilitator guide and participant manual, are designed to teach basic knowledge, skills, and values about working with children with intellectual and developmental disabilities who have had traumatic experiences, and how to use this knowledge to support children's safety, well-being, happiness, and recovery through trauma-informed practice.

<http://nctsn.org/nctsn.org/products/supporting-children-with-intellectual-and-developmental-disabilities>

ARCHIVED WEBINAR: INCREASING HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE OPEN ENROLLMENT

This webinar, co-hosted by SAMHSA and the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), explored strategies for enrollment both in expansion and non-expansion states for prevention, treatment, and recovery, and in community-based organizations. The discussion focused on enrolling individuals with substance use disorders. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p50sHAqcYj0&feature=youtu.be>

NEW PODCAST SERIES: RESILIENCY IN DISASTER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

In a new audio podcast series from SAMHSA's Disaster Technical Assistance Center, behavioral health professionals and state coordinators discuss strategies for building resilience in individuals and the community before, during, and after a disaster. Disaster behavioral health coordinators can use these podcasts for ideas to help build resilience in their own communities.

<http://www.samhsa.gov/dtac/webinars-podcasts/resiliency-in-disaster-behavioral-health>

FASD IN REVIEW: THE ICD-10 AND FASD TREATMENT

On October 1, 2015, the United States (U.S.) health care system started using the *International Classification of Diseases (ICD)*, the ICD-10-CM. The SAMHSA Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Center for Excellence's recent *FASD in Review* explores the implications of this transition for FASD service providers.

<http://fasdcenter.samhsa.gov/documents/FIR-ICD-10DSM-5.pdf>

PODCAST: DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS: TRAUMA AND ADHD

Many children who exhibit clinical symptoms of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and have been diagnosed often exhibit symptoms that may resemble symptoms of children who have experienced or been exposed to trauma. As a consequence of the overlapping symptoms and lack of trauma-informed training, medical and educational professionals are sometimes unable to distinguish the cause of problematic behaviors, resulting in an unfitting diagnosis. This National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) podcast describes how to differentiate between the behavioral commonalities of ADHD and trauma. <http://learn.nctsn.org/mod/pcast/showepisode.php?eid=37>

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND CHILD WELFARE WEBINARS

SAMHSA has made available 12 National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare webinars on its YouTube Channel. The free webinars highlight hot topics, including medication-assisted treatment and the treatment of opioid use during pregnancy, and a series on evidence-based practices, trauma-informed care, and building collaborative practice.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBXgZMI_zqfRT5c6pOQkAkEpPD23YtRFT

CDC: INCREASES IN DRUG AND OPIOID OVERDOSE DEATHS, U.S., 2000-2014

Since 2000, the rate of deaths from drug overdoses has increased 137 percent, including a 200 percent increase in the rate of overdose deaths involving opioids (opioid pain relievers and heroin). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention analyzed recent multiple cause-of-death mortality data to examine current trends and characteristics of drug-overdose deaths, including types of opioids associated with drug-overdose deaths. <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6450a3.htm>

NEW FROM AHRQ

BLOG: CHANGES IN WORK HOURS AND EMPLOYER INSURANCE NOT BORNE OUT

This blog post from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) describes two recently released studies which conclude that the Affordable Care Act (ACA) has not reduced the availability of full-time work or the work incentive for low-wage workers.

<http://www.ahrq.gov/news/blog/ahrqviews/010516.html>

EVIDENCE-BASED REPORT: MANAGEMENT OF INSOMNIA DISORDER

This AHRQ review uses previous systematic reviews and randomized controlled trials to provide a comprehensive, up-to-date synthesis of the evidence on efficacy and comparative effectiveness of insomnia disorder treatments. Data from large, long-term observational studies are included to further assess pharmacologic harms. <http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/search-for-guides-reviews-and-reports/?productid=1888&pageaction=displayproduct>

NEW FACTSHEETS ON USING PROTECTIVE FACTORS FOR ACYF POPULATIONS

A new series of factsheets for practitioners reviews current research linking protective factors to well-being for five at-risk populations served by the Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF). These factsheets explore topics such as individual skills and capacities that can improve the well-being of children and youth; how parents, guardians, and others can contribute to the well-being of these children; and strategies for practitioners.

PROMOTING PROTECTIVE FACTORS FOR CHILDREN EXPOSED TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/factsheets/guide-domesticviolence/>

PROMOTING PROTECTIVE FACTORS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/factsheets/guide-fostercare/>

PROMOTING PROTECTIVE FACTORS FOR IN-RISK FAMILIES AND YOUTH

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/factsheets/in-risk/>

PROMOTING PROTECTIVE FACTORS FOR PREGNANT AND PARENTING TEENS

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/factsheets/guide-teen/>

PROMOTING PROTECTIVE FACTORS FOR VICTIMS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/factsheets/victimscan/>

FDA: DRUG TRIAL SNAPSHOTS: WHO'S IN CLINICAL TRIALS?

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is making demographic information from clinical trials, such as the inclusion of women and minority groups, more easily available to consumers through its online *Drug Trials Snapshots* database. This section of the FDA website is written in an easy-to-read format so one can see who took part in research studies for new drugs by sex, race, and age. Snapshots also help people understand if there are any differences in the benefits or side effects of a new drug between men and women, and among patients of different races and ages.

<http://www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/ucm475911.htm>

DCOE BLOG POSTS

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MINDFULNESS MEDITATION

Mindfulness meditation has gained popularity as a self-care strategy for improving psychological health symptoms and overall resilience. The Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DCoE) wrote a series of mindfulness blogs to help describe what mindfulness meditation is, how it can help, what studies and data support it, and how individuals can integrate it into their daily lives. This blog post provides a summary of the entire series, including what one needs to know about mindfulness meditation and how to get started.

http://www.dcoe.mil/blog/15-12-23/What_You_Need_to_Know_about_Mindfulness_Meditation.aspx

COMPUTERIZED TESTS AREN'T ALWAYS BEST IN TBI ASSESSMENTS

Computerized tests to measure neurocognitive damage are not always reliable and should not replace traditional assessments, experts at the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center confirmed after comparing various types of assessments in a new study. Neurocognitive testing is often standard after a suspected traumatic brain injury (TBI). Current neurocognitive tests, designed to measure various cognitive processes such as attention, memory, and executive function, are typically of the paper-and-pencil variety and are administered by a trained psychologist. Traditional testing may also include some computer-based tests.

http://www.dcoe.mil/blog/15-12-31/Computerized_Tests_Aren_t_Always_Best_in_TBI_Assessments.aspx

HEALTH OBSERVANCE: HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

JANUARY 2016

In support of Human Trafficking Awareness Month, SAMHSA's NCTSN has compiled resources for mental health professionals, law enforcement personnel, health care professionals, and survivors on the signs of trafficking and services for human trafficking survivors. <http://www.nctsn.org/resources/public-awareness/human-trafficking>

WEBINAR: SUPPORTING RECOVERY IN ACUTE CARE AND EMERGENCY SETTINGS

JANUARY 19, 2016, 1:00-2:00 PM ET

This webinar in SAMHSA's Recovery to Practice Webinar Series on Crisis and Recovery will present effective environmental factors and recovery-oriented approaches that help to compassionately engage people during psychiatric emergency responses and emergency room interactions. https://events-na2.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/916603251/en/events/event/shared/940132476/event_landing.html?sco-id=939685873&_charset_=utf-8

WEBINAR: STEP IT UP: MOVING FROM INTENTION TO INTERVENTION

JANUARY 19, 2016, 2:00-3:00 PM ET

Increasing physical activity is one of Americans' favorite New Year's resolutions. The Surgeon General's recent Call to Action to Promote Walking and Walkable Communities calls on Americans to be more physically active through walking and to better support walkable communities. This National Cancer Institute cyber-seminar examines the evidence underlying walking and chronic disease prevention and what successful communities have learned about working across sectors to create a culture of health. <https://researchtoreality.cancer.gov/cyber-seminars/step-it-moving-intention-intervention>

WEBINAR: PTSD AND MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA

JANUARY 20, 2016, 2:00 PM ET

The Department of Veterans Affairs' Employee Education System and Mental Health Services presents this webinar to offer clinicians an opportunity to learn certain principles and tools to improve their clinical practice with military sexual trauma survivors.

<https://vha.train.org/DesktopModules/eLearning/CourseDetails/CourseDetailsForm.aspx?tabid=62&courseid=1061188>

WEBINAR: SEVERE IRRITABILITY AND DISRUPTIVE MOOD DYSREGULATION IN CHILDREN AND YOUTH

JANUARY 21, 2016, 12:00-1:00 PM ET

This NIMH webinar about severe irritability and disruptive mood dysregulation in children and youth with Kenneth Towbin, M.D., Chief of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychiatry in the NIMH Emotion and Development Branch, will address common signs and severity of symptoms, how parents can help a child with severe irritability, what treatment options exist, and ongoing research about irritable children conducted at NIMH in Bethesda, MD. There is no cost to participate in this webinar. Please note that participants will need access to a computer and the ability to download or temporarily run the software, WebEx. Directions on how to access the software will be included in a registration email. Space is limited. Contact Kalene DeHaut, LCSW at kalene.dehaut@nih.gov to register.

WEBINAR: HEALTHY PEOPLE 2020 INDICATORS: INJURY AND VIOLENCE

JANUARY 21, 2016, 12:00-1:00 PM ET

Unintentional and violence-related injuries and deaths can be caused by a number of events, such as motor vehicle crashes, homicide, suicide, domestic and school violence, and child abuse and neglect. This Healthy People 2020 webinar on injury and violence prevention will focus on activities and interventions related to teen dating violence. Learn how a community-based organization in Colorado is working to address dating violence through the Safe Dates program.

<http://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USOPHSODPHPHF/bulletins/12e45cc>

WEBINAR: COMMUNITY BENEFIT AND LOCAL SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION

JANUARY 21, 2016, 1:30-3:00PM ET

This Office of National Drug Control Policy webinar seeks to expand the understanding of Community Benefit and the opportunities for community-based collaborations. Participants will learn how community coalitions have worked with local non-profit hospitals to support and sustain substance use prevention activities. Questions can be directed to Jane Sanville at USanville@ondcp.eop.gov.

<http://ems6.intellor.com/?do=register&t=2&p=601034>

NATIONAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL FACTS WEEK

JANUARY 25-31, 2016

National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week is a national health observance for teens to promote local events that use NIDA and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism science to shatter the myths about drugs and alcohol. An online guide is available to help plan, promote, and host local events.

<https://teens.drugabuse.gov/national-drug-facts-week>

NATIONAL DRUGS AND ALCOHOL CHAT DAY

JANUARY 26, 2016

This annual live online chat is held between high school students and NIDA scientists during National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week. Students from around the country ask questions about drugs and drug abuse, including drug effects, how to help friends or family members who are abusing drugs, and what causes addiction. <http://teens.drugabuse.gov/national-drug-facts-week/chat-with-scientists>

WEBINAR: RECOVERY-ORIENTED, COMMUNITY-FOCUSED RESPONSES TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISES

JANUARY 26, 2016, 1:00-2:00 PM ET

This webinar in SAMHSA's Recovery to Practice Webinar Series on Crisis and Recovery will describe Open Dialogue, a social network-based approach to support people in crisis, emphasizing how this approach can be integrated into existing crisis response services. The presenters will describe their practical experience and illustrate the transformative effect of this work on individuals, practitioners, and services.

<https://events->

na2.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/916603251/en/events/event/shared/940132728/event_landing.html?sco-id=939687734&_charset_=utf-8

WEBINAR: IMPLEMENTING EARLY PSYCHOSIS INTERVENTION IN THE REAL WORLD

JANUARY 26, 2016, 1:00-2:00 PM ET

This webinar will provide an introduction to early psychosis history, practices, and resources while addressing common implementation challenges and effective strategies. This webinar is presented by the National Technical Assistance Network for Children's Behavioral Health, funded by SAMHSA's Center for Mental Health Services. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6478807765918924802>

WEBINAR: SCIENTIFIC REVIEWS OF RECENT STUDIES ON THE TREATMENT OF PTSD

JANUARY 28, 2016, 1:00-2:30 PM ET

This DCoE webinar will provide an overview of scientific reviews in the treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and examine current PTSD treatment guidelines, identify recent scientific reviews of PTSD treatment. http://www.dcoe.mil/Training/Monthly_Webinars.aspx

TWITTER CHAT ON MIND AND BODY APPROACHES FOR STRESS

JANUARY 28, 2016, 3:00-4:00 PM ET

Join this NIMH Twitter chat with the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH) to discuss stress management. Experts from NIMH and NCCIH will share the latest science on using complementary approaches to managing stress such as meditation, yoga, tai chi, and other relaxation techniques. Use hashtag #ChatStress to participate.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/science-news/2016/twitter-chat-on-mind-and-body-approaches-for-stress.shtml>

SAMHSA'S 12TH PREVENTION DAY

FEBRUARY 1, 2016, NATIONAL HARBOR, MD

SAMHSA will convene its 12th Annual Prevention Day on Monday, February 1, 2016, in conjunction with the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America National Leadership Forum. This one-day forum is for prevention practitioners, community leaders, researchers, and consumers in the behavioral health field to share SAMHSA's prevention priorities for the coming year and provide participants with the necessary training, technical assistance, and resources to successfully address these prevention issues.

<http://www.cadca.org/events/26th-national-leadership-forum-including-samhsas-12th-prevention-day/samhsas-12th-prevention>

WEBINAR: HOSPITAL DIVERSION AND ALTERNATIVES IN CRISIS RESPONSE

FEBRUARY 2, 2016, 1:00-2:00 PM ET

Individuals in mental health crisis need effective and timely treatment and support in order to move through and heal from the crisis. But, not all individuals require or benefit from psychiatric hospitalization during periods of crisis. In this SAMHSA webinar, RI International, Inc., a Phoenix-based agency, will present their “next generation crisis response services,” which include an array of approaches for managing mental health crisis in non-hospital settings. The programs include the “Living Room,” in which peers, nurses, and doctors work side by side with individuals in crisis, and Recovery Response Centers that offer more intensive support and services. [https://events-](https://events-na2.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/916603251/en/events/event/shared/940188535/event_landing.html?sco-id=939651652&_charset_=utf-8)

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WEBINAR: CRITICAL SKILLS FOR ACTIVATING SELF-MANAGEMENT

FEBRUARY 4, 2:00-3:00 PM ET

Join this SAMHSA-Health Resources and Services Center for Integrated Health Solutions webinar to learn the key steps to activating self-management, particularly for chronic conditions, among those in behavioral health treatment. Hear from two pioneers working to build provider competency in activation of self-management about the skills needed to start and sustain health behavior with consumers.

<https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1089959>

WEBINAR SERIES: ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS BOOT CAMP

WEDNESDAYS FROM FEBRUARY 10-MARCH 16, 2016, 3:00-4:00 PM ET

Register for this six-part SAMHSA webinar series designed to help behavioral health leaders increase their understanding of electronic health records (EHRs) and prepare to implement EHR systems within their organizations. Participants will learn about the benefits of EHRs and have the opportunity to get their questions answered and concerns addressed alongside other substance use and mental health treatment leaders. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8160064399673459969>

WEBINAR: TO TWEET OR NOT TO TWEET: COMMUNITY-BASED PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH APPROACHES TO ADVANCE WELLNESS AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION VIA SOCIAL MEDIA

FEBRUARY 11, 2016, 2:00-3:00 PM ET

In this NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Science Research lecture, researchers will discuss the use of social media in community-based participatory research. During this presentation, researchers will describe how a community can begin to develop and deploy its own sensing methods for health-related content signals in its social media use through academic-community partnered research. Emerging community-based participatory research on the social media presence of informal helping exchange networks and the relationship to signals of wellness and violence prevention in communities will be discussed.

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ebuktp0l650017e7&llr=vykrlptab>

WEBINAR: CONNECTING KIDS TO COVERAGE

FEBRUARY 11, 2016, 3:00 PM ET

Children and teenagers in the community may qualify for free or low-cost health insurance coverage through Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Many parents may be eligible for Medicaid as well. In this HHS webinar, learn about the nationwide effort to identify children and youth eligible for Medicaid and CHIP and get them enrolled.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4349618891179505921>

MARIJUANA AND CANNABINOIDS: A NEUROSCIENCE RESEARCH SUMMIT

MARCH 22-23, 2016, BETHESDA, MD

This NIH summit will focus on the neurological and psychiatric effects of marijuana, other cannabinoids, and the endocannabinoid system. Both the adverse and the potential therapeutic effects of the cannabinoid system will be discussed. The goal of this summit is to ensure evidence-based information is available to inform practice and policy, particularly important at this time given the rapidly shifting landscape regarding the recreational and medicinal use of marijuana. <https://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/meetings-events/2016/03/marijuana-cannabinoids-neuroscience-research-summit>

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: 2016 DCOE SUMMIT

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS DUE: APRIL 11, 2016 AND MEETING DATES: SEPTEMBER 13-15, 2016

Health care professionals and academics are invited to submit abstracts for the *2016 DCOE Summit – State of the Science: Advances, Current Diagnostics and Treatments of Psychological Health and TBI in Military Health Care*. Abstract topics for oral presentation may refer to any topic related to advances in diagnostics and treatments of psychological health and/or TBI in military health care.

http://dcoe.adobeconnect.com/abstracts2016/event/event_info.html

CALLS FOR PUBLIC INPUT

TAKE THE PLEDGE TO SUPPORT PARTICIPATION OF DIVERSE WOMEN IN CLINICAL TRIALS

When diverse women join clinical trials, researchers can better understand the many factors that affect how women respond to treatment and prevention strategies. The FDA Office of Women’s Health invites the public to demonstrate their support for diversity in research by taking the “Make a Difference: Diverse Women in Clinical Trials” pledge via social media.

On Wednesday, January 27, 2016, at 1:00 PM ET, the pledge message will be released from participants’ designated social media accounts. The result will be a “thunderclap” of simultaneous Twitter and Facebook posts about diverse women in clinical trials that will reverberate across social media. Please note that Thunderclap will only post to participant’s account one time during the campaign. To participate, log in with a Facebook, Twitter, or Tumblr account. <https://www.thunderclap.it/projects/36581-women-in-clinical-trials>

NIH DIRECTOR'S BLOG READERSHIP SURVEY

NIH is seeking input about the NIH Director’s Blog, which shares breakthroughs in biomedical research and introduces readers to young scientists. Readers can provide feedback about the blog through a brief, anonymous survey. <http://directorsblog.nih.gov/2015/12/22/the-only-gift-i-want-this-season-is-your-thoughts/>

OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: SAMHSA'S NATIONAL REGISTRY OF EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS AND PRACTICES

SAMHSA's Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality invites the public to provide feedback for the launch of a new endeavor at the National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices (NREPP). In addition to reviewing programs received during the open submission process, NREPP will conduct independent literature reviews to add programs with strong evidence bases to the registry. SAMHSA welcomes comments from community organizations; clinicians; practitioners; advocates; researchers; city, county, and state agencies; and all other stakeholders. Feedback will help NREPP identify and prioritize important practices and programs to the mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment field. Comments accepted through January 29, 2016.

<http://store.samhsa.gov/NREPP/feedback/index.html>

OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING ON INCLUSIVE APPRENTICESHIPS

Apprenticeships offer a great way for people to explore career options and establish a path to stable employment. But, their benefits extend to employers as well, who can use them to attract future talent to their organizations and industries. To ensure this talent pool is inclusive of all qualified candidates, the U.S. Department of Labor recently issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on increasing the representation of people with disabilities and other historically under-represented groups in apprenticeship programs. Employers and other stakeholders are encouraged to comment on the NPRM on or before January 20, 2016. <https://www.doleta.gov/oa/eo/>

NIDA ISSUES CHALLENGE TO CREATE APP FOR ADDICTION RESEARCH

NIDA has issued a Challenge, "Addiction Research: There's an App for that," aimed at physicians and data scientists to develop a novel mobile application (app) for future addiction research. The Challenge requires that the app be explicitly created using Apple Inc.'s ResearchKit™, an open-source software kit designed specifically for biomedical and health research.

The goal of the NIDA Challenge is to create an app to be used by addiction researchers in future studies which will help to improve the scientific understanding of drug use and addiction. The app will: allow researchers to engage "citizen scientists", and to recruit a large and varied number of willing study participants; present informed-consent materials; and collect data frequently on a broad range of variables. NIDA encourages addiction researchers to use the newly available technical capabilities of ResearchKit™, and seek collaboration(s) with app developers and engineers to create the winning research app.

The deadline for submissions to the NIDA Challenge is April 29, 2016. Winners will be announced in August, 2016. Three monetary prizes may be awarded: \$50,000 for 1st Place; \$30,000 for 2nd Place; and \$20,000 for 3rd Place for a total prize award pool of up to \$100,000. <https://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/news-releases/2015/11/nida-issues-challenge-to-create-app-addiction-research>

FUNDING INFORMATION

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS TO BENEFIT HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS

<http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-16-007>

DRUG-FREE COMMUNITIES SUPPORT PROGRAM

<http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sp-16-001>

OJJDP: FY 2016 SECOND CHANCE ACT STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN YOUNG FATHERS, YOUNG MOTHERS, AND THEIR CHILDREN

<http://www.ojjdp.gov/enews/16juvjust/160105.html>

OJJDP: IMPLEMENTING STATEWIDE PLANS TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR YOUTH IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

<http://www.ojjdp.gov/funding/FundingDetail.asp?fi=385>

OJJDP: ALASKA NATIVE YOUTH TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT

<http://www.ojjdp.gov/funding/FundingDetail.asp?fi=381>

NOVEL ASSAYS TO ADDRESS TRANSLATIONAL GAPS IN TREATMENT DEVELOPMENT

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-16-065.html>

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPLEMENTS FOR RESEARCH ON SEX/GENDER DIFFERENCES

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-16-066.html>

NIH PATHWAY TO INDEPENDENCE AWARD

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-16-077.html>



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The **Outreach Partnership Program** is a nationwide outreach initiative of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) that enlists state and national organizations in a partnership to increase the public's access to science-based mental health information through partnerships with national and state organizations. For more information about the program please visit: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/outreach/partnership-program/index.shtml>. To subscribe to receive the Update every two weeks, go to: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/outreach/partnership-program/news-and-updates-from-the-program.shtml>.

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