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SCIENCE AND SERVICE NEWS UPDATES

NIMH: EARLY TREATMENT DECISIONS CRUCIAL FOR TEENS WITH TREATMENT-RESISTANT DEPRESSION

Early response to second-course treatment is associated with a greater likelihood of remission among teens with hard-to-treat depression, according to recent data from an NIMH-funded study published online ahead of print May 17, 2010, in the *American Journal of Psychiatry*. "These results suggest that early treatment decisions are probably the most crucial to the recovery of teens with hard-to-treat depression," said NIMH Director Thomas R. Insel, M.D.

Science Update: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2010/early-treatment-decisions-crucial-for-teens-with-treatment-resistant-depression.shtml>

NIMH: COORDINATED TREATMENT APPROACH IMPROVES ANXIETY SYMPTOMS

A coordinated, multi-component treatment approach was more effective in treating anxiety disorders than usual care provided in primary care settings, according to an NIMH-funded study published May 19, 2010, in a special issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association* devoted to mental health.

Science Update: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2010/coordinated-treatment-approach-improves-anxiety-symptoms.shtml>

NIMH: BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTION EFFECTIVELY CONTROLS TICS IN MANY CHILDREN WITH TOURETTE SYNDROME

Comprehensive behavioral therapy is more effective than basic supportive therapy and education in helping children with Tourette syndrome manage their tics, according to an NIMH-funded study. The study was published May 19, 2010, in a special issue of the *Journal of the American Medication Association* dedicated to mental health. "People with Tourette syndrome experience considerable impairment and social isolation, and effective treatments are limited," said NIMH Director Thomas R. Insel, M.D. "This study makes a strong case for a specialized behavioral therapy, either as a stand-alone treatment or as an adjunct to medication."

Science Update: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2010/behavioral-intervention-effectively-controls-tics-in-many-children-with-tourette-syndrome.shtml>

NIMH Radio: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/media/audio/nimh-radio/nimh-radio-dr-john-piacentini-of-ucla-talks-about-cbit-a-new-therapy-that-treats-tics-associated-with-tourettes-syndrome.shtml>

NIMH: RESILIENCE FACTOR LOW IN DEPRESSION, PROTECTS MICE FROM STRESS — TARGETING GENE REGULATOR IN BRAIN REWARD CIRCUIT EYED AS TREATMENT

Scientists have discovered a mechanism that helps to explain resilience to stress, vulnerability to depression and how antidepressants work. The new findings, in the reward circuit of mouse and human brains, have spurred a high tech dragnet for compounds that boost the action of a key gene regulator there called, deltaFosB. A molecular main power switch inside neurons – called a transcription factor – deltaFosB turns multiple genes on and off, triggering the production of proteins that perform a cell's activities. "We found that triggering deltaFosB in the reward circuit's hub is both necessary and sufficient for resilience; it protects mice from developing a depression-like syndrome following chronic social stress," explained Eric Nestler, M.D., of the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, who led the research team, which was funded by the NIMH.

Press Release: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2010/resilience-factor-low-in-depression-protects-mice-from-stress.shtml>

NIMH: EFFECTIVENESS OF LONG-TERM USE OF ANTIPSYCHOTIC MEDICATION TO TREAT CHILDHOOD SCHIZOPHRENIA IS LIMITED

Few youths with early-onset schizophrenia who are treated with antipsychotic medications for up to a year appear to benefit from their initial treatment over the long term, according to results from an NIMH-funded study. The study was published online ahead of print May 4, 2010, in the *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*.

Science Update: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2010/effectiveness-of-long-term-use-of-antipsychotic-medication-to-treat-childhood-schizophrenia-is-limited.shtml>

SAMHSA: PSA CAMPAIGN LAUNCHES AS NEW SURVEY DATA FIND STIGMA PERSISTS

According to a national survey by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) there are an estimated 9.8 million adults aged 18 or older living with serious mental illness. Among adults, the prevalence of serious mental illness is highest in individuals ages 18 to 25, yet this age group also is the least likely to receive services for mental health issues. To help address this problem, SAMHSA and The Advertising Council launched a new series of national public service announcements designed to encourage, educate and inspire young adults to step up and support friends and family they know are experiencing a mental health problem.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1005252813.aspx>

HHS RELEASES NATIONAL PLAN TO IMPROVE HEALTH LITERACY

The United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released *The National Action Plan to Improve Health Literacy* aimed at making health information and services easier to understand and use. The plan calls for improving the jargon-filled language, dense writing, and complex explanations that often fill patient handouts, medical forms, health web sites and recommendations to the public. According to the report, efforts to improve the health literacy skills of both the public and health professionals are needed to achieve a health literate society—a critical need as health reform generates more demand for consumer and patient information that is easy to understand and culturally and linguistically appropriate.

Press Release: <http://www.hhs.gov/ophs/news/20100527.html>.

Action Plan: <http://www.health.gov/communication/HLActionPlan/>

RESOURCES: PUBLICATIONS, TOOLKITS, OTHER RESOURCES

NEW ON NIMH WEBSITE

NIMH DIRECTOR'S BLOG: NIMH'S BRAINS AWARDS—IN SUPPORT OF CREATIVITY

One of the three core research themes of the NIMH Strategic Plan is that all advances rest on our ability to support and train future generations of mental health scientists. Seven young investigators recently gathered at the Institute's headquarters for a ceremony recognizing them as the first recipients of NIMH's new BRAINS awards—*Biobehavioral Research Awards for Innovative New Scientists*. The BRAINS initiative was created to support the research programs and career development of outstanding scientists who are in the early, formative stages of their careers and plan to make a long term commitment to research most relevant to NIMH. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/director/index.shtml#p79257>

NIMH RADIO: COMPREHENSIVE BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTION FOR TICS

Dr. John Piacentini of the University of California at Los Angeles talks about *Comprehensive Behavioral Intervention for Tics*, a new therapy that treats tics associated with Tourette's Syndrome.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/media/audio/nimh-radio/nimh-radio-dr-john-piacentini-of-ucla-talks-about-cbit-a-new-therapy-that-treats-tics-associated-with-tourettes-syndrome.shtml>

NIMH RADIO: TREATMENT RESISTANT DEPRESSION

Dr. Mark George of the Medical University of South Carolina talks about rTMS research and treatment-resistant depression.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/media/audio/nimh-radio/nimh-radio-dr-mark-george-of-the-medical-university-of-south-carolina-talks-about-rtms-research-and-treatment-resistant-depression.shtml>

CDC REPORT: ATTITUDES TOWARD MENTAL ILLNESS

This Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) study across 37 states and territories found that in 2007, most adults (89 percent) agreed that treatment for mental illness is effective, but fewer (57 percent) agreed about others being caring toward people with mental illness. Fewer adults with mental health symptoms believed that people are caring toward people with mental illness. Adults with mental health symptoms and negative attitudes might be less likely to reach out for support or seek needed care.

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5920a3.htm?s_cid=mm5920a3_x

NEW SAMHSA RESOURCES

LATEST ISSUES OF SAMHSA NEWS AVAILABLE

This issue of *SAMHSA News* describes the agency's current national multimedia campaigns addressing suicide prevention, underage drinking and mental health among African Americans.

http://www.samhsa.gov/samhsaNewsletter/Volume_18_Number_2/default.aspx

HOMELESSNESS RESOURCE CENTER: FREE ONLINE TRAINING WITH CEUs

SAMHSA's Homelessness Resource Center provides free training opportunities to people working in the homeless services field. The *Strategies for Change* online training series gives a comprehensive overview of the information workers might need to end chronic homelessness for people who have serious mental illnesses, including those with co-occurring substance use disorders. It offers practical advice for how to plan, organize and sustain a comprehensive, integrated system of care.

<http://homeless.samhsa.gov/Channel/Free-Online-Training-with-CEUs-541.aspx>

NEW EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES (EBP) KITS FROM SAMHSA

These resources help guide recovery-oriented support to mental health consumers. Now available for order are the CD-ROM/DVD versions of the following EBP KITS:

- *Family Psychoeducation*, which focuses on recovery by giving consumers and their families information about mental illnesses, helping them to build social supports, and enhancing problem-solving, communication, and coping skills; and
- *Illness Management and Recovery*, which emphasizes helping people to set and pursue personal goals and to implement action strategies in their everyday lives.

<http://mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/cmhs/CommunitySupport/toolkits/about.asp>

NEW SAMHSA REPORTS

2008 NATIONAL SURVEY ON DRUG USE AND HEALTH

This report provides the latest data on prevalence and correlates of substance use, serious psychological distress, depression, related problems and treatment in the civilian population aged 12 or older in the U.S.

<http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/nsduh/2k8nsduh/2k8Results.cfm>

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT (ED) VISITS FOR DRUG-RELATED SUICIDE ATTEMPTS BY YOUNG ADULTS AGED 18 TO 24

During 2008, 6.3 percent of drug-related ED visits made by young adults aged 18 to 24 involved suicide attempts. Almost three of every five ED visits for drug-related suicide attempts among young adults were made by females. Pharmaceuticals were involved in 92.8 percent of drug-related suicide attempts among young adults. Slightly less than three fourths of the ED visits for drug-related suicide attempts among young adults ended with evidence of follow-up care.

<http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/2k10/DAWN002/SuicideAttemptsYoungAdults.cfm>

SUBSTANCE USE AMONG HISPANIC ADULTS

Rates of past month alcohol and illicit drug use were lower among Hispanic adults than the national averages for adults; however, past month binge alcohol use was higher among Hispanics than the national average. Among Hispanic adults, substance use varied greatly by subgroup; past month illicit drug use, for example, ranged from a high of 13.1 percent among adults of Spanish origin (from Spain) to a low of 3.9 percent among those of Dominican origin. Hispanic adults who were born in the U.S. had higher rates of past month substance use than Hispanic adults who were not born in the U.S., regardless of age.

<http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/2k10/184/HispanicAdults.cfm>

SUBSTANCE USE AMONG ASIAN ADULTS

A new national study shows there are significant differences in rates of substance use among adults in various Asian-American populations. For example, the past month binge drinking rate among Korean-American adults is three times higher than among Chinese-American adults. Similarly, the level of past month illicit drug use among Japanese-American adults is nearly three times higher than the level among Asian Indian-American adults. <http://oas.samhsa.gov/2k10/179/SUAsianAdults.cfm>

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT STATISTICS IN KEY METROPOLITAN AREAS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

SAMHSA has developed a series of Metro Briefs providing detailed statistical snapshots of substance abuse treatment activities occurring in 27 metropolitan areas. Each brief provides a wide range of information about the nature and scope of substance abuse treatment admissions in a metropolitan area through a variety of charts, graphs and accompanying text. <http://oas.samhsa.gov/metro/metro.cfm>

AHRQ RESEARCH SUMMARIES

NEARLY ONE-FOURTH OF PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS HAVE CUT BACK ON OR QUIT WORK TO CARE FOR THEM

Parents of children with special health care needs (CSHCN) often have to take time off work, reduce their number of work hours, or even quit a job altogether to care for their sick child. In fact, nearly a quarter of parents with CSHCN have experienced work loss in order to meet the medical needs of their child, reveals a new AHRQ-funded study. <http://www.ahrq.gov/research/jun10/0610RA2.htm>

CHILDREN WITH ATTENTION-DEFICIT/HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER (ADHD) FROM LARGER FAMILIES MORE LIKELY TO USE STIMULANTS

Children who have ADHD are typically impulsive, hyperactive and easily distracted—characteristics that can harm schoolwork, self-esteem, psychological development and interpersonal relationships. Various stimulant medications are typically prescribed to quiet their behavior and help them focus. A recent study has found differences in stimulant use among children with ADHD based on family structure. Specifically, children from families with additional children are more likely to use stimulants compared with children from a single-child family. <http://www.ahrq.gov/research/jun10/0610RA3.htm>

HOME VISITS HELP PREGNANT, MEDICAID-INSURED WOMEN ALLEVIATE DEPRESSIVE SYMPTOMS

Depressive symptoms are a common complication for women both during pregnancy and during the first year after giving birth. Pregnant women and mothers of low socioeconomic status are most susceptible, with nearly half screening positive for depressive symptoms. According to a new study, having a nurse-community health worker team make home visits substantially reduces depressive symptoms among these women, and also reduced stress levels among higher risk women with minimal psychosocial resources.

<http://www.ahrq.gov/research/jun10/0610RA6.htm>

NIAAA OFFERS NEW “RESEARCH GALLERY”

As part of its website redesign, the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) is offering a new feature which highlights the alcohol research it conducts and supports. One of the newest research summaries finds that brief counseling sessions can reduce harmful drinking among college students.

<http://www.niaaa.nih.gov/NewsEvents/ResearchGallery.htm>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEBINAR: POTENTIAL IMPACT OF PARITY ON CHILDREN’S MENTAL HEALTH

JUNE 2, 2010, 1:00-2:30 PM ET

This SAMHSA National Technical Assistance Center for Children’s Mental Health webinar will provide an overview of the major components of the parity regulations, including such areas as: 1) an explanation of which health plans are subject to the law; 2) how the regulations define treatment limitations and the new standards that health plans must meet regarding mental health and addiction services; 3) the prohibition on health plans from instituting separate deductibles, copayments, and out-of-pocket limits for mental health/substance abuse and medical/surgical benefits (Any deductibles, copayments, and out-of-pocket limits required by the plan must be integrated and cumulative for all services.); and 4) how enforcement will be handled by the federal government.

http://gucchdtacenter.georgetown.edu/resources/2010_Mental_Health_Parity_Webinar.html

WEBCAST: RECOVERY AT ANY AGE—YOUNG PEOPLE CAN AND DO RECOVER

JUNE 3, 2010

This Center for Substance Abuse Treatment webcast will examine environmental and biological factors that can lead to addiction, how drugs and alcohol can affect a youth's development, and the role of modern technology (e.g., social networking, texting) options available to adolescents and young people receiving treatment and recovery services.

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

WEBINAR: IMPLEMENTING RECOVERY-ORIENTED PRACTICES 1—EMERGING TRENDS IN PROGRAM AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

JUNE 8, 2010, 3:00-4:30 PM ET

As part of its effort to raise awareness and promote recovery-oriented practice among mental health professionals, SAMHSA will host the first in a series of webinars designed to present and explore implementation strategies on recovery-oriented services. All webinars offer participants an opportunity to hear from leaders who work in the field and experience implementation issues first-hand. Presenters will share their experiences, and Larry Davidson will moderate a discussion focused on emerging trends in program and workforce development.

<https://www.livemeeting.com/lrs/8000963084/Registration.aspx?pageName=s66vt30dfz417cc>

WEBINAR: THE NATIONAL INTREPID CENTER OF EXCELLENCE—AN OVERVIEW

JUNE 17, 2010, 1:00-2:30 PM ET

The National Intrepid Center of Excellence (NICoE), which will hold its ribbon cutting ceremony on June 24, 2010, is a state-of-the-art facility located on the campus of the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD. The NICoE is dedicated to research, diagnosis and treatment planning for military personnel suffering from Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and psychological health issues. The NICoE is designed to provide the most advanced services for diagnostics, initial treatment and family education, introduction to therapeutic modalities, referral, and reintegration support for military personnel with TBI, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, and/or complex psychological health issues. This webinar will explore the history of the NICoE, provide information about gaining access to treatment, explore training and education opportunities, and discuss the role of families in the treatment process.

<http://www.dcoe.health.mil/Training/MonthlyWebinars.aspx>

HRC WEBCAST: REVITALIZE YOUR COMMUNITY'S 10 YEAR PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS—LESSONS FROM PORTLAND, OREGON

JUNE 17, 2010, 1:00-2:30 PM ET

Join Erik Sten and Heather Lyons for a discussion about their experiences designing and implementing Portland's highly successful 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness. Heather and Erik will share lessons learned and will offer strategies to help keep community stakeholders engaged and inspired, even in today's challenging economic climate. <http://homeless.samhsa.gov/Resource/Free-HRC-Webcast-Revitalize-Your-Community%e2%80%99s-Ten-Year-Plan-to-End-Homelessness-Lessons-from-Portland-Oregon-48593.aspx>

NIH 2010 REGIONAL SEMINAR ON PROGRAM FUNDING & 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

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 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 from any of the following disciplines: medicine, psychiatry, neuroscience, 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>

SAVE THE DATE: NIDA NATIONAL DRUG FACTS WEEK—SHATTER THE MYTHS!

NOVEMBER 8-14, 2010

National Drug Facts Week (NDFW) is a health observance week for teens. The goal of NDFW is to shatter the myths about drugs and drug abuse. NDFW encourages community-based events that give teens a physical or virtual space to ask questions about drugs and get factual answers from a scientific expert. NDFW is an initiative of the National Institute of Drug Abuse, which supports most of the world's research on the health aspects of drug abuse and addiction. <http://drugfactsweek.drugabuse.gov/>

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). Co-sponsored 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

AHRQ SEEKING COMMENT: TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY AND DEPRESSION

AHRQ's Effective Health Care Program is seeking comments on its draft comparative effectiveness review about TBI and depression. The Vanderbilt Evidence-based Practice Center systematically reviewed evidence addressing key questions on depression after TBI, including prevalence, optimizing timing and methods for diagnostic screening, and approaches to treatment. Comments are due June 16, 2010.

<http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/research-available-for-comment/comment-draft-reports/>

NIH REQUESTS COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED CONFLICT OF INTEREST RULE

NIH is accepting comments on the proposed changes to the Public Health Service (PHS) regulations on the Responsibility of Applicants for Promoting Objectivity in Research. The new rules propose comprehensive changes to the entire set of regulations with a particular focus on three areas, including:

- Investigators' disclosure of information regarding significant financial interests to institutions;
- Institutions' management of identified financial conflicts of interest (FCOI) and reporting of FCOI to NIH and other PHS agencies; and
- Public disclosure of information regarding investigator FCOI.

Comments are due July 20, 2010. <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-10-099.html>

HUD SEEKING INPUT ON RESEARCH AGENDA

The Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R) is seeking suggestions for possible research the department will fund in fiscal year 2011 and beyond. This research will help HUD achieve the goals outlined in its Strategic Plan. The research done by PD&R falls within one or more of 12 primary categories, including people with disabilities, fair housing and homelessness. Comments are due June 5, 2010.

http://www.huduser.org/portal/research/research_agenda_2011.html

VIDEO CONTEST: BE SMOKEFREE! A CHANCE TO WIN...

The National Cancer Institute's (NCI) Smokefree Women initiative is launching a video contest - *Celebrating Smokefree Voices* - to capture the variety of quitting experiences and reasons for quitting smoking among women and friends/families across the nation. Tell NCI why being smokefree is important to you. All video entries must be submitted by June 4, 2010 along with the required video entry form.

<http://women.smokefree.gov/videocontest.aspx>

CLINICAL TRIAL PARTICIPATION NEWS

NIMH ADULT BIPOLAR DISORDER RESEARCH STUDY: RAPID ANTIDEPRESSANT EFFECTS OF KETAMINE

Individuals who have been diagnosed with bipolar disorder may be able to participate in a trial designed to understand the causes of depression and rapid antidepressant response. Specifically, NIMH researchers are testing whether ketamine, a drug that affects glutamate in the brain, will improve symptoms of depression within a matter of hours. Individuals who are 18-65 years old and have been diagnosed with bipolar disorder and previously failed to respond to treatment may be eligible for this clinical trial. After completion of the study the participant is transitioned back to a clinician in the community. The medication and medical care associated with the study are free and NIMH will cover all transportation costs from anywhere in the U.S. Compensation is provided for study procedures. For more information, individuals can call 1-877-MIND-NIH (1-877-646-3644), or send an email to: moodresearch@mail.nih.gov. For more information on NIMH research conducted in Bethesda, MD by the Intramural Research Program click here: <http://patientinfo.nimh.nih.gov>.

FUNDING INFORMATION

SPOTLIGHT

NIH SCIENCE EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP AWARD

The National Center for Research Resources (NCRR), part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), encourages applications to its Science Education Partnership Award (SEPA) program for the development and evaluation of innovative research education programs to improve PreK-12 research career opportunities and the community's understanding of the health science advances supported by NIH-funded clinical and basic research. SEPA encourages dynamic partnerships between biomedical and clinical researchers and PreK-12 teachers and schools and other interested organizations such as museums and science centers, and media experts. Application due dates are: July 28, 2010, June 22, 2011 and June 22, 2012. Details can be found at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-10-206.html>. For more information about the SEPA program visit: <http://www.ncrrsepa.org/>

HRSA DEVELOPMENTAL BEHAVIORAL RESEARCH NETWORK

<https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/SFO.asp?ID=BD51462C-B9A6-4D98-B591-634B396875B9>

HRSA STATE IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS FOR IMPROVING SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

<https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/SFO.asp?ID=3E78317A-4ABB-4185-BE33-EF9C8901F163>

SAMHSA AND HRSA GRANTS FOR A TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER FOR PRIMARY AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS

<http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants/2010/SM-10-011.aspx>

NIH BLUEPRINT FOR NEUROSCIENCE RESEARCH—COMPETITIVE REVISIONS FOR STUDIES FOCUSED ON NEUROPATHIC PAIN OR NEURAL PLASTICITY TO PROMOTE COLLABORATIVE PAIN RESEARCH

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-10-204.html>



The **Outreach Partnership Program** is a nationwide outreach initiative of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), in cooperation with the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and 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 about the program please visit: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/outreach/partners>. To subscribe to receive the **Update** every two weeks, go to: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/outreach/partnership-program/subscribe-to-the-update.shtml>

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