

National Institute of Mental Health Outreach Partnership Program

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Science and Service News Updates

President Obama Announces Recovery Act Funding for Groundbreaking Medical Research: \$5 Billion from Recovery Act Will Fund 12,000 Grants and Speed Scientific Discoveries in Every State

In a visit to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) campus, President Barack Obama announced \$5 billion in grant awards under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) to fund cutting-edge medical research in every state across America. The more than 12,000 grant awards are expected to create tens of thousands of jobs over the next two years and are part of an overall \$100 billion Recovery Act investment in science and technology to lay the foundation for the innovation economy of the future.

Press Release: http://www.whitehouse.gov/the_press_office/President-Obama-Announces-Recovery-Act-Funding-For-Groundbreaking-Medical-Research/

Remarks: http://www.whitehouse.gov/the_press_office/Remarks-by-the-President-on-the-American-Recovery-and-Reinvestment-Act-at-the-National-Institutes-of-Health/

Fact Sheet: http://www.whitehouse.gov/the_press_office/Fact-Sheet-Recovery-to-Discovery-5-Billion-Recovery-Act-Investment-in-Scientific-Research-and-Jobs/

NIMH: New Approach to Reducing Suicide Attempts Among Depressed Teens

A novel treatment approach that includes medication plus a newly developed type of psychotherapy that targets suicidal thinking and behavior shows promise in treating depressed adolescents who had recently attempted suicide, according to a treatment development and pilot study funded by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH). The study, described in three articles, was published in the October 2009 issue of the *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*.

Science Update: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2009/new-approach-to-reducing-suicide-attempts-among-depressed-teens.shtml>

NIMH: PTSD Treatment Efforts for Returning War Veterans to be Evaluated

Joan Cook, Ph.D., of Yale University and colleagues have been awarded funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to evaluate the implementation of two evidence-based psychotherapies for treating post traumatic stress disorder among veterans. The grant addresses the NIH Challenge Grant topic "Strategies to Support Uptake of Interventions within Clinical Community and Settings."

Science Update: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2009/ptsd-treatment-efforts-for-returning-war-veterans-to-be-evaluated.shtml>

NIH Funds Grantees Focusing on Epigenomics of Human Health and Disease

The National Institutes of Health announced that it will fund 22 grants on genome-wide studies of how epigenetic changes — chemical modifications to genes that result from diet, aging, stress, or environmental exposures — define and contribute to specific human diseases and biological processes. The awards will build on the important work undertaken as part of the NIH Roadmap for Medical Research's Epigenomics Program. Approximately \$62 million will be awarded over the next five years to study the epigenome in a number of diseases and conditions, including tumor development, hardening of the arteries, autism, glaucoma, asthma, aging, and abnormal growth and development.

Press Release: <http://www.nih.gov/news/health/sep2009/od-16.htm>

NIMH: First Direct Evidence: Instability is the Normal State of the Brain's Cortex--Might Aberrant Neuronal "Avalanches" Signal Mental Illness?

Even when we're not doing much of anything, our brain's cortex, or outer mantle, is bustling with activity. In fact, scientists for the first time have detected "avalanches" of cortex activity in awake monkeys at rest. They've also discovered that these bursts of synchronous neuronal activity aren't just random, but rather precisely ordered. Large avalanches are followed by smaller and smaller avalanches, much like the aftershocks of an earthquake. This type of ordering reveals that the normal state of cortex circuitry is at a tipping point: at the edge of instability — like rocks along an earthquake fault. "Mental illness may involve disturbances in this delicate balance, and abnormal avalanche patterns are potentially detectable," explained NIMH's Dietmar Plenz, Ph.D. "Being in such a state of instability allows neurons to telegraph information optimally across varying distances and to quickly adapt to new challenges. This makes it possible for the cortex to grow through development and expand through evolution without changes in its architecture." Plenz and colleagues report on their study of neuronal avalanches online during the week of August 24, 2009 in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

Science Update: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2009/first-direct-evidence-instability-is-the-normal-state-of-the-brains-cortex.shtml>

NIH Funds Four Centers of Excellence in Genomic Science: New Efforts Will Focus on Psychiatric Disorders, Gene Regulation

The National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) and NIMH, both part of the National Institutes of Health, announced grants expected to total approximately \$45 million to establish new Centers of Excellence in Genomic Science in Wisconsin and North Carolina, as well as to continue support of existing centers in Maryland and California. The Centers of Excellence in Genomic Science program, begun in 2001 by NHGRI, assembles interdisciplinary teams dedicated to making critical advances in genomic research. The new center that will be co-led by the Medical College of Wisconsin and University of Wisconsin-Madison will receive about \$8 million over three years. The new center at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill will receive about \$8.6 million over five years. The existing center at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles will receive about \$12 million over five years and the existing center at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore will receive about \$16.8 million over five years.

Press Release: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2009/nih-funds-four-centers-of-excellence-in-genomic-science.shtml>

NIDA's 2009 Avant-Garde Awards for Innovative HIV/AIDS Research Announced: Selected Research Focuses on Imaging the Viral Synapse, Immune System Restoration, Natural HIV Silencing Mechanisms and Elimination of Latent HIV Infections

Four scientists have been selected as this year's winners of the Avant-Garde Award for HIV/AIDS research by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). The annual award competition, now in its second year, is intended to stimulate high-impact research that may lead to groundbreaking opportunities for the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS in drug abusers. Winning scientists receive \$500,000 per year, plus associated facilities and administrative costs, for five years to support their research. This collective research will further NIDA's work to learn more about the pivotal role of drug abuse in the spread of HIV/AIDS and to develop effective strategies to prevent and treat this disease.

Press Release: <http://www.nida.nih.gov/newsroom/09/NR9-21.html>

SAMHSA First-of-a-Kind National Study Reveals that 8.3 Million Adults in the U.S. had Serious Thoughts of Committing Suicide in the Past Year

Nearly 8.3 million adults in the U.S. (3.7 percent) had serious thoughts of committing suicide in the past year according to the first national scientific survey of its size on this public health problem. The study by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) also shows that 2.3 million adult Americans made a suicide plan in the past year and that 1.1 million adults - 0.5 percent of all adult Americans – had actually attempted suicide in the past year.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/090917suicide0907.aspx>

The full report: <http://oas.samhsa.gov/2k9/165/suicide.cfm>

SAMHSA: Funding Announcements

SAMHSA Awards Up to \$26.2 Million to State and Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention Programs Across the Country

The grants will help fund crucial suicide prevention efforts especially geared for youth including early intervention and assessment services, referrals to mental health care and treatment, and information and outreach campaigns. The grants will also help promote training for communities on the latest youth suicide prevention services and approaches, as well as provide support to families of youth who may be at risk for suicide.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/0909222116.aspx>

SAMHSA Awards Almost \$81.5 Million in Grants to Help Homeless Individuals and Families

SAMHSA announced that it is awarding grants totaling almost \$81.5 million over five years to local organizations throughout the country working to end chronic homelessness in their communities. This program has a targeted focus to serve chronically homeless individuals and families by enhancing existing permanent supportive housing programs and other resources. The programs will provide intensive individualized support services designed to reduce psychiatric symptoms and empower people to regain stability.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/0909241132.aspx>

SAMHSA Awards \$16.8 Million in State and Community Partnership Grants for Healthy Transitions Initiative for Youth with Serious Mental Health Challenges: Grants Will Support Integrated Mental Health Services and Supports

SAMHSA announced that it is awarding grants totaling almost \$16.8 million over five years to states for integrated home- and community-based services and supports for youth and young adults with serious mental health challenges and their families. The Healthy Transitions Initiative will develop or build upon existing systems to provide these youth and their families with educational, employment, mental health and other services designed to enhance their well being and ensure their successful transition to adulthood and independence.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/090924youth1252.aspx>

SAMHSA Awards \$51 Million in Project LAUNCH Grants to Promote the Health and Wellbeing of Children in Communities across America

SAMHSA announced that it will award \$51 million in Project LAUNCH (Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health) grants to state and tribal youth programs over the next five years. Project LAUNCH is a grant program for promoting the wellness of young children from birth to 8 years of age by addressing the physical, emotional, social, cognitive and behavioral aspects of their development. Project LAUNCH grantees will use a range of evidence-based public health strategies to achieve their goals. Participating states and tribes will work to improve coordination among child-serving systems, build infrastructure, and improve methods for providing services. The majority of the funds will be passed from the state and tribal level to identified localities where they will support the enhancement and integration of services.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/090924kids0832.aspx>

SAMHSA Awards \$6.3 Million to Help Colleges and Universities Prevent Suicide

SAMHSA is awarding \$6.3 million in grants to assist colleges and universities in their efforts to facilitate a comprehensive approach to preventing suicide. The Campus Suicide Prevention Grants Program will assist colleges and universities in their efforts to prevent suicide and enhance mental health services for students in crisis. The grants will help fund such efforts as developing training programs for students and campus personnel, creating on-campus networks, developing and implementing educational seminars, preparing informational materials, preparing educational materials for families, and promoting linkages to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/090924college5532.aspx>

SAMHSA Announces 2009 Science and Service Award Winners

SAMHSA has selected 27 organizations to receive the agency's 2009 Science and Service Awards. These awards recognize exemplary implementation of evidence-based interventions that have been shown to prevent and/or treat mental illnesses and substance abuse. Now in its third year, this annual award program recognizes public - and private-sector organizations, as well as community-based coalitions, that have worked to improve their communities and the lives of individuals by providing the best services possible. Awardees were chosen in each of five categories: substance abuse prevention; treatment of substance abuse and recovery support services; mental health promotion; treatment of mental illness and recovery support services; and co-occurring disorders.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/090925ss4927.aspx>

SAMHSA Awards \$10 Million in Grants for Jail Diversion and Trauma Recovery with Priority to Veterans

SAMHSA announced the award of six grants totaling more than \$10 million over five years to support local and statewide expansion of jail diversion programs for people with post traumatic stress and other trauma-related disorders. A priority for this program is to provide needed services to veterans returning from Iraq/Afghanistan. Grantee states will implement a diversion program in a pilot community and expand successful programs to other communities in the state.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/090929grants3824.aspx>

Resources: Publications, Toolkits, Other Resources

New Meeting Summary on NIMH Website—Depression: Examining the Sex/Gender Differences and Links to Other Diseases

Depression is not only a significant public health concern; it is also linked to many other prevalent diseases. The interaction of depression with other diseases was recently discussed at the Office of Research on Women's Health Women's Health Seminar Series: Sex and Gender Research: the Interaction of Depression with Other Diseases. Several current and former NIMH grantees participated in the discussions.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/depression/depression-examining-the-sex-gender-differences-and-links-to-other-diseases.shtml>

NIH Archived Videocast: Constituents Meeting with NIH Director Dr. Francis Collins

On September 9, 2009, the new Director of NIH discussed his plans for the future of NIH and heard questions and comments from leaders of scientific organizations and nonprofit voluntary and advocacy organizations.

<http://www.nih.gov/about/director/index.htm>

NIH Research Matters: Prevention System Reduces Risky Behavior in 10-14 Year Olds

A community-focused prevention system helps keep middle schoolers from starting to engage in risky behaviors like alcohol and tobacco use, according to a new study. Prevention research has led to the creation of programs that reduce the risk of substance abuse among youth. Studies find that each dollar invested in research-based prevention programs can bring a savings of up to \$10 in treatment for alcohol or other substance abuse. However, getting these programs into communities has been a challenge.

http://www.nih.gov/news/research_matters/September2009/09212009prevention.htm

NIH Releases Innovative Approach to Exploring Bioethics in New Curriculum Supplement

NIH and the global nonprofit Education Development Center, Inc. developed *Exploring Bioethics*, a high school curriculum supplement as a guide for teachers to foster thoughtful classroom discussions on topical bioethical issues. This guide covers six topics: genetic testing, the use of human subjects in research, steroid use by athletes, organ allocation for transplants, and the modification of animals for human benefit. The lessons promote problem-solving and communication skills, critical thinking, and teamwork. The curriculum supplement presents six three-day lessons in a convenient, all-in-one resource that is well organized for integration into a broader curriculum

<http://www.nih.gov/news/health/sep2009/od-15a.htm>

NINR: Palliative Care: The Relief You Need When You're Experiencing the Symptoms of Serious Illness

The National Institute of Nursing Research released a new brochure, which explores palliative care's many benefits and answers common questions.

http://www.ninr.nih.gov/NR/rdonlyres/01CC45F1-048B-468A-BD9F-3AB727A381D2/0/NINR_PalliativeCare_Brochure_508C.pdf

NIA: Clinical Trials and Older People – New Tip Sheet

A new 6-page publication from the National Institute on Aging (NIA) answers this question and more. It explains what a clinical trial is, presents benefits and risks of participating in clinical trials, and describes safeguards to protect participants. The tip sheet also suggests questions to ask the research team about a clinical trial, information on how to join a study, and a glossary of common terms.

http://www.nia.nih.gov/HealthInformation/Publications/clinicaltrials_tipsheet.htm

New SAMHSA Resources

Substance Abuse Treatment Advisory: Emerging Issues in the Use of Methadone

This report presents information on the increase in deaths related to methadone, particularly in combination with other drugs or substances. Written for physicians, this Advisory stresses that methadone is effective and safe in the treatment of opioid addiction and chronic pain when it is used appropriately. It includes information on: 1) The extent of fatalities associated with methadone use; 2) Risks associated with methadone use, and 3) The need to identify potential dangers and take action to prevent harm to patients who use methadone for addiction treatment and for managing chronic pain.

<http://ncadistore.samhsa.gov/catalog/productDetails.aspx?ProductID=18132>

Talking to Your Patients About Prescription Drug Abuse

This brochure discusses the problem of prescription medicine abuse, prevalence among teenagers, teens' attitudes about medicine abuse, why teens are abusing prescription medications, what prescription medicines teens are abusing, how teens are getting the medicines, what they can do to help stop this problem as well as resources for additional help if there is a dependence or addiction problem. The brochure will give healthcare providers tips for talking about the abuse of prescription medications with their patients.

<http://ncadistore.samhsa.gov/catalog/productDetails.aspx?ProductID=18174>

New SAMHSA Reports

2007 DAWN Report Provides Insight on Drug-Related Deaths in a Number of States and Metropolitan Communities Across the Country

The 2007 Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN) report on drug-related mortality provides detailed information about drug-related deaths based on reports from participating medical examiners and coroners across the nation. The 2007 DAWN report contains information covering about 35% of the US population including statewide coverage for 10 states (Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia), 63 major metropolitan statistical areas and 479 jurisdictions throughout the nation. DAWN is a public health surveillance system that monitors drug-related deaths referred to medical examiners and coroners in selected participating metropolitan areas and states. Although the DAWN data cannot be extrapolated to the entire United States, the information can be helpful for analyzing the nature and scope of substance abuse-related deaths in the areas it covers.

<https://dawninfo.samhsa.gov/pubs/>

Cigarette Use among Adults Employed Full Time, by Occupational Category

Based on combined 2006 to 2008 the National Survey on Drug Use and Health data, an estimated 33.6 million full-time employees aged 18 to 64 smoked cigarettes in the past month. Of the 22 major occupational categories, the highest rates of past month cigarette use among full-time workers aged 18 to 64 were found in the food preparation and serving-related occupations (44.7 percent) and the construction and extraction occupations (42.9 percent); the occupational categories with the lowest rates were the education, training, and library occupations (12.3 percent) and the life, physical, and social science occupations (15.4 percent). Among full-time employees, the rate of past month cigarette use was higher among those aged 18 to 25 (40.1 percent) than among those in older age groups.

<http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/2k9/170/170Occupation.cfm>

NCD: The Current State of Health Care for People with Disabilities

The National Council on Disability (NCD) released its latest report, focusing the nation's attention on the health care disparities experienced by people with disabilities, and provides recommendations that can help eliminate health care inequities for people with disabilities.

<http://www.ncd.gov/>

AHRQ Research Summaries: Cost and Depression Serve As Barriers to Performing Self-Care Behaviors for People with Diabetes

People living with diabetes juggle four self-care tasks to control their disease: taking medicine, testing their blood-glucose level, following a healthy diet, and exercising regularly. Yet significant barriers prevent individuals from performing these self-care tasks, reveals a new study funded in part by Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). Individuals with diabetes encountered the most difficulty with following a meal plan and monitoring their blood-glucose levels. High costs and depression were the main barriers affecting compliance with these self-care tasks, and these barriers resulted in higher HbA1c levels. Although cost is not a factor a medical team can control, the authors note that treating depression may improve patients' health and self care. They further suggest that providers offer plans that patients find realistic and understandable, because good physician communication was also found to be associated with lower HbA1c levels.

<http://www.ahrq.gov/research/oct09/1009RA13.htm>

CDC: Increases in Fatal Poisonings Involving Opioid Analgesics

This Data Brief from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) examines trends in fatal poisonings from opioid painkillers in the U.S., documenting the substantial increase in poisoning deaths from analgesic drugs such as methadone over the past decade. Data come from death certificates recorded in all 50 states.

http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/pressroom/data/DataBrief_22.pdf

DHHS: Comprehensive Online Resource for Flu Information

The Department of Health and Human Service (DHHS) provides this comprehensive, easy-to-access information on the flu. Flu.gov links you to information from across the federal government, including CDC guidance, posters, and toolkits to help prevent the flu. The site has public service announcements, widgets, and e-cards, so you can spread prevention information to family and friends. In addition, the site has posters, flyers, podcasts, and other materials that agencies can download, customize, amplify, and add to their intranet sites. There's even a place to sign up to "stay connected" by getting regular updates.

<http://www.flu.gov>

Calendar of Events

Teleconference: Elimination of Disparities in Mental Health Care: An Overview

October 15, 2009 1:00-2:30PM ET

This teleconference sponsored by SAMHSA's National Technical Assistance Center for Children's Mental Health will provide an update on the nature of disparities for racial and ethnic groups and other marginalized populations in mental health, clarification on the types of disparities that exist in mental health, the root causes of these disparities, and an overview of the strategies that are being used to address them.

<http://gucchd.georgetown.edu/training/78174.html>

Health Observance: 4th Annual Drug-Free Work Week

October 19-25, 2009

This public awareness campaign, held each October, emphasizes the importance of drug-free workplace programs to help prevent workplace alcohol and drug use, and encourage workers with alcohol and drug problems to seek help. A variety of Drug-Free Work Week materials and specific ideas for how organizations of all types can get involved in the campaign are available on the Department of Labor's Drug-Free Work Week Web site.

<http://www.dol.gov/drugfreeworkweek>

Webinar: Consumer-Run Nonprofit Basics

October 20, 2009 2:30 – 4:00 PM, EST

This webinar is the first training in a webinar series on organizational development and business management for peer-run organizations developed by the Center for Mental Health Services supported National Consumer Supporter Technical Assistance Center.

http://www.ncstac.org/content/news/organizational_development_webinar.html

Sixth Annual Interdisciplinary Women's Health Research Symposium

November 17, 2009, Bethesda, Maryland

This NIH symposium will feature scientific advances from two of the Office of Research on Women's Health sponsored initiatives: Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health and Specialized Centers of Research on Sex and Gender Factors Affecting Women's Health.

<http://www.orwhmeetings.com/symposium.aspx>

The Second Annual Trauma Spectrum Disorders Conference: A Scientific Conference on the Impact of Military Service on Family and Caregivers.

December 10, 2009, Bethesda, Maryland

The Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury, National Institutes of Health, Department of Veterans Affairs, and other Federal Partners present the second annual collaborative scientific conference examining recent research on trauma spectrum disorders (TSD). This year's conference will focus on the impact of TSD on military and veteran families and caregivers across deployment, homecoming, and reintegration. The conference will examine the needs of families and caregivers in support of military and veterans with TSD, factors related to family functioning and reintegration, and effective approaches that facilitate treatment of trauma disorders and services to families and caregivers, paying particular attention to gender and health disparities. Next steps will be developed for addressing research concerns identified at the conference.

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

Blending Addiction Treatment and Practice: Evidence-Based Treatment and Prevention in Diverse Populations and Settings

April 22-23, 2010, Albuquerque, New Mexico

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) will host the 8th Blending Conference in partnership with the University of New Mexico, the University of Arizona, and the University of California, San Francisco. This conference presents innovative, science-based approaches that have been proven to be effective in the prevention and treatment of drug abuse and addiction. The conference objectives are: 1) Appreciate the value of bi-directional communication to advance the exchange of ideas among drug abuse and addiction researchers and community treatment providers; 2) Recognize NIDA's research and its role in the development of science-based practices; 3) Identify Blending Team Products and discuss how they may be utilized in the treatment of drug abuse and addictive disorders; 4) Cite additional resources for knowledge and skill development of science-based practices; and 5) Discuss and disseminate science-based practices for the prevention and treatment of drug abuse and addictive disorders with diverse populations and in diverse settings.

<http://www.NIDABlendingConference.info>

Calls for Public Input

NIH Announcement: Consumer Health Information Request for Information (RFI)

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of Communication and Public Liaison and the NIH Director's Council of Public Representatives have partnered to develop a Consumer Health Information RFI in response to a Directive by President Barack Obama to all Federal agencies calling for greater transparency, public participation, and collaboration.

In conjunction with the NIH goals for public input and effective dissemination of science-based health resources and information to the public, the RFI will provide insight and better understanding of the health information needs and information-seeking behaviors of NIH health consumer audiences. Information gathered will assist the agency in developing and disseminating health, medical, and scientific information to a broader variety of audiences.

The RFI may be completed online in English or downloaded from the Web site in Spanish.

Response deadline: December 30, 2009

<http://nihhealthinfoRFI.nih.gov>

Comments Sought on VA PTSD Compensation Rules

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is taking steps to assist Veterans seeking compensation for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). The VA is publishing a proposed regulation in the *Federal Register* to make it easier for a Veteran to claim service connection for PTSD by reducing the evidence needed if the stressor claimed by a Veteran is related to fear of hostile military or terrorist activity. A final regulation will be published after consideration of all comments received. Comments on this proposed rule must be received by October 23, 2009.

Press release: <http://www1.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=1751>

Proposed rule: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-20339.pdf>

National Summit on Disability Policy 2010: ADA 1990–2010 Retrospective and Future Policy Directions: A comprehensive dialogue to shape the national disability agenda

Hosted by the National Council on Disability (NCD), this Summit to be held in July 2010 commemorates the 20th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) with a reception, an ADA retrospective and a series of working meetings. The results of the meetings will help shape disability policy and programs for the next decade. NCD is seeking people with disabilities, individuals representing grassroots organizations and others to help shape disability policies and programs for the next decade.

Deadline for submitting an application to attend the summit is October 15, 2009.

<http://www.neweditions.net/ncd2010/eventinfo.html>

Clinical Research Participation News

NIMH Inpatient Research Program

The National Institute of Mental Health conducts an inpatient research program that specializes in the study of schizophrenia. The program is located on the NIH campus at the Clinical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. The research protocols vary as do the related risks and benefits to the participants.

Current studies focus on the neurobiological, cognitive, and genetic basis of schizophrenia. Qualifying adults who suffer from this disorder are invited to stay at NIMH without charge while they voluntarily participate in protocols. Every inpatient protocol requires that volunteers complete an initial thorough neurological, medical, psychiatric and neurocognitive evaluation. Volunteers may participate in different studies. A current 6 month evaluation study involves a (carefully monitored) 4-6 week period without medication. Other protocols involve the addition of Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved medications to the volunteers' own medications. These clinical trials evaluate whether memory and other cognitive abilities can be improved by medications that regulate the activity of the frontal cortex.

All studies give participants access to the NIMH diagnostic expertise, careful medication management, and a variety of therapeutic and educational programs and comprehensive discharge recommendations.

Research participation is compensated and travel and lodging assistance is available.

If you are interested in learning about the current studies and whether they may or may not be suitable for you or your family member, please call the schizophrenia referral line at 1-888-674-6464 (TTY: 1-866-411-1010) or email us at schizophrenia@mail.nih.gov.

Funding Information

NIH: Building Sustainable Community-Linked Infrastructure to Enable Health Science Research

The NIH has established a new program entitled Building Sustainable Community-Linked Infrastructure to Enable Health Science Research. This NIH Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), supported by funds provided to the NIH under the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5, solicits applications from domestic (United States) institutions/organizations proposing to support the development, expansion, or reconfiguration of infrastructures needed to facilitate collaboration between academic health centers and community-based organizations for health science research. Such collaboration should transform the way in which health science research is conducted in communities, and accelerate the pace, productivity, dissemination, and implementation of health research; applications that build upon extant collaborative infrastructures supported by other Federal agencies are strongly encouraged.

Application Deadline: December 11, 2009

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-OD-09-010.html>

HUD: Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program

The Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) has announced the availability of approximately \$1.43 billion in funding available for homeless assistance grants across the country. The Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Program works to reduce the incidence of homelessness in CoC communities by assisting homeless individuals and families in moving to self-sufficiency and permanent housing.

Application deadline: November 9, 2009

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa09/grpcoc.cfm>

NCSTAC: Announces the Availability of Mini-grants in Three Programmatic Areas

The Center for Mental Health Services supported National Consumer Supporter Technical Assistance Center is pleased to announce that it will be awarding 3 mini-grants in the areas of Recovery, Organizational Establishment, and Capacity Building. These grants are available to statewide consumer organizations who have not received a Statewide Consumer Network Grant from CMHS or SAMHSA

Application deadline: October 15, 2009

http://www.ncstac.org/content/RFP_2009-09.htm

Programmatic Funding

CDC: Communities Putting Prevention to Work

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/synopsis.do;jsessionid=MLrGKDVcP2J0pTpck9xVgNGfYknVWn7nRfdrXTTHvnlWJ2t4dpSd!1798842873>

SAMHSA: Statewide Family Network Grants

<http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants/2010/SM-10-003.aspx>

SAMHSA: Statewide Consumer Network Grant

<http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants/2010/SM-10-004.aspx>

Research Funding Opportunities

Selected NIH Requests for Applications (RFAs)

[Full listing of NIH RFAs at

http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/guide/search_results.htm?year=active&scope=rfa]

Recovery Act 2009 Limited Competition: AHRQ Clinical and Health Outcomes Initiative in Comparative Effectiveness (CHOICE) Grants (R01)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HS-10-003.html>

Recovery Act 2009 Limited Competition: Innovative Adaptation and Dissemination of AHRQ Comparative Effectiveness Research Products (iADAPT) (R18)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HS-10-004.html>

Exceptional, Unconventional Research Enabling Knowledge Acceleration (EUREKA)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-GM-10-009.html>

Biosignature Discovery for Personalized Treatment in Depression (U01)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-10-040.html>

Medications Development for Cannabis-Related Disorders (R01)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DA-10-016.html>



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