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## SCAN PREDICTS WHETHER THERAPY OR MEDS WILL BEST LIFT DEPRESSION BIOMARKER COULD POINT THE WAY PAST TRIAL-AND-ERROR INEFFICIENCIES

Pre-treatment scans of brain activity predicted whether depressed patients would best achieve remission with an antidepressant medication or psychotherapy, in a study funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

**Press Release:** <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/science-news/2013/scan-predicts-whether-therapy-or-meds-will-best-lift-depression.shtml>

## BULLYING EXERTS PSYCHIATRIC EFFECTS INTO ADULTHOOD

Once considered a childhood rite of passage, bullying lingers well into adulthood. Bullies and victims alike are at risk for psychiatric problems such as anxiety, depression, substance abuse, and suicide when they become adults, reported a study partially funded by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) that was published in the April issue of *JAMA Psychiatry*.

**Science Update:** <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/science-news/2013/bullying-exerts-psychiatric-effects-into-adulthood.shtml>

## WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON MENTAL HEALTH

On June 3, 2013, President Obama and Vice President Biden hosted a National Conference on Mental Health. While millions of Americans live with and recover from mental health problems, those who need help are too often afraid to seek it because of the shame and secrecy associated with mental illness. The U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Education have worked with the White House to bring together people from across the country, including mental health advocates, educators, health care providers, faith leaders, and individuals who have lived with mental health problems. These individuals discussed how everyone can work together to reduce negative attitudes and misperceptions about mental illness and help the millions of Americans living with mental health problems recognize the importance of reaching out for assistance.

**Release:** <http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2013/06/03/national-conference-mental-health>

**Video:** <http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2013/06/05/bringing-mental-illness-out-shadows>

## **PRESIDENT OBAMA APPLAUDS COMMITMENTS TO RAISE AWARENESS AND INCREASE UNDERSTANDING OF MENTAL HEALTH AT WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE**

At the National Conference on Mental Health, the President applauded the dozens of commitments made by organizations representing media, educators, health care providers, faith communities, and foundations to increase understanding and awareness of mental health.

**Fact Sheet:** <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2013/06/03/fact-sheet-president-obama-applauds-commitments-raise-awareness-and-incr>

## **MEDICAID STUDY LINKS INSURANCE TO REDUCED DEPRESSION AND FINANCIAL STRAIN, BUT NO INCREASE IN HEALTH**

An analysis of two years of data from the Oregon Health Insurance Experiment showed that Medicaid coverage reduced rates of depression and overall financial strain on participating individuals, but did not yield improvements in overall health status. Results of the study, funded in part by National Institute of Aging, appear in the May 2, 2013, issue of *The New England Journal of Medicine*.

**Press Release:** <http://www.nia.nih.gov/newsroom/announcements/2013/05/medicaid-study-links-insurance-reduced-depression-and-financial>

## **IMPACT OF SEQUESTRATION ON THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH**

NIH has issued a fact sheet about the impact of sequestration on its agency. On March 1, 2013, as required by statute, President Obama signed an order initiating sequestration. The sequestration requires NIH to cut five percent or \$1.55 billion of its fiscal year 2013 budget. NIH must apply the cut evenly across all programs, projects, and activities, which are primarily NIH institutes and centers. This means every area of medical research will be affected.

**Fact Sheet:** <http://www.nih.gov/news/health/jun2013/nih-03.htm>

## **ANTI-SMOKING MEDICATION SHOWS PROMISE FOR TREATING ALCOHOL DEPENDENCE; NIH RESEARCHERS SEEK TO EXPAND TREATMENT OPTIONS**

A smoking-cessation medication may be a viable option for the treatment of alcohol dependence, according to a study by NIH scientists. The study found that varenicline (marketed under the name Chantix), approved in 2006 to help people stop smoking, significantly reduced alcohol consumption and craving among people who are alcohol-dependent. The findings were published online in the *Journal of Addiction Medicine*.

**Press Release:** <http://www.nih.gov/news/health/jun2013/niaaa-03.htm>

## **VA HIRES OVER 1,600 MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS TO MEET GOAL, EXPANDS ACCESS TO CARE AND OUTREACH EFFORTS, DIRECTS NATIONWIDE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SUMMITS**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced that it has met the goal to hire 1,600 new mental health professionals outlined in President Obama's August 31, 2012, Executive Order to Improve Access to Mental Health Services for Veterans, Service Members, and Military Families. As of May 31, 2013, VA has hired a total of 1,607 mental health clinical providers. Additionally, VA has hired 2,005 mental health clinical providers to fill existing vacancies. VA has also hired 318 new peer specialists towards the specific goal of 800 peer specialists by December 31, 2013 as outlined in the Executive Order.

**Press Release:** <http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2450>

## **HUD & VA TEAM UP TO PROVIDE PERMANENT HOMES TO 9,000 HOMELESS VETS; HUD-VASH VOUCHERS TO BUILD ON 17 PERCENT DECLINE IN VETERAN HOMELESSNESS SINCE 2009**

Approximately 9,000 homeless Veterans living on the streets and in the nation's shelter system will soon find a permanent place to call home. U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the VA announced that HUD will provide \$60 million to local public housing agencies across the country to offer permanent supportive housing to homeless Veterans, many of whom are living with chronic disabling conditions. The supportive housing assistance is provided through the HUD-VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Program which combines rental assistance from HUD with case management and clinical services provided by VA. Since 2008, a total of 48,385 vouchers have been awarded and 42,557 formerly homeless Veterans are currently in homes because of HUD-VASH.

**Press Release:** <http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2449>

### **RESOURCES: PUBLICATIONS, TOOLKITS, OTHER RESOURCES**

#### **MENTALHEALTH.GOV LAUNCHED**

At the National Conference on Mental Health, HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced the launch of a new online resource for people looking for information about mental health. This website provides information about the signs of mental illness, how individuals can seek help, and how communities can host conversations about mental health. The website also features videos from a number of individuals sharing their stories about mental illness, recovery, and hope. <http://MentalHealth.gov>

## NEW LOOK FOR NIMH WEBSITE

The redesigned NIMH website has a new look and feel but the fundamental goal remains the same: to make it easy to find health information about mental disorders, explore research activities, and get the latest news from NIMH scientists and grantees. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/science-news/2013/our-new-look-.shtml>

## NEW ON NIMH WEBSITE

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### DIRECTOR'S BLOG: A NATIONAL DIALOGUE

Reflecting on the launch of the National Dialogue on Mental Health, NIMH Director Thomas Insel emphasizes the importance of research focused on predicting and preventing serious mental illness. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/director/2013/a-national-dialogue.shtml>

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### DIRECTOR'S BLOG: OPEN DATA

NIMH Director Thomas Insel talks about the value of data sharing and collaboration to promote innovation and scientific discovery. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/director/2013/open-data.shtml>

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### MEETING SUMMARY: ADVANCES IN GLOBAL MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH AND RESEARCH CAPACITY BUILDING

On May 2-3, 2013, the Office for Research on Disparities and Global Mental Health in the NIMH Office of the Director invited stakeholders from around the world to present study designs and key considerations for mental health services research in low- and middle-income countries; discuss the interface of advocacy, policy, and research; and identify developments in research capacity-building. A total of 130 participants from low-, middle-, and high- income countries attended the gathering in-person or via telecommunication technology. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/research-priorities/scientific-meetings/2013/advances-in-global-mental-health-research-and-research-capacity-building.shtml>

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### NIMH TWITTER CHAT ON BPD--ARCHIVED

The recent NIMH Twitter chat discussing borderline personality disorder with NIMH-grantee and President of the National Education Alliance for Borderline Personality Disorder, Dr. Perry Hoffman is now archived. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/twitter-chats/index.shtml>

## NIH RESEARCH MATTERS: BRAIN WAVES MAY PREDICT AUTISM OUTCOMES

The brain activity of two-year-olds with autism as they listen to words predicts thinking and language skills up to four years later. The finding hints that brain measurements may help to anticipate future abilities in children with autism and allow for early, personalized interventions.

<http://www.nih.gov/researchmatters/june2013/06102013autism.htm>

## NIH RESEARCH RADIO: DEPRESSION'S IMPACT ON HEALTHY BEHAVIORS

This NIH Radio segment includes a discussion of depression's impact on healthy behaviors.

<http://www.nih.gov/news/radio/podcast/2013/e0197.htm>

## NIDA: COCAINE VACCINE STOPS COCAINE IN ITS TRACKS

Cocaine addiction is a major problem for which there is no approved pharmacotherapy. One of the novel approaches being explored right now to treat cocaine addiction is based on classical vaccination. The basic strategy uses a cocaine vaccine to coax the immune system into generating specific antibodies that would bind the drug while it is still in the bloodstream and prevent it from entering the brain. One of the most challenging aspects of this approach is that, in order to be successful, the vaccine must be able to induce sufficiently high and sustained levels of anti-cocaine antibodies. A National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) supported study in non-human primates showed that this was possible. <http://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/latest-science/cocaine-vaccine-stops-cocaine-in-its-tracks>

## SAMHSA RESOURCES

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### COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

January 16, 2013, President Obama called for a "national conversation to increase understanding about mental health" and U.S. Departments of HHS and Education to launch a National Dialogue on Mental Health. Creating Community Solutions is a part of the National Dialogue. It will give Americans a chance to learn more about mental health issues - from each other and from research. People who participate in these community conversations will determine if mental health is an important issue for their community and will discuss issues related to the mental health of young people. They also will decide how they might take action to improve mental health in their families, schools, and communities. A number of the community conversations, convened by local mayors, will be supported by leaders from deliberative democracy organizations. This website shows how individuals can join a Community Conversation on mental health, or launch one in their own community. <http://www.creatingcommunitysolutions.org/>  
**Introductory Webinar:** <http://www.creatingcommunitysolutions.org/partners/watch-recorded-video-introduction-creating-community-solutions-webinar>

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## COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH: INFORMATION BRIEF

This resource provides data and other facts helpful in creating conversations about mental health that break down misperceptions, and promote recovery and healthy communities. It discusses early identification, access to treatment, crisis response, and recovery supports. <http://store.samhsa.gov//product/SMA13-4763>

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## BLOG: IF EVERY DAY WERE WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY, THEN MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS WOULD LIVE LONGER AND BETTER LIVES

This SAMHSA blog post discusses the need for focused smoking control efforts that target disparate population groups like the poor and the mentally ill. Smoking remains a leading cause of preventable death from cardiovascular disease in people with mental illness. There is evidence that while many people have quit smoking in the US, two groups of smokers remain: those who are poor and those who have mental illness. People with mental illness smoke at rates that are double that of the general population and purchase at least three of every 10 cigarettes sold in the U.S. <http://blog.samhsa.gov/2013/05/31/if-every-day-were-world-no-tobacco-day-then-millions-of-people-with-mental-illness-would-live-longer-and-better-lives/>

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## ARCHIVED WEBCAST: PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH: PROMISING PRACTICES

This web show examined the use of screening techniques in behavioral health care and point to the positive elements of screening, prevention practices, and intervention in the context of health reform. <http://www.recoverymonth.gov/Resources-Catalog/2013/Webcast/06-Prevention-and-Early-Intervention-in-Behavioral-Health.aspx>

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## BENCH CARDS FOR JUDGES AND COURT-APPOINTMENT PROFESSIONALS

The National Child Traumatic Stress Network has developed two bench cards for judges and court-appointment professionals doing mental health assessments of children. The bench cards raise useful questions and provide judges with guidelines to help them base their decisions on scientific findings emerging in the traumatic stress field. [http://www.nctsn.org/sites/default/files/assets/pdfs/judge\\_bench\\_cards\\_final.pdf](http://www.nctsn.org/sites/default/files/assets/pdfs/judge_bench_cards_final.pdf)

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## TESTIFYING IN COURT ABOUT TRAUMA: HOW TO PREPARE

This new fact sheet offers clinicians guidance on testifying as an expert witness for a client's court case. From understanding a subpoena, the right of confidentiality, and the therapist-client privilege to preparing oneself, client, and his/her caregivers for court appearance, this fact sheet lays out ethical considerations, describes how to navigate conversations with consumers, and gives self-care tips. [http://www.nctsn.org/sites/default/files/assets/pdfs/testifying\\_fact\\_sheet\\_final.pdf](http://www.nctsn.org/sites/default/files/assets/pdfs/testifying_fact_sheet_final.pdf)

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## EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS BY PATIENTS WITH MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS — NORTH CAROLINA, 2008–2010

This Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report found that of all emergency department (ED) visits in North Carolina from 2008 to 2010, nearly one in 10 visits were made by patients with underlying mental health disorders. <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6223a4.htm>

## AHRQ: NOT JUST THE BABY BLUES: SCREENING CAN HELP ADDRESS POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION

This Advice Column from Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Director Carolyn Clancy reviews a new study about screening for postpartum depression. The good news is that women who get tested and treated for postpartum depression can recover faster from the symptoms than women who don't. The review, conducted for AHRQ by Duke University with input from experts in child and maternal health, looked at 40 studies. <http://www.ahrq.gov/news/columns/navigating-the-health-care-system/061113.html>

## AHRQ RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

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### BOTH PATIENT-CENTERED AND STANDARD COLLABORATIVE CARE APPROACHES IMPROVE DEPRESSION AMONG BLACK PATIENTS

Black patients with depression showed similar improvements in depression severity and mental health functioning when they received either patient-centered, culturally tailored collaborative care (CC), or standard CC, according to a new study. The patients' symptom scores were consistent at 12- and 18-month followups. The researchers compared the standard CC intervention for patients (disease management) and clinicians (review of guidelines and mental health consultation) to a patient-centered and culturally tailored CC intervention for patients (care management focused on care access barriers, social context, and patient-provider relationships) and clinicians (participatory communications skills training and mental health consultation). Standard CC resulted in higher rates of treatment, and patient-centered CC resulted in better ratings of care. <http://www.ahrq.gov/news/newsletters/research-activities/13jun/0613RA8.html>

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#### USE OF SECOND-GENERATION ANTIPSYCHOTICS TO TREAT OFF-LABEL CONDITIONS RISES SIGNIFICANTLY AMONG MEDICAID-ENROLLED CHILDREN

The use of antipsychotic drugs to treat psychiatric disorders of children, adolescents, and young adults continues to increase, along with concern that prescribing is expanding beyond indications supported by evidence about their effectiveness and safety. In fact, a national study reveals that second-generation antipsychotic (SGA) treatment climbed by 62 percent among Medicaid-enrolled children between 2002 and 2007, reaching 354,000 youth (2.4 percent) in the final year of the study. The highest rates of SGA treatment growth were among school-aged children and adolescents diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), intellectual disabilities, and developmental delay and/or learning disabilities. By 2007, half of all children receiving SGAs had ADHD listed as one of their diagnoses and one in seven (14 percent) had ADHD as their only mental health diagnosis. <http://www.ahrq.gov/news/newsletters/research-activities/13jun/0613RA26.html>

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#### FLUOXETINE AND VENLAFAXINE ARE EFFECTIVE TREATMENTS FOR DEPRESSION

Controversy continues to surround the effectiveness of antidepressants, with some suggesting that their benefits are overstated in patients with major depressive disorder; however, two recent studies found that fluoxetine and venlafaxine are effective treatments for depression. Researchers recently re-analyzed the results from 41 randomized controlled trials of fluoxetine and venlafaxine to determine the short-term efficacy of these medications. Their first study found both drugs to be effective for treating major depression in all age groups. Their second study found that both medications decreased suicidal thoughts and behaviors in adult and geriatric patients with no evidence of increased suicide risk in youths. Both studies, supported in part by AHRQ, are summarized in this report.

<http://www.ahrq.gov/news/newsletters/research-activities/13jun/0613RA27.html>

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#### PREGNANT WOMEN IDENTIFY BENEFITS OF COMBINING COMPUTERIZED AND IN-PERSON SCREENING FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

When pregnant women were asked about intimate partner violence (IPV) at their initial obstetrics visit using both a computerized screening tool and in-person provider assessments, more women disclosed IPV in the response to the computer than to the provider; however, in semi-structured interviews, women IPV victims described benefits for both screening approaches and advised using both together. The researchers found that the 52 providers in the study asked about IPV in 244 of 250 (97.6 percent) audiotaped patient visits. Overall, 36 percent of patients disclosed some form of IPV either via six questions on a tablet computer or in person. Of these women, 66 percent (60 women) disclosed via both methods, and 34 percent (31 women) disclosed IPV via only one of the methods, primarily via computer. Examining the disclosure discrepancies in more detail revealed that 22 of the women who only disclosed IPV via computer reported experiencing psychological IPV. <http://www.ahrq.gov/news/newsletters/research-activities/13jun/0613RA37.html>

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## SPOTLIGHT ON CHILD WELFARE AND IMMIGRATION

This Administration on Children and Families (ACF) Children Bureau's Express newsletter looks at the intersection between child welfare and immigration. The issue highlights the Migration and Child Welfare National Network and its resources for child welfare and related professionals, the Bridging Refugee Youth and Children's Services technical assistance center, and research on the effect of immigration enforcement on children and families.

<https://cbexpress.acf.hhs.gov/index.cfm?event=website.viewSection&issueID=147&subsectionID=49>

## REAL WARRIORS: TRANSITIONING THROUGH REUNION

A parent's return home after deployment is often a time of celebration. It can also be a time of stress as families adjust to being back together. During this transition period, it is common for family members to experience a range of emotions, including excitement and anxiety, or concern about changing family roles. This Real Warriors article highlights common reactions that children may have after a parent returns home. It suggests how to respond to these behaviors and offers tools and resources that military families can use to build family resilience during the reunion phase of deployment.

<http://www.realwarriors.net/family/children/reconnecting.php>

## DCOE BLOG POSTS

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### REACHING VETS IN THE GOLDEN HOUR OF MENTAL HEALTH INJURIES

This Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DCoE) blog post discusses signs of suicidal behavior and how to get immediate help for a fellow service member or Veteran.

[http://www.dcoe.health.mil/blog/13-06-05/Reaching\\_Vets\\_in\\_the\\_Golden\\_Hour\\_of\\_Mental\\_Health\\_Injuries.aspx](http://www.dcoe.health.mil/blog/13-06-05/Reaching_Vets_in_the_Golden_Hour_of_Mental_Health_Injuries.aspx)

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### SMALL STEPS TO IMPROVED MENTAL HEALTH

This blog post summarizes "psychological fitness," the importance of having a fit mind, not just a fit body, and provides tips for maintaining and achieving psychological fitness. [http://www.dcoe.health.mil/blog/13-05-30/Small\\_Steps\\_to\\_Improved\\_Mental\\_Health.aspx](http://www.dcoe.health.mil/blog/13-05-30/Small_Steps_to_Improved_Mental_Health.aspx)

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### CHANGE BEHAVIOR FOR GOOD

This blog post outlines key tips to make a behavior change permanent.

[http://www.dcoe.health.mil/blog/13-06-11/Change\\_Your\\_Behavior\\_for\\_Good.aspx](http://www.dcoe.health.mil/blog/13-06-11/Change_Your_Behavior_for_Good.aspx)

## PTSD AWARENESS MONTH

JUNE 2013

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The National Center for PTSD provides resources to promote awareness of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and effective treatments during the month of June. [http://www.ptsd.va.gov/about/ptsd-awareness/ptsd\\_awareness\\_month.asp](http://www.ptsd.va.gov/about/ptsd-awareness/ptsd_awareness_month.asp)

## WEBINAR: BRIDGING CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS AND COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE: INTEGRATION'S ROLE IN REENTRY

JUNE 18, 2013, 2:00-3:30 PM ET

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This SAMHSA-Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Center for Integrated Health Services (CIHS) webinar will look at what providers need to bridge the integration of primary care, behavioral health, and criminal justice. It will examine case studies, explore research-based practices, and gain insight into how health centers can engage criminal justice systems and improve care coordination.

<http://www.integration.samhsa.gov/about-us/webinars>

## DCOE FACEBOOK VIRTUAL MENTAL HEALTH FAIR

JUNE 19, 2013, 9:00AM-5:00PM ET

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The DCoE will host an online “Virtual Mental Health Fair” on Facebook. Government and non-profit organizations dedicated to mental health care for service members, Veterans, and their families will showcase their resources in a virtual exhibit hall where beneficiaries, caregivers, and health care providers can browse among booths to view and access resources. Fair-goers will see photos (booths) of each organization where they will find links to information and resources. Additionally, participants will be able to join live question and answer chats at the booths during pre-appointed hours.

[http://dcoe.health.mil/MediaCenter/News/details/13-06-04/DCoE\\_Facebook\\_Event\\_Promotes\\_Mental\\_Health\\_Resources.aspx](http://dcoe.health.mil/MediaCenter/News/details/13-06-04/DCoE_Facebook_Event_Promotes_Mental_Health_Resources.aspx)

## WEBINAR: PREVENTION AND EARLY IDENTIFICATION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE CONDITIONS IN CHILDREN

JUNE 19, 2013, 2:00 PM ET

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This Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS) webinar will discuss the *CMCS Informational Bulletin on Prevention and Early Identification of Mental Health and Substance Use Conditions in Children*, which was issued to help inform states about resources available to help them meet the needs of children under Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment benefit, specifically with respect to mental health and substance use disorder services. The webinar will feature speakers from several federal agencies including CMS, ACF, and SAMHSA. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) will provide information on the toolkit AAP has developed for providers to improve identification of mental illness and enhance treatment in primary care. In addition, Medicaid staff from Colorado will speak about the work they have been doing to extend depression and substance use screening, diagnosis, and treatment to children and adolescents.

<https://cc.readytalk.com/cc/s/registrations/new?cid=dwxertfl6yj4>

## WEBINAR: WHY ALL THE EXCITEMENT ABOUT LOGIC MODELS?

JUNE 20, 2013, 3:00-4:30 PM ET

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The HHS Office of Minority Health Resource Center's Capacity Building Division invites participants to an organizational training on understanding logic models. This webinar will provide participants an understanding of what makes up a logic model and how the parts are connected to depict a theory of change. Successful organizations have a clear understanding of their mission, vision, values, goals, and program strategies to in order to attain their expected outcomes. This webinar will demonstrate how logic models show how a program is intended to work. <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/644492274>

## UNWRAPPING WRAP®: UTILIZING WELLNESS RECOVERY ACTION PLANS (WRAP®) TO PROMOTE THE RECOVERY OF JUSTICE-INVOLVED CONSUMERS

JUNE 20, 2013, 3:00-5:00 PM ET

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Wellness Recovery Action Plans® (WRAP®) are becoming increasingly available to consumers who are involved in the criminal justice system. They are being used by consumers in multiple settings, including jails, prisons, and reentry programs; those using WRAP® report that it has helped them successfully cope with many of the stressors of incarceration and reentry back into the community, and the setting of personal recovery goals. This SAMSHA GAINS Center webinar will highlight several innovative programs across the nation that are offering WRAP® and discuss effective strategies for integrating WRAP® in a variety of criminal justice settings. <https://www.mymeetings.com/nc/join.php?i=PW2670172&p=WRAP&t=c>  
To call-in for audio, dial 888-677-3788; Passcode: WRAP

## WEBINAR: TREATMENT INNOVATIONS: PERSPECTIVES FROM ADDICTION PROVIDERS INTEGRATING PRIMARY CARE

JUNE 24, 2013, 12:00-1:30 PM ET

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Addiction provider organizations increasingly provide onsite primary care to the people they serve through partnerships with community health centers, or by expanding their in-house capacity. This interactive SAMHSA-HRSA CIHS webinar will explore the practical knowledge and on-the-ground experiences of addiction treatment-primary care integration efforts of three providers, which also are represented in CIHS' new report, *Innovations in Addictions Treatment: Addiction Treatment Providers Working with Integrated Primary Care Services*. <http://www.integration.samhsa.gov/about-us/webinars>

## WEBINAR: FACILITATING EFFECTIVE SMALL-GROUP DIALOGUES ON MENTAL HEALTH

JUNE 24, 2013, 4:00-5:00 PM ET

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Want to facilitate an effective small-group discussion on mental health? This Community Conversations webinar will describe the role of the facilitator, walk through a typical session, and provide tips for facilitating effectively. Creating Community Solutions is an important part of the National Dialogue on Mental Health. Check the website for the second time slot for when this webinar will be offered.

<http://www.creatingcommunitysolutions.org/partners/upcoming-webinar-facilitating-effective-small-group-dialogues>

## WEBINAR: SCREENING FOR PTSD IN PRIMARY CARE: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW

JUNE 25, 2013 12:00-1:15 PM ET

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This VA Health Services Research and Development Service webinar will review research on screening for PTSD in primary care. <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/320161494>

## WEBINAR: ORGANIZING MULTIPLE CONVERSATIONS ON MENTAL HEALTH ACROSS YOUR COMMUNITY

JUNE 25, 2013 1:00-2:00 PM ET

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Want to engage large, diverse numbers of people in productive small-group discussions on mental health? This Community Conversations webinar will give you a sense of what you might do, who you might work with, and how to get started. Check the website for the second time slot for when this webinar will be offered. <http://www.creatingcommunitysolutions.org/partners/upcoming-webinar-organizing-multiple-conversations-across-your-community>

## WEBINAR: BEST PRACTICES, RESOURCES, AND STRATEGIES FOR EMPLOYMENT FOR SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS, AND THEIR FAMILIES

JUNE 25, 2013 2:00-3:30 PM ET

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This SAMHSA Service Members, Veterans, and their Families Technical Assistance Center webinar will focus on the current state of Veterans' employment, as well as best practices in employment strategies for service members, Veterans, and their families (SMVF). The presenters will provide information on promising practices from states that are partnering with business and industry, and outline strategies that employers and SMVF can use to bridge gaps in employment. <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/802526810>

## EVERYONE PLAYS A ROLE IN SUICIDE PREVENTION

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, JUNE 27, 2013, 9:00 AM-12:30 PM CT  
WEBCAST: 9:00-11:00 AM CT

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The Region V HHS SAMHSA and the Office of Women's Health are co-sponsoring a free event designed to support and promote the *National Strategy for Suicide Prevention* (the National Strategy). "Everyone Plays a Role in Suicide Prevention: Turning Strategy into Action" will be held in Chicago and will be webcast nationwide. Participants will learn more about the National Strategy, available tools, resources, and the ultimate goal of eliminating the tragic experience of suicide. Organizations are encouraged to attend the event, inform colleagues, and/or serve as "echo sites" for the webcast.

<http://www.blsmmeetings.net/EveryonePlaysARole/>

## WEBINAR: VIOLENCE RISK ASSESSMENT

JUNE 27, 2013, 1:00-2:30 PM ET

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This DCoE webinar will address violence risk assessment.

[http://www.dcoe.health.mil/Training/Monthly\\_Webinars.aspx](http://www.dcoe.health.mil/Training/Monthly_Webinars.aspx)

## WEBINAR: MEDICAID HEALTH HOME IMPLEMENTATION IN MISSOURI: A YEAR LATER

JUNE 27, 2:00-3:30 PM ET

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In this SAMHSA-HRSA CIHS webinar, Dr. Joe Parks, Medical Director for Missouri's Department of Mental Health and a Missouri health home provider, will share outcomes achieved in Missouri's first year of implementation. Want to know what system and organizational transformation worked, and steps to prepare for Medicaid health homes? Whether one works in a state with an approved Medicaid 2703 health home proposal or not, participants will learn some of the steps Missouri took and the measurable outcomes that have been achieved. [http://www.integration.samhsa.gov/about-us/webinars#medicaid health home](http://www.integration.samhsa.gov/about-us/webinars#medicaid-health-home)

### CALLS FOR PUBLIC INPUT

#### CHALLENGE.GOV: DEVELOP A SUICIDE PREVENTION APP

The "Continuity of Care and Follow-Up App Challenge" challenges individuals and organizations with the development of an application (app) for a mobile handheld device. The app will provide linkages to continuity of care and follow-up care for a person at risk for suicide who was discharged from an inpatient unit or ED. Proposed activities can include, but are not limited to, the following: Live chatting via the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline website; Safety planning; SMS (short message service) functionality; Scheduling functionality and appointment reminders; and Mapping/transportation functionality that shows locations of health care resources. Innovation is highly encouraged. At a minimum, entrants must include safety planning and utilize two resources to provide users with access to services through the crisis centers within the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and the SAMHSA Treatment Locator. The top three entrants will be eligible for a total of \$100,000.

Note: SAMHSA is not looking for an application that simply connects a user to a crisis line via a single button; that functionality is found in a number of other suicide prevention applications. Deadline for submission is August 9, 2013 at 5:00PM ET. <http://suicidepreventionapp.challenge.gov/>

## NIDA FOR TEENS TEEN ADVISORY GROUP: CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

NIDA is now accepting applications from teens to join its Teen Advisory Group (TAG). The TAG meets online and by conference call four to six times a year to share thoughts and feedback about NIDA for Teens materials, the website, and other program components. Since 2009, the TAG has been critically important in helping NIDA reach teens with engaging information about drug abuse and addiction. Additional details:

- Who: All teens in grades 8-11 are welcome to apply.
- What: The TAG will meet online for one hour, four to six times during one year. TAG members receive a \$25 stipend for each discussion in which they participate.
- Where: Discussions will be held in the evening via webinar and conference call.
- When: The TAG will start in September 2013 and end in August 2014.

Applications are due June 30, 2013. To request an application, email [NIDATAG@iqsolutions.com](mailto:NIDATAG@iqsolutions.com).

### FUNDING INFORMATION

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH OUTREACH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/outreach/partnership-program/solicitation-process/outreach-partners-solicitation-process.shtml>

SAFE SCHOOLS/HEALTHY STUDENTS GRANTS

<http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1306043422.aspx>

NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROMOTION AND YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION

<http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/2013/sm-13-007.aspx>

CAMPUS SUICIDE PREVENTION GRANTS FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

<http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1306044555.aspx>

GRANTS TO SUPPORT THE HISPANIC HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM

<https://www.grantsolutions.gov/gs/preaward/previewPublicAnnouncement.do?id=18147>

JOINT ADULT DRUG COURT SOLICITATION TO ENHANCE SERVICES, COORDINATION, AND TREATMENT FY 2013 COMPETITIVE GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT

<https://www.bja.gov/Funding/13BJASAMHSADrugCourtSol.pdf>

SERVICES RESEARCH FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER ACROSS THE LIFESPAN

(SERVASD): RESEARCH ON EARLY IDENTIFICATION AND LINKAGE TO SERVICES FOR ASD (R01)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-14-100.html>

SERVICES RESEARCH FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER ACROSS THE LIFESPAN (SERVASD): PILOT RESEARCH ON SERVICES FOR TRANSITION-AGE YOUTH (R34)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-14-101.html>

SERVICES RESEARCH FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS ACROSS THE LIFESPAN (SERVASD): PILOT STUDIES OF SERVICES STRATEGIES FOR ADULTS WITH ASD (R34)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-14-102.html>

REISSUE PHS 2013-02 OMNIBUS SOLICITATION OF THE NIH, CDC, FDA, AND ACF FOR SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATIONS (PARENT SBIR [R43/R44])

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-234.html>

REISSUE PHS 2013-02 OMNIBUS SOLICITATION OF THE NIH FOR SMALL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER GRANT APPLICATIONS (PARENT STTR [R41/R42])

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-235.html>



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The **Outreach Partnership Program** is a nationwide outreach initiative of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) that enlists state and national organizations in a partnership to 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>

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