

# National Institute of Mental Health Outreach Partnership Program

## *Update*

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## **Science and Service News Updates**

### **NIDA Blending Conference Launches New Training Approach for Young Adults Addicted to Opioids: Two-day Forum Translates Research Findings into Clinical Practice**

A multi-faceted treatment program for young adults addicted to opioid drugs was unveiled at the National Institute on Drug Abuse's (NIDA) Blending Conference in Albuquerque, N.M. This meeting brings together researchers and clinicians so research findings can be immediately applied to the needs of patients and their families dealing with addictive disorders. The new treatment product, *Buprenorphine Treatment for Young Adults*, was based on research by NIDA's Clinical Trials Network in partnership with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). It showed that young adults given longer term treatment with the medication buprenorphine were less likely to use drugs and more likely to stay in treatment, compared to those who received short term detoxification without follow-up medication.

Press Release: <http://www.nida.nih.gov/newsroom/10/NR4-22.html>

### **NIH: Independent Panel Finds Insufficient Evidence to Support Preventive Measures for Alzheimer's Disease**

Many preventive measures for cognitive decline and for preventing Alzheimer's disease—mental stimulation, exercise, and a variety of dietary supplements—have been studied over the years. However, an independent panel convened this week by the National Institutes of Health determined that the value of these strategies for delaying the onset and/or reducing the severity of decline or disease hasn't been demonstrated in rigorous studies.

Press Release: <http://www.nih.gov/news/health/apr2010/od-28.htm>

### **SAMHSA Joins Together with National Behavioral Health Provider Associations to Promote Mental Health Recovery**

SAMHSA recently approved awards to five national behavioral healthcare provider associations to hasten awareness, acceptance, and adoption of recovery-based practices in the delivery of mental health services. The five awards represent a major new outreach by SAMHSA to directly engage key behavioral health professional groups in its on-going efforts to fundamentally improve the provision of behavioral healthcare services.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/100422behavioral0121.aspx>

### **NIH-led Interagency Group Identifies Research Needs to Study Climate Change and Human Health Impacts**

A report released by a Federal working group highlights 11 key categories of diseases and other health consequences that are occurring or will occur due to climate change. The report, *A Human Health Perspective on Climate Change*, provides a starting point for coordination of Federal research to better understand climate's impact on human health. The white paper highlights the state-of-the-science on the human health consequences of climate change on a range of diseases, including mental health and stress-related disorders.

Press Release: <http://www.niehs.nih.gov/news/releases/2010/nih-led.cfm>

## **HHS Appoints Five New Members to the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee**

The Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee (IACC) is announcing the addition of five new public members appointed by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS). The new members will bring additional points of view and expertise to the IACC, a federal advisory committee created to accelerate progress in autism spectrum disorder (ASD) research and services. The appointees represent several major ASD research and advocacy groups including Autism Speaks, the Simons Foundation, the Autistic Self-Advocacy Network (ASAN), the Southwest Autism Research and Resource Center (SARRC) and the University of California, Davis Medical Investigation of Neurological Disorders (MIND) Institute.

Press Release:

[http://www.iacc.hhs.gov/news/news\\_updates/2010/news\\_2010\\_iacc\\_new\\_members.shtml](http://www.iacc.hhs.gov/news/news_updates/2010/news_2010_iacc_new_members.shtml)

## **Resources: Publications, Toolkits, Other Resources**

### **NIMH New Director's Blog Postings**

*May 6th: Children's Mental Health Awareness Day*

May is Mental Health Month. This year, NIMH is teaming up with SAMHSA to celebrate and promote Children's Mental Health Awareness Day on May 6th. NIMH's commitment to bringing the field together to unlock the mysteries of childhood mental illness is based on new paradigms and new scientific approaches. The time has come to "rethink" mental illness, particularly in young people, beyond the "chemical imbalance" explanation of depression or the "blame and shame" approaches of the past.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/director/index.shtml#p78142>

*What's in a Name? — The Outlook for Borderline Personality Disorder*

As currently defined, borderline personality disorder is considered a reflection of an essential aspect of a person's character that influences his or her way of seeing and being seen in the world. Recent research, however, has shown that symptoms of the disorder aren't constant and may not always be as enduring as some researchers and clinicians may think.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/director/index.shtml#p77515>

### **New NIMH Radio Podcasts on Child Mental Health**

NIMH has released a number of podcasts in conjunction with Children's Mental Health Awareness Day. The podcasts feature NIMH staff discussing various mental disorders in children:

- ADHD: Symptoms of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder in Children
- ADHD: Treatment Options for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder in Children
- Childhood Depression: Symptoms and Treatment
- Anxiety Disorders in Children

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/child-and-adolescent-mental-health/index.shtml>

## **New SAMHSA Resources**

### *New Suicide Prevention Planning Guide to Prevent Suicide in American Indian/Alaskan Native Communities*

The purpose of this new guide, *To Live to See the Great Day that Dawns: Preventing Suicide by American Indian and Alaska Native Youth and Young Adults*, is to support American Indian/Alaskan Native communities and those who serve them in developing effective, culturally appropriate suicide prevention plans. This guide lays the groundwork for comprehensive prevention planning, with prevention broadly defined to include programs that a community can use to promote the mental health of its young. The guide also covers actions communities can take in response to a suicide to help the community heal and thereby prevent related suicidal behaviors.

<http://library.sprc.org/item.php?id=802&catid=13>

### *New Employer's Guide to Child and Adolescent Mental Health*

A new guide designed to help employers improve the delivery of child and adolescent behavioral health services and provide services for family caregivers, was officially released by the National Business Group on Health, a national non-profit organization representing more than 280 mostly large U.S. employers. This guide was developed by the Advisory Council on Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health, which was created in 2008 by the National Business Group on Health through a contract from SAMHSA.

<http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1004215526.aspx>

### *New Issue of Dialogue: SAMHSA's Quarterly Technical Assistance Bulletin on Disaster Behavioral Health*

This edition of *The Dialogue* features a variety of articles ranging from the challenges of disaster preparedness and the homeless community to an update about how Louisiana is faring as it wraps up its services.

[http://mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/dtac/dialogue/Issue1\\_10.asp](http://mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/dtac/dialogue/Issue1_10.asp)

### *A Day in the Life of American Adolescents: Substance Use Facts Update*

This report uses multiple data sources to look at how many adolescents aged 12 to 17 engaged in a variety of substance abuse activities, including consuming alcohol, smoking cigarettes, receiving substance abuse treatment, and being seen in a hospital emergency department for a drug or alcohol related problem.

<http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/2k10/185/185TypicalDay.cfm>

### *Puerto Rican Admissions to Substance Abuse Treatment*

In 2007, heroin was the most common primary substance of abuse among Puerto Rican substance abuse treatment admissions, while alcohol was the most common substance of abuse among other Hispanic admissions. Among Puerto Rican admissions reporting primary abuse of heroin, more than two thirds reported secondary or tertiary abuse of other substances. Most Puerto Rican admissions had at least one prior treatment episode, but most other Hispanic admissions did not.

<http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/2k10/216/216PuertoRican2k10.cfm>

## **Updated Fact Sheets about Women and Mental Health**

The National Women's Health Information Center has updated a series of fact sheets which address frequently addressed questions about mental disorders.

- Anxiety Disorders: <http://www.womenshealth.gov/faq/anxiety.cfm>
- Depression: <http://www.womenshealth.gov/faq/depression.cfm>
- Stress and Your Health: <http://www.womenshealth.gov/faq/stress-your-health.cfm>

## **New from the Administration for Children and Families**

### *Text4Baby: New Mobile Health Information Service*

*Text4Baby* is a mobile health information service that provides free, health-related text messages to pregnant women and new mothers who voluntarily enroll in the service. Brief text messages are sent to new and expectant mothers three times per week to inform them on widely accepted and highly vetted scientific guidelines to promote healthy births, especially among traditionally underserved populations.

<http://peerta.acf.hhs.gov/index.cfm?event=viewWhatsNew&sectionId=6&sectionTopicId=24#announcements>

### *Child Maltreatment 2008 Available*

This report indicates that 2008 saw the lowest child victimization rate in five years. An estimated 772,000 children were victims of child abuse and neglect, a rate of 10.3 per 1,000 children, with almost a third of the victims less than four years old.

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/cm08/>

### *Understanding the Effects of Maltreatment on Brain Development*

Understand the emotional, mental, and behavioral impact of early abuse and neglect in children who come to the attention of the child welfare system. This issue brief from the Child Welfare Information Gateway provides basic information for professionals on brain development and the effects of abuse and neglect on that development.

[http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/issue\\_briefs/brain\\_development](http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/issue_briefs/brain_development)

## **FDA: Medicines in My Home Resources**

*Medicines in My Home* is a multimedia educational program from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to teach consumers from adolescence through adulthood how to choose over-the-counter medicines and use them safely. "Rooms" of the program contain presentations, print materials, and resources that teachers, students and adults can use online or download.

<http://www.fda.gov/medsinmyhome>

## **AHRQ: Health Literacy Universal Precautions Toolkit**

This Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) toolkit offers primary care practices a way to assess their services for health literacy considerations, raise awareness of the entire staff, and work on specific areas. This toolkit is designed to help adult and pediatric practices ensure that systems are in place to promote better understanding by all patients. The toolkit is divided into manageable chunks so that its implementation can fit into the busy day of a practice.

<http://www.ahrq.gov/qual/literacy/>

### **The Transition from Jail to Community Implementation Toolkit**

The National Institute of Corrections and the Urban Institute announce the release of the *Transition from Jail to Community (TJC) Implementation Toolkit*. This web-based learning resource is designed to guide jurisdictions through implementation of the TJC model, in whole or in part. The Toolkit serves as a hands-on resource for users interested in jail reentry, whether in a criminal justice or community-based organization. Users can navigate the nine modules at their own pace. Toolkit modules incorporate examples from jurisdictions across the country, tools developed to facilitate implementation in the six current TJC learning sites, resource suggestions, and detailed content. <http://www.jailtransition.com/Toolkit>

### **Campus Attacks: Targeted Violence Affecting Institutions of Higher Education**

The U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Department of Education and Federal Bureau of Investigation jointly released findings of a new study of targeted violence affecting United States institutions of higher education. Based on recommendations from the report, the three agencies initiated a collaborative effort, the goal of which was to understand the scope of the problem of targeted violence at these institutions in the United States.

<http://www2.ed.gov/news/pressreleases/2010/04/04142010.html>

## **Calendar of Events**

### **Webcast: Creating Trauma-Informed Programs: Youth Drop-in Centers and Beyond**

*May 5, 2010, 12:00-1:30 p.m. ET*

This SAMHSA Homelessness Resource Center webcast explores strategies and challenges to creating trauma-informed services in a drop-in center for youth and young adults experiencing homelessness. Ayala Livney from Youth on Fire, a drop-in center in Cambridge, MA, will share her program's experiences with trauma-informed care, along with trauma expert Kathleen Guarino of the National Center on Family Homelessness. This dialogue will offer important information about the basics of becoming trauma-informed and about best practices in drop-in centers.

<http://homeless.samhsa.gov/Resource/View.aspx?id=48347>

### **Health Observance: National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day**

*May 6, 2010*

The National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day observance is designed to promote positive youth development, resilience, recovery and the transformation of mental health services delivery for children and youth with serious mental health needs and their families. This annual observance is designed to raise awareness of effective programs for children's mental health needs; demonstrate how children's mental health initiatives promote positive youth development, recovery and resilience; and show how children with mental health needs thrive in their communities.

<http://www.samhsa.gov/children/index.aspx>

### **Partnering to Improve Health: The Science of Community Engagement**

*May 13–14, 2010, Arlington, Virginia*

The Community Engagement Committee of the National Center for Research Resources Clinical and Translational Science Awards Consortium will partly sponsor this third annual conference focusing on aspects of community engagement. This year's conference will emphasize the scientific rigor of community engagement. Participants will discuss: 1) ways to build effective collaborations with community partners to increase clinical research study participation and improve health outcomes; 2) methods, models, and outcomes that demonstrate measurable health improvements; 3) development and refinement of research tools to improve community engagement efforts; and 4) ideas for identifying and securing local and regional resources. The conference will also feature a community engagement poster session.

[http://www.aptrweb.org/prof\\_dev/ce\\_registration.html](http://www.aptrweb.org/prof_dev/ce_registration.html)

### **National Lab Day: A National Barn Raising for Hands on Learning**

*May 12, 2010*

National Lab Day (NLD) unites teachers requesting help on a project with local scientists to provide high-quality science experiences for students. Championed by President Obama and more than 200 science, technology, engineering, and math societies and organizations, NLD is more than just one day—activities go on throughout the year, with an annual celebration in May.

<http://my.nationallabday.org/NIH>

### **Teleconference: New Frontiers in Smoking Cessation to Support Wellness among People with Mental Health Problems**

*May 26, 2010, 3:00-4:30 p.m. ET*

The goal of this SAMHSA 10 x 10 Wellness Campaign training is to increase awareness of the latest and most effective tobacco cessation tools, initiatives, and services specifically designed for mental health consumers and those working in mental health settings. Please note: Registration will close at 5:00 p.m., ET, on May 19, 2010.

<http://www.promoteacceptance.samhsa.gov/10by10/training.aspx>

### **NIH 2010 Regional Seminar on Program Funding and Grants Administration**

*June 24–25, 2010, Portland, Oregon*

This annual seminar for prospective NIH grantees will demystify the application and review process, clarify federal regulations and policies, and highlight current areas of special interest or concern. Grants administrators, researchers, graduate students and others are encouraged to attend. An optional electronic Research Administration (eRA) Hands-on Computer Workshop will be available prior to the seminar on June 23, 2010.

[http://grants.nih.gov/grants/Portland\\_2010/index.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/Portland_2010/index.html)

#### **4th National Conference on Women, Addiction and Recovery**

*July 26–28, 2010, Chicago, Illinois*

SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment in partnership with Treatment Alternatives for a Safe Community is sponsoring its 4th National Conference on Women, Addiction and Recovery. Join with leaders, colleagues and stakeholders in the addiction treatment field to focus on current trends and innovations in creating recovery opportunities for women with substance use disorders and their families. Among topics to be discussed are: family-centered treatment, current developments in health policy, working with the criminal justice system, inter-agency collaboration, women's recovery support, use of technology, culturally responsive approaches, treatment for adolescent girls, housing supports, workforce development, and demonstrating program effectiveness.

<http://SAMHSAWomensConference.org>

#### **Careers in Global Mental Health**

*July 30, 2010*

The NIMH Office for Research on Disparities and Global Mental Health invites qualified and early career professionals to the Careers in Global Mental Health meeting on July 30, 2010. The meeting will bring together early career clinical and research professionals (including medical and public health students) for an interactive forum, with the goal of orienting them to research careers in global mental health. NIMH encourages individuals (recent graduates in any of the following disciplines: medicine, psychiatry, neurosciences, psychology, social work, public health, epidemiology, anthropology, sociology and other relevant degrees) interested in developing their skills and knowledge for addressing global mental health challenges through innovative research to apply. Applications are due June 4, 2010.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/research-funding/scientific-meetings/announcements/careers-in-global-mental-health.shtml>

#### **2010 Joint Meeting on Adolescent Treatment Effectiveness: Joining with Families, Youth, and Communities to Promote and Improve Adolescent Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment and Recovery**

*December 14–16, 2010, Baltimore, Maryland*

SAMHSA has issued a call for presentations for the upcoming 2010 Joint Meeting on Adolescent Treatment Effectiveness (JMATE). Cosponsored by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and other SAMHSA partners, JMATE seeks to enhance adolescent substance abuse treatment and recovery by providing a forum for the exchange of information among researchers, practitioners, youth and their families, policymakers, and community members.

The deadline for submitting proposals is June 4, 2010.

<http://www.jmate.org/jmate2010/Presentations.aspx>

## **Calls for Public Input**

### **Comment on HHS Open Government Plan**

HHS announces the debut of its HHS Open Government Plan. Under the leadership of President Obama and Secretary Sebelius, HHS is committing to take Open Government to a whole new level. This plan represents an enormous amount of thinking and hard work by staff from across HHS -- Open Government innovators who are spearheading efforts like the new Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Dashboard and the Food and Drug Administration's FDA-TRACK Website, both of which are debuting in beta with the launch of this plan. HHS welcomes comments about the plan and how they can improve it. They are also seeking comments on how HHS can make its information and department more accessible.

<http://www.hhs.gov/open/index.html>

## **Clinical Trial Participation News**

### **NIMH: Clinical Trial of Citalopram and Methylphenidate in Severe Mood Dysregulation**

This study is testing the effectiveness of methylphenidate plus citalopram vs. methylphenidate plus placebo for decreasing irritability in children with severe mood dysregulation (SMD). Children with SMD display chronic anger, sadness, or irritability, as well as hyperarousal (such as insomnia, distractibility, hyperactivity) and extreme responses to frustration (such as frequent, severe temper tantrums).

Children ages seven to 17 with SMD may be eligible to participate in this 12- to 15-week inpatient or outpatient study. This study has four phases:

- During Phase I participants are gradually withdrawn from all current psychotropic medications.
- Phase II is a one-week psychotropic medication-free period.
- During Phase III, which lasts two weeks, participants are treated with methylphenidate alone.
- Phase IV lasts for eight weeks. During this time, participants continue methylphenidate treatment and are randomly assigned to also receive either citalopram or placebo.

At the end of the study, those who received methylphenidate plus placebo will have the opportunity to receive methylphenidate plus active citalopram if clinically appropriate.

All procedures and medications associated with the research are provided at no cost to participants, and transportation expenses are reimbursed by NIMH. Schooling will be provided while on the inpatient unit or in day treatment. For more information, please call (301) 496-8381 or send an email to [bipolarkids@mail.nih.gov](mailto:bipolarkids@mail.nih.gov).

For more information on research conducted by the National Institute of Mental Health in Bethesda, MD, visit: <http://patientinfo.nimh.nih.gov>

## **Funding Information**

### **SAMHSA: \$10 Million in Funding to Promote Behavioral Health in Children**

SAMHSA is accepting applications for more than \$10 million in funding for preventing aggressive and disruptive behavior among young children in the short term and prevent antisocial behavior and the use of illicit drugs in the longer term. This effort is a key part of SAMHSA's strategic initiative to help promote emotional health, as well as prevent and reduce mental illness and substance abuse. Grantees will implement an evidence-based practice in schools, specifically the *Good Behavior Game*, a behavioral classroom management strategy that involves helping children learn how to work together. The long-term benefits of using this evidence-based practice among children at high risk are significant. Applications are due May 10, 2010.

<http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants/2010/SM-10-017.aspx>

### **SAMHSA: \$19.5 Million in Project LAUNCH Grants Promoting the Wellness of Young Children and their Families**

SAMHSA is soliciting applications for Project LAUNCH (Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health), a grant program designed to promote the physical, emotional, social, cognitive and behavioral health of young children, birth to 8 years of age. Project LAUNCH is a key part of SAMHSA's strategic initiative to promote emotional health and prevent substance abuse and mental illness. Applications are due May 17, 2010.

<http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants/2010/SM-10-012.aspx>

### **HRSA: Flex Rural Veterans Health Access Program**

The purpose of this grant program is to provide mental health and other services to veterans and other residents of rural areas. The Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Office of Rural Health Policy will award grants to states that submit applications for increasing the delivery of mental health services, or other health care services deemed necessary to meet the needs of veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom living in rural census tracts, including for the provision of crisis intervention services and the detection of post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, and other injuries. These grants also are meant to support referral of such veterans to medical facilities operated by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for the delivery of such services to other residents of rural areas. Applications are due June 4, 2010.

<https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/SFO.asp?ID=90FCBCF7-6361-4353-AE51-A901803EA330>

### **Second Chance Act Reentry Demonstration Program: Targeting Offenders with Co-occurring Substance Abuse and Mental Health Disorders**

In accordance with section 201 of the Second Chance Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-199), this Bureau of Justice program addresses the treatment needs of offenders with co-occurring substance abuse and serious mental health disorders in prison programs, jails, and juvenile detention facilities. Grantees are expected to implement or expand offender treatment programs for re-entering offenders by providing recovery support services, reentry planning and programming, and post-release treatment and aftercare programming in the community. Applications are due June 3, 2010

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10SecondChanceSAMHsol.pdf>

## **Programmatic Funding**

### **Attorney General's Children Exposed to Violence Demonstration Program: Phase I**

<http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/funding/FundingDetail.asp?fi=179>

### **BJA FY 10 Family-Based Prisoner Substance Abuse Treatment**

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10SecondChanceFamilySAsol.pdf>

### **BJA FY 10 Second Chance Act Program to Evaluate and Improve Educational Methods for Incarcerated Adults and Juveniles**

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/10SecondChanceEducationSol.pdf>

### **DOL: Urban/Non-Urban Homeless Female Veterans and Homeless Veterans with Families' Reintegration into Employment**

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-9733.htm>

### **ED: NIDRR Rehabilitation Research and Training Center Priority on Improved Outcomes for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness and Co-Occurring Conditions**

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/2010-9511.htm>

### **ED: FY 2010 Building State Capacity for Preventing Youth Substance Use and Violence Grant Competition**

<http://www2.ed.gov/programs/buildstatecap/applicant.html>

### **HRSA: Maternal and Child Health Autism Intervention Research**

<https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/SFO.asp?ID=C9DFE361-B40A-4995-80BB-1A95D5F3B89E>

### **IHS: Injury Prevention Program**

<http://www.ihs.gov/NonMedicalPrograms/gogp/index.cfm?module=HHS-2010-IHS-IPP-0001>

### **NIJ: Research and Evaluation on Children Exposed to Family Violence**

<http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000928.pdf>

### **OJJDP FY 2010 Juvenile Drug Courts Training and Technical Assistance Program**

<http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2010/JuvenileDCTTA.pdf>

### **OJJDP FY 2010 Community-Based Violence Prevention Demonstration Program**

<http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2010/CBVP%20DEMO.pdf>

### **OVW: Engaging Men in Preventing Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Grant Program**

<http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/engaging-men-youth-solicitation.pdf>

## **Research Funding Opportunities**

### **Selected Program Announcements**

#### **NIDA Research Education Program for Clinical Researchers and Clinicians (R25)**

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-10-173.html>

#### **International Research Ethics Education and Curriculum Development Award (R25)**

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-10-174.html>

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The **Outreach Partnership Program** is a nationwide outreach initiative of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) with support from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and in cooperation with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) 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 on the NIMH Outreach Program please visit

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/outreach/partners>.

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