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NIH APPROVES HIGH-PRIORITY RESEARCH WITHIN BRAIN INITIATIVE

National Institutes of Health (NIH) approved initial areas of high-priority brain research to guide \$40 million of NIH fiscal year 2014 funding within the BRAIN (Brain Research through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies) Initiative. The initiative aims to accelerate work on technologies that give a dynamic picture of how individual cells and complex neural circuits interact. The ultimate goal is to enhance understanding of the brain and improve prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of brain diseases.

Press Release: <http://www.nih.gov/news/health/sep2013/od-16.htm>

POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP FACTORS MAY HELP BREAK CYCLE OF CHILD MALTREATMENT

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced the release of a *Journal of Adolescent Health* special supplement investigating the role of safe, stable, nurturing relationships and social contexts in the cycle of child maltreatment across generations. Efforts focused on enhancing relationships between parents and children, as well as between parents and other adults, may be a helpful prevention strategy for breaking the cycle of child maltreatment and promoting life-long health.

Press Release: <http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2013/a0920-child-maltreatment.html>

FDA AND NIH CREATE FIRST-OF-KIND TOBACCO CENTERS OF REGULATORY SCIENCE: RESEARCH FROM NEW PROGRAM TO INFORM POTENTIAL TOBACCO REGULATORY ACTIVITIES

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and NIH have awarded a total of up to \$53 million to fund tobacco-related research in fiscal year 2013 to create 14 Tobacco Centers of Regulatory Science (TCORS). Despite decades of work to reduce tobacco use in the United States, it continues to be the leading cause of preventable death and disease. A new, first-of-its-kind regulatory science tobacco program, TCORS is designed to generate research to inform the regulation of tobacco products to protect public health.

Press Release: <http://www.nih.gov/news/health/sep2013/od-19.htm>

VERSATILE PROTEINS COULD BE NEW TARGET FOR ALZHEIMER'S DRUGS: NIH-FUNDED DISCOVERY BEGAN WITH ASKING HOW THE BRAIN LEARNS TO SEE

A class of proteins that controls visual system development in the young brain also appears to affect vulnerability to Alzheimer's disease in the aging brain. The proteins, which are found in humans and mice, join a limited roster of molecules that scientists are studying in hopes of finding an effective drug to slow the disease process.

Press Release: <http://www.nih.gov/news/health/sep2013/nei-19.htm>

NIH CALLS FOR RESEARCH PROJECTS EXAMINING VIOLENCE; PARTICULAR CONSIDERATION TO BE GIVEN TO FIREARM VIOLENCE

NIH is opening funding opportunities calling for research on violence with particular focus on firearm violence. Applications will be accepted through fiscal year 2016. NIH developed this call for proposals in response to the Presidential memorandum in January 2013 directing science agencies within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to fund research into the causes of firearm violence and ways to prevent it. NIH plans to fund research projects over the next three years beginning in fiscal year 2014 into the causes and consequences of violence as it relates to the health of individuals and communities. The goal is to identify evidence-based strategies for preventing violence and incorporating them into clinical and community settings.

Press Release: <http://www.nih.gov/news/health/sep2013/nih-27.htm>

FDA ANNOUNCES SAFETY LABELING CHANGES AND POSTMARKET STUDY REQUIREMENTS FOR EXTENDED-RELEASE AND LONG-ACTING OPIOID ANALGESICS; NEW BOXED WARNING TO INCLUDE NEONATAL OPIOID WITHDRAWAL SYNDROME

The FDA announced class-wide safety labeling changes and new postmarket study requirements for all extended-release and long-acting (ER/LA) opioid analgesics intended to treat pain. Given the serious risks of using ER/LA opioids, the class-wide labeling changes, when final, will include important new language to help healthcare professionals tailor their prescribing decisions based on a patient's individual needs. The updated indication states that ER/LA opioids are indicated for the management of pain severe enough to require daily, around-the-clock, long-term opioid treatment and for which alternative treatment options are inadequate.

Press Release: <http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm367726.htm>

REPORT SHOWS THAT "BATH SALTS" DRUGS WERE INVOLVED IN NEARLY 23,000 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS IN ONE YEAR

A new national report reveals that "bath salts," a group of drugs containing amphetamine-type stimulants, were linked to an estimated 22,904 visits to hospital emergency departments (ED) in 2011. The report by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is the first national study to track bath salts drugs to hospital ED visits since these drugs emerged a few years ago. The SAMHSA report shows that about two-thirds of ED visits involving bath salts also involved the use of another drug. Only 33 percent of the bath salts-related visits to EDs involved just the use of bath salts; 15 percent of the visits involved combined use with marijuana or synthetic forms of marijuana, and 52 percent involved the use of other drugs.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1309160554.aspx>

NEW ON NIMH WEBSITE

DIRECTOR'S BLOG: IN VITRO VERITAS?

With more than 100 common gene variants recently implicated in schizophrenia and autism, the problem now is to pinpoint how they might change brain circuits. NIMH Director Thomas Insel blogs about a promising new tool that is a sort of budding a brain in a dish. What's amazing – eclipsing earlier “disease-in-a-dish” discoveries – is that, over weeks and months, differentiating cells in these “organoids” organize themselves according to the architecture that is seen in a functioning human brain.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/director/2013/in-vitro-veritas.shtml>

LATEST ISSUE OF INSIDE NIMH

The latest edition of *Inside NIMH* summarizes recent funding opportunities and new initiatives the Institute is considering for the future. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/research-priorities/inside-nimh/2013-autumn-inside-nimh.shtml>

SCIENCE/AAAS GOOGLE+ HANGOUT ON THE ADOLESCENT BRAIN FEATURING NIMH'S JAY GIEDD

As chief of the Unit on Brain Imaging in the NIMH Child Psychiatry Branch, Jay Giedd, M.D. has studied the development of the adolescent brain for more than 20 years. Dr. Giedd participated in a live Google+ Hangout with *Science* and the American Association for the Advancement of Science discussing the mysteries of the adolescent brain and what makes it unique. The archived “video chat” is now available.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/science-news/2013/science-aaas-google-hangout-on-the-adolescent-brain-featuring-nimhs-jay-giedd-md.shtml>

JAY GIEDD ON PBS DOCUMENTARY “BRAINS ON TRIAL”

NIMH's Jay Giedd discusses brain scan research with Alan Alda in the two-episode PBS documentary, *Brains on Trial*. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/science-news/2013/jay-giedd-on-pbs-documentary-brains-on-trial.shtml>

FORMER NIMH GRANTEE RECEIVES 2013 MACARTHUR FELLOW AWARD

Susan Murphy, Ph.D., a statistician from the University of Michigan and former NIMH grantee, is one of 24 recipients of the MacArthur “Genius” Award. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/science-news/2013/former-nimh-grantee-receives-2013-macarthur-fellow-award.shtml>

NIDA UPDATES ITS CONSUMER TREATMENT GUIDE

People seeking addiction treatment for themselves or loved ones will now have an updated resource with questions they should ask potential treatment centers. The revised consumer guide, *Seeking Drug Abuse Treatment: Know What to Ask*, is evidence-based and is being released in recognition of this year's National Recovery Month. <http://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/news-releases/2013/09/nida-updates-its-consumer-treatment-guide-in-recognition-national-recovery-month>

COMPLEMENTARY HEALTH APPROACHES TOPIC UPDATED ON NIHSENIORHEALTH.GOV

Learn about natural products and mind and body practices, and get tips on safety, being an informed consumer, and talking to healthcare providers on the "Complementary Health Approaches" section at NIHSeniorHealth website. The topic also features new information on managing pain, the number one reason people in the United States use complementary approaches.

<http://nihseniorhealth.gov/complementaryhealthapproaches/whatarecomplementaryhealthapproaches/01.html>

NEW FROM SAMHSA

INTEGRATING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND PRIMARY CARE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH: CONCEPTS AND STRATEGIES

This new resource from the SAMHSA-Health Resources and Services Administration Center for Integrated Health Solutions provides robust information on models of organizing service delivery for youth; five core competencies of integrated care systems for children with behavioral health problems; and financing mechanisms that support integrated care systems for children with behavioral health problems. This report is designed specifically for community behavioral health and health centers to learn an approach to delivering care that comprehensively addresses the primary care, specialty care, and social support needs of children and youth in a continuous and family-centered manner.

http://www.integration.samhsa.gov/integrated-care-models/13_June_CIHS_Integrated_Care_System_for_Children_final.pdf

START DISCUSSING HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY'S ROLE IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Bring health information technology (HIT) questions, comments, and issues to the new SAMHSA HIT Forum. The new forum is intended to facilitate the exchange of ideas, suggestions, and personal experiences dealing with HIT for substance abuse treatment providers, mental health providers, software publishers, state agencies, consumers, families, and others involved in the field. The topics likely to be covered include: electronic health records systems; health information exchanges; privacy; experiences dealing with specific hardware and software; technology-assisted care; and consumer self-management approaches.

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

TIPS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS: AFTER A DISASTER OR OTHER TRAUMA: R U A SURVIVOR OF A DISASTER OR OTHER TRAUMA?

This fact sheet uses text-message shorthand to offer college students tips for coping after a disaster or other traumas. Describes ways students can cope with anxiety, fear, and sadness after a disaster or traumatic event, and includes resources for more information. <http://store.samhsa.gov/product/Tips-for-College-Students-After-a-Disaster-or-Other-Trauma-R-U-A-Survivor-of-a-Disaster-or-Other-Trauma-/All-New-Products/SMA13-4778>

DOCUMENTS DISCUSS TRAUMA-INFORMED JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

The National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) has released six online briefs that discuss the key elements of a trauma-informed juvenile justice system. Topics include current issues and new directions in creating trauma-informed systems, assessment and interventions, family engagement, continuity of care and cross-system collaboration, trauma-informed care in facilities, and racial disparities within the system. <http://www.nctsn.org/resources/topics/juvenile-justice-system>

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE RESOURCES

PREVENTING GANG MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) and the CDC have published *Changing Course: Preventing Gang Membership*, which provides principles to help practitioners and policymakers make decisions based on the best available evidence to prevent kids from joining a gang. The report examines why youth are attracted to gangs, explores key child development issues and risks for joining a gang, and offers prevention strategies that a variety of stakeholders — such as schools, law enforcement, public health, and communities — can use to address their specific needs. <http://www.nij.gov/topics/crime/gangs-organized/gangs/youth-gangs/welcome.htm>

TECHNOLOGY, TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AND ABUSE, AND BULLYING

This NIJ-supported report presents findings showing that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender teenagers are at much greater risk of dating abuse than their heterosexual counterparts. It also reports that transgender teens are especially vulnerable to abuse.

<https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/243296.pdf>

PARENTING A CHILD WHO HAS BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED: A GUIDE FOR FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE PARENTS

This Administration for Children and Families (ACF) fact sheet provides information on understanding the impact of child sexual abuse, establishing family guidelines for safety and privacy, and seeking help when needed. https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/f_abused/index.cfm

NATIONAL ACADEMIES RELEASES REPORT ON CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

The National Academies' Institute of Medicine and National Research Council have released *New Directions in Child Abuse and Neglect Research*. Commissioned by ACF, the report examines research findings on the extent, causes, and consequences of child abuse and neglect and the effectiveness of intervention programs. It also provides recommendations for establishing a coordinated national infrastructure to support future child abuse and neglect research. <http://ojdp.gov/enews/13juvjust/130923.html>

PTSD COACH: ONLINE RESOURCE

This section of the National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) website provides information on managing stress reactions and what to expect following a traumatic event.

<http://www.ptsd.va.gov/public/pages/fslist-self-help-cope.asp>

PARENTING FOR SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS

This website built by U.S. Department of Veterans Administration' Mental Health Services in partnership with Department of Defense's National Center for Telehealth and Technology provides a free online course for military and Veteran parents with information and strategies to improve their parenting skills.

<http://veteranparenting.org/>

DCOE BLOG POSTS

SIGNS OF SUICIDE: HOW TO HELP

In recognition of Suicide Prevention Month, this Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DCoE) blog post summarizes the risk factors associated with suicidal behavior and how to help someone in crisis. [http://www.dcoe.health.mil/blog/13-09-](http://www.dcoe.health.mil/blog/13-09-19/Signs_of_Suicide_How_to_Help.aspx)

[19/Signs_of_Suicide_How_to_Help.aspx](http://www.dcoe.health.mil/blog/13-09-19/Signs_of_Suicide_How_to_Help.aspx)

HOW TO FIND SUPPORT, HEAL AFTER DISASTERS

This blog post offers tips for coping after a tragedy or disaster. [http://www.dcoe.health.mil/blog/13-09-](http://www.dcoe.health.mil/blog/13-09-17/How_to_Find_Support_Heal_After_Disasters.aspx)

[17/How_to_Find_Support_Heal_After_Disasters.aspx](http://www.dcoe.health.mil/blog/13-09-17/How_to_Find_Support_Heal_After_Disasters.aspx)

BULLYING PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

OCTOBER 2013

In support of Bullying Prevention Awareness Month, NCTSN is providing resources for families, teens, educators, clinicians, mental health professionals, and law enforcement personnel on how to recognize, deal with, and prevent bullying. <http://www.nctsn.org/resources/public-awareness/bullying-prevention-awareness-month>

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

OCTOBER 2013

In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the NCTSN is offering resources to help educate parents and families, educators, professionals, and policy makers about domestic violence. <http://www.nctsn.org/resources/public-awareness/domestic-violence-awareness-month>

NATIONAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

OCTOBER 2013

The Office of National Drug Control Policy in collaboration with SAMHSA encourages youth, families, schools, and businesses to participate in the observance by promoting substance abuse prevention programs and activities within their communities. <http://ojjdp.gov/enews/13juvjust/130920.html>

WEBINAR: RECRUITING LARGE, DIVERSE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE: LESSONS FROM SACRAMENTO AND ALBUQUERQUE

OCTOBER 7, 2013, 3:00 PM-4:00 PM ET

This webinar will describe how organizers of the Creating Community Solutions events in Albuquerque and Sacramento have been able to bring a critical mass of participants to the table as part of the National Dialogue for Mental Health activities. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7847587575196030722>

WEBINAR: FAMILY AND CULTURE: PROTECTIVE FACTORS IN THE PROMOTION OF NATIVE MEN'S HEALTH

OCTOBER 16, 2013, 3:00 PM-4:30 PM ET

The fourth in the Native Men's Health webinar series, this webinar focuses on men's roles as part of the family unit and traditional indigenous culture as positive ways of promoting men's health. The webinar is being hosted by the Indian Health Service, Men's Health Network, SAMHSA, the Office of Minority Health, and Society of Public Health Education. This webinar affords an opportunity to hear from two speakers - Mr. Al Pooley, founder of the Fatherhood is Sacred and Motherhood is Sacred programs, who will share his program experience and field work focused on culture-based approaches to improving and maintaining Native men's health – and Mr. William Mousser, Director of Adult Services for the Hina Mauka Recovery Center, who will share his perspectives in promoting sobriety and wellness through the use of traditional Hawaiian culture and his experience in national advocacy for the Wai'anae Men in Recovery group.

Join the meeting here: <http://ihs.adobeconnect.com/r5pn035rkub/> (Please log in 10 minutes beforehand)

Room Passcode: ihs123

Conference Phone Number: 1-800-832-0736; Enter Room Number 3014886

SAVE THE DATE: NATIONAL DRUG FACTS WEEK 2014

JANUARY 27, 2014-FEBRUARY 2, 2014

As the school year begins, NIDA encourages educators, community groups, and parents to begin planning events for the fourth annual National Drug Facts Week in the last week of January. Hundreds of educational events are expected around the country to connect teens with scientific experts in the drug abuse field. Coordinated by NIDA, National Drug Facts Week encourages and stimulates community-based events where teens ask questions of addiction scientists or health experts. Events can be sponsored by a variety of organizations, including schools, community groups, sports clubs, and hospitals. Topics for discussion include the science behind illicit drug use, prescription drug abuse, and use of alcohol and tobacco. Event holders who register will receive free booklets with science-based facts about drugs, designed specifically for teens. To register and for more information: <http://drugfactsweek.drugabuse.gov/>

Social media messages about the event to share:

Twitter: We're excited to join @NIDANews to share #drugfacts during National Drug Facts Week:

<http://1.usa.gov/1eC4CoY>

Facebook: We're excited to join the National Institute on Drug Abuse for National Drug Facts Week!

Together we'll share #drugfacts and help teens shatter the myths about drug abuse.

<http://1.usa.gov/1eC4CoY>

CALLS FOR PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS SOUGHT FOR AHRQ EFFECTIVE HEALTH CARE PROGRAM REPORT

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

TREATMENT OF DEPRESSION DURING PREGNANCY AND THE POSTPARTUM PERIOD (COMMENTS DUE OCTOBER 14, 2013)

<http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/search-for-guides-reviews-and-reports/?pageaction=displayProduct&productID=1718&ECem=130916>

HHS STRATEGIC PLAN (2014-2018): DRAFT FOR PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATION

Every four years, HHS updates its strategic plan, which describes its work to address complex, multifaceted, and ever-evolving health and human service issues. Under the Government Performance and Results Modernization Act, Federal agencies are required to consult with the Congress and to solicit and consider the views of external parties. HHS welcomes input on the draft *HHS Strategic Plan for FY 2014-2018*. The comment period will close on October 15, 2013. <http://www.hhs.gov/open/recordsandreports/strategic-plan/index.html>

CLINICAL TRIAL PARTICIPATION NEWS

NATIONWIDE RECRUITMENT: BIPOLAR DISORDER (PEDIATRIC) RESEARCH STUDY

TREATMENT OF SEVERE MOOD DYSREGULATION

(Inpatient: 12- to 15 weeks) This study tests the efficacy of different treatments for decreasing irritability in children with severe mood and behavioral problems. Participants have symptoms of severe irritability and are not doing well on their current medications. The child must be currently in treatment with a physician, medically healthy and not currently hospitalized, psychotic, or suicidal. The study includes day or full hospitalization to discontinue medication, followed by either methylphenidate plus citalopram, or methylphenidate plus placebo. Recruiting ages 7-17. [09-M-0034]

<http://patientinfo.nimh.nih.gov/BipolarDisorderPediatric.aspx#221>

National Institute of Mental Health, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services. 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

ADAPTATION OF SCALABLE TECHNOLOGIES TO ILLUMINATE THE DRUGGABLE GENOME

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-13-010.html>

DEVELOPMENT OF A KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT CENTER FOR ILLUMINATING THE DRUGGABLE GENOME

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-13-011.html>

DISASTER MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH INTERVENTION CENTER

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-14-090.html>

RURAL HEALTH NETWORK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

<https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/SFO.asp?ID=7df81c8f-b635-4a8a-8cec-fe9a59b4d067>

DEVELOPMENT OF ASSAYS FOR HIGH-THROUGHPUT SCREENING FOR USE IN PROBE AND PRE-THERAPEUTIC DISCOVERY

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-13-364.html>

RESEARCH ON THE HEALTH DETERMINANTS AND CONSEQUENCES OF VIOLENCE AND ITS PREVENTION, PARTICULARLY FIREARM VIOLENCE

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-363.html> (R01)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-368.html> (R03)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-369.html> (R21)



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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 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/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>.

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.