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SCIENCE AND SERVICE NEWS UPDATES

RATE OF BIPOLAR SYMPTOMS AMONG TEENS APPROACHES THAT OF ADULTS

The rate of bipolar symptoms among U.S. teens is nearly as high as the rate found among adults, according to NIMH-funded research published online ahead of print on May 7, 2012, in the *Archives of General Psychiatry*.

Science News: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2012/rate-of-bipolar-symptoms-among-teens-approaches-that-of-adults.shtml>

SURVEY FINDS MORE EVIDENCE THAT MENTAL DISORDERS OFTEN BEGIN IN YOUTH

About 8 percent of U.S. teens meet current criteria for having a serious emotional disturbance, according to two NIMH-funded studies published in the April 2012 issue of the *Archives of General Psychiatry*.

Science News: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2012/survey-finds-more-evidence-that-mental-disorders-often-begin-in-youth.shtml>

FOR YOUNG CHILDREN WITH AUTISM, DIRECTING ATTENTION BOOSTS LANGUAGE; NIH-SUPPORTED STUDY CONFIRMS THAT POINTING, GESTURES TO FOCUS ATTENTION IMPROVE LATER LANGUAGE

An intervention in which adults actively engaged the attention of preschool children with autism by pointing to toys and using other gestures to focus their attention results in a long term increase in language skills, according to researchers supported by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). At age 8, children with autism who received therapy centered on sharing attention and play when they were 3 or 4 years old had stronger vocabularies and more advanced language skills than did children who received standard therapy.

Press release: <http://www.nih.gov/news/health/jun2012/nichd-21.htm>

VA CONTINUES PTSD OUTREACH WITH ABOUTFACE CAMPAIGN; VETERANS PROVIDE VIDEO TESTIMONIALS ON EXPERIENCES WITH PTSD

In observance of June as PTSD Awareness Month, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) has begun a new online initiative, *AboutFace*, focused on helping Veterans recognize PTSD symptoms and motivating them to seek treatment. The *AboutFace* campaign introduces viewers to Veterans from all eras who have experienced PTSD and turned their lives around with treatment. Through personal videos, viewers will meet Veterans and hear how PTSD has affected them and their loved ones.

Press Release: <http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2336>

VA SUPPORTS FAMILY AND FRIENDS SEEKING TO ENCOURAGE VETS TO GET MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES; MEDIA CAMPAIGN PROMOTES “COACHING INTO CARE” PROGRAM

The VA recently completed a media campaign for its call center *Coaching Into Care*, a telephone service which provides assistance to family members and friends trying to encourage their Veteran to seek health care for possible readjustment and mental health issues. The *Coaching Into Care* service offers free coaching to callers, with no limit to the number of calls they can make. The goal of these sessions is to connect a Veteran with VA care in his or her community with the help and encouragement of family members or friends. Callers will be coached on solving specific logistical problems and ways to encourage the Veteran to seek care while respecting his or her right to make personal decisions.

Press Release: <http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2340>

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES RELEASES ANNUAL LGBT REPORT

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released the 2012 report of the HHS Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Issues Coordinating Committee, which outlines many accomplishments from this past year and sets new goals for the coming year with respect to the health and well-being of the LGBT community. The steps described in the report are important to the LGBT community, including those relating to health coverage given that LGBT communities may be more likely to be uninsured or under-insured because of discrimination in the workplace and lack of relationship recognition.

Press Release: <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2012pres/06/20120619e.html>

RESOURCES: PUBLICATIONS, TOOLKITS, OTHER RESOURCES

NEW ON THE NIMH WEBSITE

DIRECTOR'S BLOG: THE PAY-OFFS OF ARRA

NIMH Director Thomas Insel blogs on the pay-offs of NIH support of research with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds. NIH funding for research as a result of the ARRA has generated jobs and local economic development, as well as important research advances in biomedicine.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/director/2012/the-pay-offs-of-arra.shtml>

OLDER ADULTS AND DEPRESSION: LARGE-PRINT VERSION NOW AVAILABLE

The NIMH brochure describing the signs, symptoms, and treatment options of depression in older adults is now available in a large print version.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/older-adults-and-depression/index.shtml>

NEW AND EXISTING CLINICAL DATASETS AVAILABLE TO QUALIFIED RESEARCHERS

Researchers can now access data from the NIMH-funded Coordinated Anxiety Learning and Management (CALM) study. CALM compared delivery models for treatment of multiple anxiety disorders. The CALM dataset is the most recent dataset among NIMH-funded clinical trials to be made available on the NIMH Limited Access Data web page. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/updates/2012/new-and-existing-clinical-datasets-available-to-qualified-researchers.shtml>

NEW SPANISH LANGUAGE VERSIONS OF NIMH PUBLICATIONS—NOW AVAILABLE

A PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE TO MENTAL HEALTH CLINICAL RESEARCH/GUÍA PARA LOS PARTICIPANTES SOBRE INVESTIGACIONES CLÍNICAS DE LA SALUD MENTAL

This brochure provides answers to common questions about volunteering for mental health clinical research. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/espanol/gu-a-para-los-participantes-sobre-investigaciones-cl-nicas-de-la-salud-mental/index.shtml>

DEPRESSION AND CANCER/DEPRESIÓN Y EL CÁNCER

This brochure describes the signs and symptoms of depression and how it is linked to other illnesses, including cancer. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/espanol/depresi-n-y-el-c-ncer/index.shtml>

DEPRESSION AND CHRONIC PAIN/DEPRESIÓN Y EL DOLOR CRÓNICO

This brochure describes the signs and symptoms of depression and how it is linked to other illnesses, including chronic pain. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/espanol/depresi-n-y-el-dolor-cr-nico/index.shtml>

DEPRESSION AND DIABETES/DEPRESIÓN Y LA DIABETES

This brochure describes the signs and symptoms of depression and how it is linked to other illnesses, including diabetes. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/espanol/depresi-n-y-la-diabetes/index.shtml>

DEPRESSION AND HEART DISEASE/DEPRESIÓN Y LA ENFERMEDAD CARDÍACA

This brochure describes the signs and symptoms of depression and how it is linked to other illnesses, including heart disease. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/espanol/depresi-n-y-la-enfermedad-card-aca/index.shtml>

DEPRESSION AND HIV/AIDS--DEPRESIÓN Y EL VIH-SIDA

This brochure describes the signs and symptoms of depression and how it is linked to other illnesses, including HIV/AIDS. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/espanol/depresi-n-y-el-vih-sida/index.shtml>

DEPRESSION AND OSTEOPOROSIS/DEPRESIÓN Y LA OSTEOPOROSIS

This brochure describes the signs and symptoms of depression and how it is linked to other illnesses, including osteoporosis. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/espanol/depresi-n-y-la-osteoporosis/index.shtml>

DEPRESSION AND PARKINSON'S DISEASE/DEPRESIÓN Y LA ENFERMEDAD DE PARKINSON

This brochure describes the signs and symptoms of depression and how it is linked to other illnesses, including Parkinson's disease. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/espanol/depresi-n-y-la-enfermedad-de-parkinson/index.shtml>

DEPRESSION AND STROKE/DEPRESIÓN Y EL ACCIDENTE CEREBROVASCULAR

This brochure describes the signs and symptoms of depression and how it is linked to other illnesses, including stroke. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/espanol/depresi-n-y-el-accidente-cerebrovascular/index.shtml>

NEW RESOURCES FROM SAMHSA

PREVENTING SUICIDE: A TOOLKIT FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

This Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) toolkit provides schools with recommended steps and accompanying tools to guide them in creating and implementing strategies and programs that prevent teen suicide and promote behavioral health among their students.

<http://store.samhsa.gov/product/Preventing-Suicide-A-Toolkit-for-High-Schools/SMA12-4669>

SBIRT ISSUE BRIEF EXPLORES PROVEN ALCOHOL AND DRUG SCREENING APPROACH

The SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions (CIHS) has developed an issue brief on SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment) for primary care and behavioral health professionals. The guide provides an overview of SBIRT's benefits and core components, opportunities for implementation in healthcare settings that have become available through the Patient Protection and Affordably Care Act, and potential obstacles to implementation.

http://www.integration.samhsa.gov/SBIRT_Issue_Brief.pdf

PAPER ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH HOMES

CIHS has released this new paper, *Behavioral Health Homes for People with Mental Health & Substance Use Conditions: The Core Clinical Features*, which prepares behavioral health provider organizations to become health homes by outlining the essential clinical features. In addition, the paper introduces several real-world examples of how behavioral health provider organizations are successfully implementing the clinical features of a health homes around the country. http://www.integration.samhsa.gov/clinical-practice/CIHS_Health_Homes_Core_Clinical_Features.pdf

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY FOLLOW-UP

SAMHSA has made available information from its Awareness Day activities. The 2012 National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day webcast will be available for viewing through through November 9, 2012. In addition, highlights from the April 17, 2012, Awareness Day Twitter chat co-hosted by SAMHSA and the Surgeon General of the United States Regina M. Benjamin, and the national and local Awareness Day Twitter conversations from May 9 to 11 are available. <http://www.samhsa.gov/children/>

IDENTIFYING MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE PROBLEMS OF CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS: A GUIDE FOR CHILD-SERVING ORGANIZATIONS

This report offers guidance and tools for early identification of children and adolescents with mental health or substance use problems in various settings: child welfare; early and primary care; family, domestic violence, and runaway shelters; juvenile justice; and schools. <http://store.samhsa.gov/product/SMA12-4670>

SAMHSA BLOG: STOPPING OLDER AMERICANS FROM BEING "BULLIED"

Bullying-like aggression can happen to people of all ages – including older Americans. For older adults these problems can occur in many settings, including their homes and long-term care facilities, such as nursing homes or assisted living residences. Bullying can come at the hands of many people in direct contact with elders, including caregivers, family, or even facility residents. Learn about elder abuse and where to report it in this SAMHSA blog post. <http://blog.samhsa.gov/2012/06/27/how-we-can-stop-older-americans-from-being-bullied/>

THE RISK AND PREVENTION OF MALTREATMENT OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

This Administration for Children and Families bulletin for child welfare professionals describes child abuse and neglect of children with disabilities in terms of the scope of the problem, risk factors, and strategies for prevention. The background section looks at statistics and research and highlights what might be happening with families that come into the child welfare system. The second section offers tips to identify and assess abuse and neglect in children with disabilities, respond collaboratively, and locate training resources. <http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/prevenres/focus/>

AHRQ RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

DEPRESSED PATIENTS WITH ANXIETY WHO FAIL INITIAL ANTIDEPRESSANT THERAPY MAY BENEFIT FROM ADDING A SECOND DRUG

Among patients who start treatment for depression, 40 percent will not respond to first-line therapy. One factor contributing to treatment resistance may be the presence of symptom clusters, such as anxiety, insomnia, fatigue, or atypical features of depression. Other researchers have found that anxiety, insomnia, and loss of energy are the symptom clusters most likely to influence the selection of an antidepressant for a patient. The current study examined the likelihood of remission or response among patients with and without symptom clusters whose second-line therapies included augmentation with another medication or a switch in medications. The investigators found that patients' remission and response rates to alternative second-line strategies—switching therapies or augmenting therapy with a second agent—did not differ for patients with coexisting atypical symptoms or insomnia. The study was supported in part by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). <http://www.ahrq.gov/research/jul12/0712RA14.htm>

"TOUGH GUY" MENTALITY PREVENTS SOME MEN FROM SEEKING HELP FOR DEPRESSION

Researchers recently explored how "toughness" in both men and women contributes to a delay in getting professional treatment for depression. They found men who perceived themselves as being tough preferred a wait-and-see approach to a diagnosis of depression. The gender norm of toughness also negatively affected how women seek out treatment, although to a lesser degree. The researchers suggest that public education campaigns portray seeking help as an act of toughness and as an aggressive act of taking control of one's life. Such reframing of messages may help both depressed men and women get the help they need. <http://www.ahrq.gov/research/jul12/0712RA15.htm>

STUDY LOOKS AT IMPACT OF FDA SUICIDE RISK ADVISORY ON ANTIDEPRESSANT PRESCRIBING IN CHILDREN

In October 2003, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued an advisory warning health care providers about a potential increased risk of suicide for children taking antidepressants. In a new study, researchers examined the trends in prescribing antidepressants before and after the FDA released its advisory. It found that children's visits for depression and visits with an antidepressant prescribed declined after the advisory. However, children with major depressive disorder appeared no less likely to be prescribed antidepressants. <http://www.ahrq.gov/research/jul12/0712RA18.htm>

AHRQ EFFECTIVE HEALTHCARE PROJECT REPORTS

MULTIDISCIPLINARY POSTACUTE REHABILITATION FOR MODERATE TO SEVERE TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY IN ADULTS

This report summarizes the results of a review to determine the effectiveness and comparative effectiveness of multidisciplinary postacute rehabilitation for moderate to severe traumatic brain injury in adults.

<http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/search-for-guides-reviews-and-reports/?pageaction=displayproduct&productid=1141>

SPANISH-LANGUAGE CONSUMER SUMMARY: THERAPIES FOR TREATMENT-RESISTANT DEPRESSION

The Spanish language version of the consumer summary of *Therapies for Treatment-Resistant Depression: A Review of the Research*. <http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/search-for-guides-reviews-and-reports/?pageaction=displayproduct&productID=1130>

CLINICIAN SUMMARY: ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER IN CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

<http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/search-for-guides-reviews-and-reports/?pageaction=displayproduct&productID=1149>

TREATMENT OPTIONS FOR ADHD IN CHILDREN AND TEENS: A REVIEW OF RESEARCH FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

<http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/search-for-guides-reviews-and-reports/?pageaction=displayproduct&productID=1148>

REAL WARRIORS PODCAST: OPENING UP ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCES

This podcast describes how sharing stories from deployment can aid in healing from invisible wounds.

<http://www.realwarriors.net/podcasts/episode022-transcript>

DCOE BLOG: SUICIDE CONFERENCE SPURS HOPE FOR ANSWERS

This Defense Centers of Excellence (DCoE) blog post summarizes the recent DOD/VA Suicide Prevention Conference. During the three-day conference, the secretaries for the Defense Department, Department of Health and Human Services, and Department of Veteran Affairs voiced their concerns and future plan of attack to combat suicide. The secretaries spoke to the importance of ending suicides, providing quality programs and communicating suicide programs and research amongst departments, service branches, providers, peers, and individuals. <http://www.dcoe.health.mil/blog/article.aspx?id=1&postid=382>

PUBLICATION DISCUSSES SEXUAL VIOLENCE RESEARCH ROUNDTABLE

The National Institute of Justice and the Office on Violence Against Women have released *Sexual Violence Research Roundtable: Meeting Summary*. Over the course of the meeting, participants identified new and emerging priorities for research on the criminal justice system's response to sexual assault and generated ideas for bridging the gap between research and practice.

<http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/svrr-summary.pdf>

EVENTS

READY, WILLING, AND ABLE TO WORK: EMPLOYMENT FOR PEOPLE IN RECOVERY

JULY 5, 2012

This SAMHSA Road to Recovery webcast will explore a range of topics related to meeting those challenges, including skills training, career building, having a "recovery job" that bridges the gap between unemployment and full employment, volunteerism as a pathway to employment, and starting a business. The show will examine the barriers and challenges faced by some people in recovery—those without a high school or college degree, those with a criminal history, and those who have been out of the workforce for a long time. Innovative approaches to addressing employment issues will be highlighted: recovery entrepreneurship programs, employers who target hiring people in recovery, and recovery community organizations that help with skills training and job placement.

<http://www.recoverymonth.gov/Multimedia/Road-to-Recovery-Television-Series.aspx?year=2012#July>

WEBINAR: PTSD AND RISK ASSESSMENTS FOR JUVENILE COURT EVALUATIONS

JULY 10, 2012, 12:00PM ET

This National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) webinar will provide an overview of juvenile court evaluation procedures, highlight how PTSD and risk assessments are utilized within these evaluations, and discuss ways to improve their use.

http://learn.nctsn.org/calendar/view.php?view=day&cal_d=10&cal_m=7&cal_y=2012

WEBINAR: CULTURAL IMPLICATIONS OF SECONDARY TRAUMATIC STRESS

JULY 17, 2012, 12:00PM ET

This NCTSN webinar in the Secondary Traumatic Stress Speaker Series will address the influence of culture on mental health providers coping with secondary traumatic stress (STS) and the choices that clinicians make to seek, or not seek, support. They also will explore how cultural background informs clinicians' work with children and families who have experienced trauma; illustrate the relationship between culture and STS through a personal case example; and introduce the concept of vicarious resiliency.

http://learn.nctsn.org/calendar/view.php?view=day&cal_d=17&cal_m=7&cal_y=2012

WEBINAR: CULTURAL IMPLICATIONS OF SECONDARY TRAUMATIC STRESS - IN SPANISH

JULY 18, 2012, 12:00PM ET

Presenters will deliver the Cultural Implications for Secondary Traumatic Stress webinar, described above, in Spanish. http://learn.nctsn.org/calendar/view.php?view=day&cal_d=18&cal_m=7&cal_y=2012

WEBINAR: THE APPLICATION OF TRAUMA SCREENING/ASSESSMENT IN CHILD WELFARE SETTINGS: PART I - SYSTEMS LEVEL

JULY 26, 2012, 12:00PM ET

This NCTSN webinar in the Screening and Assessment for Trauma in the Child Welfare Setting Speaker Series will explore issues of implementation and sustainability of universal trauma screening in an already overburdened child welfare system, how to meaningfully and successfully integrate and embed the practice, and ways to address the effects of this practice on case workers.

http://learn.nctsn.org/calendar/view.php?view=day&cal_d=26&cal_m=7&cal_y=2012

HEALTH OBSERVANCE: RECOVERY MONTH

SEPTEMBER 2012

Recovery Month promotes the societal benefits of prevention, treatment, and recovery for mental and substance use disorders, celebrates people in recovery, lauds the contributions of treatment and service providers, and promotes the message that recovery in all its forms is possible. Recovery Month spreads the positive message that behavioral health is essential to overall health, that prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover. <http://recoverymonth.gov/>

2012 Recovery Month Kit: <http://store.samhsa.gov/product/SMA12-4690>

SAVE THE DATE: SAMHSA WELLNESS WEEK

SEPTEMBER 17-23, 2012

As part of Recovery Month, SAMHSA is sponsoring National Wellness Week to inspire individuals and organizations to get involved and take one step for wellness. During National Wellness Week, individuals across the country will improve their health behaviors, while also exploring their talents, skills, interests, social connections, and environment to incorporate other dimensions of wellness.

- Monday, September 17: Overview of Eight Dimensions
- Tuesday, September 18: Physical Dimension
- Wednesday, September 19: Intellectual Dimension
- Thursday, September 20: Spiritual Dimension
- Friday, September 21: Social and Emotional Dimensions
- Saturday, September 22: Financial and Occupational Dimensions
- Sunday, September 23: Environmental Dimension

2012 SCIENCE OF ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES SUMMIT

OCTOBER 31, 2012-NOVEMBER 3, 2012, NATIONAL HARBOR, MD

HHS under the auspices of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, the NIH National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, and the HHS Office of Minority Health invite registration for the 2012 Science of Eliminating Health Disparities Summit. The program will facilitate thought-provoking dialogue among presenters from diverse disciplines that are taking unique, complementary, and sometimes distinctively different approaches to health disparities. The overall objective is to forge new alliances and provide a launching pad for creativity, collaboration, and innovation that will accelerate improved health for all Americans and a healthier global society. http://www.nimhd.nih.gov/summit_site/registration.html

CALLS FOR PUBLIC INPUT

NIMH: CALL FOR PUBLIC REVIEWERS

NIMH is seeking individuals interested in serving as public representatives on committees that review research grant applications.

Review meetings are typically held in the Washington, DC area, or by telephone or video conference call. Public reviewers fully join the discussion of applications and vote on the merit of each application discussed. They read applications and provide written critiques (usually 1-2 pages), which may focus on the strengths and weaknesses of the application's public health significance and/or innovation; on the feasibility of plans for recruitment, retention, and follow-up of subjects; on outreach efforts to special populations; and on issues pertaining to the protection of human subjects.

Individuals selected to serve as public reviewers typically have had some involvement with mental health care as consumers, family members, mental health professionals, members of advocacy groups, educators, etc. Public reviewers will typically meet one or more of the following criteria:

- experience with mental disorders (e.g., as a person with a mental disorder, a family member, caregiver, or supporter of such a person);
- experience with mental disorders as a mental health care practitioner, payer, or policy maker;
- experience as a research participant in studies of mental disorders; and
- community service involving representation of the interests and perspectives of people with mental disorders (e.g., service on mental health boards or committees, relevant publications, or presentations).

An individual need not meet all four criteria to be selected. NIMH staff will invite selected nominees to an in-person orientation, based on mental health interests and experience, and consideration of demographic and geographic factors. The Institute seeks a demographically and geographically diverse pool of Public Reviewers, and applications from individuals from traditionally under-represented groups are welcome.

Individuals chosen to attend the orientation workshop and participate will then be added to the roster of potential reviewers. Those included on the roster are likely to be asked to serve as a public reviewer over a two-year timeframe.

In order to be considered for the next in-person orientation, please submit an application by July 10, 2012. Please understand that NIMH is likely to receive many more expressions of interest than available opportunities to serve on review panels.

Interested individuals should read more about the NIMH Public Reviewer Program on the NIMH website: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/research-funding/grants/role-of-public-participants-in-nimh-grant-reviews.shtml>

SAMHSA WEBINAR: SEEKING INPUT FROM RECOVERY STAKEHOLDERS

SAMHSA is reaching out to persons in recovery to seek their input through a series of webinars about implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). As Federal agencies prepare to implement ACA, help is needed to inform policy makers and system designers. SAMHSA is opening dialogue with people in recovery and patient advocates to help shape policies for electronic health records, confidentiality, and technology for addiction and mental health care in this new age. A series of webinars to seek guidance and opinion on several critical matters:

- Protecting rights when using an Electronic Health Record
- Using Electronic Health Records and Personal Health Records to increase patient engagement
- Concerns about sharing behavioral health information with state, regional, or National health information exchanges
- How tools, such as social networks and apps, can be used to help people in recovery manage their care

The free webinars will be held on July 9, 1:00-2:30 pm EST and July 12, 1:00-2:30 pm EST. Sign up to participate in a webinar by July 6, 2012 by emailing Mike DeAgro with the date of webinar at mike.deagro@samhsa.hhs.gov.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SEEKS INFORMATION ON DISCONNECTED YOUTH

The U.S. Department of Education has released a request for information (RFI) on *Strategies for Improving Outcomes for Disconnected Youth*. The RFI invites organizations to recommend effective approaches to increase the rate at which young people ages 14 to 24 who are homeless, in foster care, involved in the juvenile justice system, unemployed or not enrolled in an educational institution meet educational, employment, and other key development goals. Submissions will be accepted through July 5, 2012.

<https://federalregister.gov/a/2012-13473>

CDC INJURY CENTER LAUNCHES VIDEO CONTEST

In recognition of the CDC Injury Center's 20th Anniversary, the Injury Center is conducting a nationwide video contest to help raise awareness of injury and violence prevention. Individuals can participate in the *Seeing My World through a Safer Lens* video contest by submitting a short, creative video that answers the question, "What does Injury and Violence Prevention Look Like in My Community?" The video should highlight real-life stories and examples of how injuries and violence are being prevented in one's community. Winners will be selected in the following three categories: General Public View, Injury and Violence Professional View, or Student View. The winning video in each category will receive a \$500 cash prize and will be featured on the CDC's Injury Center website. The contest runs now through July 31, 2012.

<http://www.cdc.gov/features/SaferLensVideoContest/>

CLINICAL TRIAL NEWS

NATIONWIDE RECRUITMENT: NIMH: SCHIZOPHRENIA ADULT RESEARCH STUDY THE NIMH GENETIC STUDY OF SCHIZOPHRENIA

Individuals 18 years old or older who have been diagnosed with schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder (depressed type) may be able to participate in a genetic study that looks for genes in families. In order for family members to participate, the person with schizophrenia must be willing and able to participate. Eligible family members participate in an interview and contribute a sample of blood for genetic analysis. Individuals who have schizophrenia, and if possible, their siblings, may qualify to participate in this study. There is no change in medication involved. The study involves simple cognitive tests and some MRI scans (no radiation). All testing is completed free of charge and there is compensation for each family member's participation in the study. Travel and lodging assistance is also available. Scientists believe that the identification of susceptibility genes is key to understanding the molecular pathways of this disease so that better treatments and preventive methods can be developed in the future. To find out more information, please call 301-435-8970 (1-888-674-6464) or email schizophrenia@mail.nih.gov.

National Institute of Mental Health, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services. For more information on research conducted by the National Institute of Mental Health in Bethesda, MD click here <http://patientinfo.nimh.nih.gov>.

FUNDING INFORMATION

WOMEN'S MENTAL HEALTH DURING PREGNANCY AND THE POSTPARTUM PERIOD

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-12-215.html> (R21)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-12-216.html> (R01)

SAMHSA: STATE ADOLESCENT ENHANCEMENT AND DISSEMINATION GRANTS

http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/2012/ti_12_006.aspx

REACH: RACIAL AND ETHNIC APPROACHES TO COMMUNITY HEALTH FINANCED SOLELY BY 2012 PREVENTION AND PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDS

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=qpJqPrYHQJmDqHFmkNBvvnQT6FLQHGD9kp76hCYfy4dl2qDPrVLT!884034953?opId=178673&mode=VIEW>

STREET OUTREACH PROGRAM

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=qpJqPrYHQJmDqHFmkNBvvnQT6FLQHGD9kp76hCYfy4dl2qDPrVLT!884034953?opId=178893&mode=VIEW>

BIOBEHAVIORAL RESEARCH AWARDS FOR INNOVATIVE NEW SCIENTISTS (BRAINS)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-13-110.html>

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COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION GRANTS -SMALL COMMUNITIES PROGRAMS FINANCED SOLELY BY
2012 PREVENTION AND PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDS

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=RgW1PFPFQshPqDGLW5sBW8ZQTmTpXQwjMLllqTy7zJdwfc1QLpXP!-1021879135?oppld=173114&mode=VIEW>

ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION INTERVENTIONS PROGRAM

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=6XNnPhpLVxlnMhxRLj45pvk79XxDb2B2ML3F99kGvXnr5GJ8QVkw!1020059110?oppld=176793&mode=VIEW>



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