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SCIENCE AND SERVICE NEWS UPDATES

MENTAL DECLINE THWARTED IN AGING RATS: NIH GRANTEES EYE NEUROPROTECTIVE MECHANISM FOR ALZHEIMER'S

Scientists have discovered a compound that restores the capacity to form new memories in aging rats, likely by improving the survival of newborn neurons in the brain's memory hub. The research, funded in part by the National Institutes of Health, has turned up clues to a neuroprotective mechanism that could lead to a treatment for Alzheimer's disease. The researchers report on their findings July 9, 2010 in the journal *Cell*. Their work was funded, in part, by the NIH's National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), a NIH Director's Pioneer Award funded through the Common Fund and managed by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences, and National Cancer Institute.

Press Release: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2010/mental-decline-thwarted-in-aging-rats.shtml>

AIR FORCE SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM REDUCES SUICIDE RATE

A U.S. Air Force suicide prevention program is associated with reduced suicide rates among Air Force personnel during times in which the program was rigorously implemented and monitored, according to an NIMH-funded study published online ahead of print May 13, 2010, in the *American Journal of Public Health*.

Science Update: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2010/air-force-suicide-prevention-program-reduces-suicide-rate.shtml>

VA SIMPLIFIES ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE AND BENEFITS FOR VETERANS WITH PTSD

By publishing a final regulation in the *Federal Register* to simplify the process for a Veteran to claim service connection for PTSD, the Department of Veterans Affairs reduces the evidence needed if the trauma claimed by a Veteran is related to fear of hostile military or terrorist activity and is consistent with the places, types, and circumstances of the Veteran's service. This science-based regulation relies on evidence that concluded that a Veteran's deployment to a war zone is linked to an increased risk of PTSD. Under the new rule, VA would not require corroboration of a stressor related to fear of hostile military or terrorist activity if a VA doctor confirms that the stressful experience recalled by a Veteran adequately supports a diagnosis of PTSD and the Veteran's symptoms are related to the claimed stressor.

Press Release: <http://www1.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=1922>

NIH-SUPPORTED FINDING ON COCAINE ADDICTION: TINY MOLECULE, BIG PROMISE—DISCOVERY COULD LEAD TO BETTER WAYS OF PREDICTING DRUG ABUSE RISK AND TREATING ADDICTIONS

A specific and remarkably small fragment of RNA appears to protect rats against cocaine addiction—and may also protect humans, according to a recent study funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). The study was published the July 7, 2010 issue of the journal *Nature*.

Press Release: <http://www.nih.gov/news/health/jul2010/nida-07.htm>

SAMHSA AND THE AD COUNCIL LAUNCH NATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS IN MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITIES

SAMHSA, in collaboration with the Ad Council, announced the launch of a national public service advertising (PSA) campaign to promote recovery from mental health problems within multicultural communities by educating and inspiring young adults to talk openly about issues of mental health. The culturally targeted PSAs seek to motivate societal change toward social acceptance and decrease negative attitudes that may surround mental illness. These PSAs are part of a larger multicultural public service effort designed to reach Hispanic/Latino, American Indian, Chinese American, and African American communities during National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month.

Press Releases:

<http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1007073409.aspx>

<http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1007072636.aspx>

<http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1007073217.aspx>

NEW SERIES OF STUDIES SHOW SUICIDE ATTEMPTS CONSTITUTE A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF DRUG-RELATED HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS -- ESPECIALLY AMONG THE YOUNG

A new series of studies analyzing drug-related hospital emergency department visits throughout the country during 2008 reveals a substantial percentage of these visits involve suicide attempts. According to these studies conducted by SAMHSA more than one in every twelve (8.8 percent) drug-related hospital emergency department visit by an adolescent is a suicide attempt – double the rate found among cases involving those age 25 and older (4.4 percent). Among cases involving young adults aged 18 to 25 the attempted suicide rate was 6.6 percent.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1007133243.aspx>

NEW STUDY SHOWS FOURFOLD INCREASE IN SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT ADMISSIONS INVOLVING NON-MEDICAL USE OF PRESCRIPTION PAIN RELIEVERS IN TEN YEAR PERIOD (1998-2008)--LARGE INCREASES IN THE PERCENTAGE OF ADMISSIONS REPORTING PAIN RELIEVER MISUSE SEEN AMONG ALL AGE, GENDER, RACE, ETHNIC GROUPS AS WELL AS IN ALL REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY

The proportion of all substance abuse treatment admissions of those aged 12 and older involving abuse of prescription pain relievers rose by over 400 percent from 2.2 percent in 1998 to 9.8 percent in 2008 according to a new SAMHSA study. This dramatic rise in the proportion of admissions associated with the abuse of these drugs occurred among nearly all segments of the population regardless of age, gender, educational level and employment status.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1007140544.aspx>

WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCES NEW NATIONAL HIV/AIDS STRATEGY

The National HIV/AIDS Strategy is a comprehensive plan focused on (1) reducing the number of people who become infected with HIV, (2) increasing access to care and optimizing health outcomes for people living with HIV, and (3) reducing HIV-related health disparities. The plan will serve as a roadmap for policymakers, partners in prevention, and the public on steps the United States must take to lower HIV incidence, get people living with HIV into care, and reduce HIV-related health disparities.

Press Release: <http://www.aids.gov/federal-resources/policies/national-hiv-aids-strategy/>

ANNUAL FEDERAL STATISTICS COMPILATION REPORTS SECOND STRAIGHT DECLINE IN PRETERM BIRTHS

Preterm births and adolescent births declined, eighth graders' math and reading scores increased, and more children had health insurance, according to the federal government's annual statistical report on the well-being of the nation's children and youth. The report also showed several economic changes that coincided with the beginning of the economic downturn: increases in child poverty and food insecurity, as well as a decline in secure parental employment. The report, *America's Children In Brief: Key National Indicators of Well-Being, 2010* was compiled by the Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics, a working group of 22 federal agencies that collect, analyze, and report data on issues related to children and families. The report groups the most recently available major federal statistics on children and youth under several domains: family and social environment, economic circumstances, health care, physical environment and safety, behavior, education, and health. The purpose of the report is to provide statistical information on children and families in a nontechnical, easy-to-use format in order to stimulate discussion among data providers, policymakers, and members of the public.

Press Release: http://www.childstats.gov/americaschildren/press_release.asp

HHS ANNOUNCES NEW PRE-EXISTING CONDITION INSURANCE PLAN

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced the establishment of a new Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan (PCIP), which will offer coverage to uninsured Americans who have been unable to obtain health coverage because of a pre-existing health condition. PCIP, which will be administered either by a state or by HHS, will provide a new health coverage option for Americans who have been uninsured for at least 6 months, have been unable to get health coverage because of a health condition, and are a U.S. citizen or are residing in the United States legally. Created under the Affordable Care Act, PCIP is a transitional program until 2014, when insurers will be banned from discriminating against adults with pre-existing conditions, and individuals and small businesses will have access to more affordable private insurance choices through new competitive exchanges. In 2014, members of Congress will also purchase their insurance through exchanges.

Press Release: <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2010pres/07/20100701a.html>

RESOURCES: PUBLICATIONS, TOOLKITS, OTHER RESOURCES

NEW ON NIMH WEBSITE

SPEAKING OF SCIENCE - JUDITH WARNER: BEST-SELLING AUTHOR AND JOURNALIST

Best-selling author and journalist Judith Warner met with NIMH Director, Tom Insel . Warner has written extensively about American family culture, raising children in today's society, and now, the challenges faced by families of children diagnosed with mental disorders. Ms. Warner is a former contributing columnist for the New York Times and was a special correspondent for Newsweek in Paris.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/media/video/speaking-of-science/warner.shtml>

NEW VODCAST: DR. FRANCIS LEE ON THE BDNF MOLECULE AND ANXIETY DISORDER RESEARCH

BDNF stands for brain derived neurotrophic factor. This molecule, found in the brain's fear hub could have a significant impact on the study of anxiety disorders including Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Dr. Francis Lee of Weill-Cornell Medical College is a leading BDNF investigator and was a recent guest lecturer at the National Institute of Mental Health.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/media/video/speaking-of-science/lee.shtml>

RESEARCH ON AIDS

This new web page about AIDS research at NIMH also includes links to additional resources about HIV/AIDS.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/hiv-aids/research-on-aids.shtml>

MEETING SUMMARY--CLOSING THE GAPS: THE ROLE OF RESEARCH IN REDUCING MENTAL HEALTH DISPARITIES IN THE U.S.

On May 5, 2010, the Office for Research on Disparities and Global Mental Health in the Office of the Director of NIMH convened a meeting of representatives of key federal agencies and thought leaders from a range of fields—including genetics, cultural neuroscience, epidemiology, psychology, clinical psychiatry, and community-based services and intervention research—to discuss novel directions that, if investigated empirically, could foster the reduction of mental health disparities across race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and geography.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/research-funding/scientific-meetings/2010/closing-the-gaps-the-role-of-research-in-reducing-mental-health-disparities-in-the-us.shtml>

INSIDE NIMH: FUNDING NEWS FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE NIMH AWARDEES

The Summer 2010 edition of *Inside NIMH* discusses innovative and evolving trans-NIH and NIMH-specific initiatives and programs, as well as initiatives the Institute is considering for the future.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/research-funding/newsletter/2010-summer-inside-nimh.html>

NEW SAMHSA RESOURCES

TIPS FOR DEALING WITH THE GULF OIL SPILL

This series of fact sheets provides practical advice and resources on how to deal with the effects the Gulf Oil Spill can have on mental health. <http://samhsa.gov/Disaster/traumaticevents.aspx>

PROMOTING MENTAL HEALTH AND PREVENTING SUICIDE: A TOOLKIT FOR SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITIES

Statistics show that adults age 65 and older have one of the highest suicide rates of any age group in the United States. This new SAMHSA toolkit teaches staff working in senior living communities how to recognize and take steps to help someone at risk of suicide. The ideas presented in this toolkit can help prevent suicides, promote mental health, and create an environment that will enhance the well-being of residents and staff alike. <http://mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/publications/allpubs/SMA10-4515/>

MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES UNDER THE STATE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

This report describes the results of a program in Oklahoma, initiated in July 2007, aimed at helping inmates with serious mental illness in three correctional facilities complete applications for Federal disability benefits and Medicaid in order to facilitate their access to mental health treatment upon discharge. Many low-income individuals with severe mental illness leave state institutions without health insurance and therefore without financial access to the treatment they need to live successfully in their communities.

<http://mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/publications/allpubs/SMA01-3473/>

SUICIDE PREVENTION: TEEN SUICIDE PREVENTION, WE CAN HELP US POSTER

These posters were created as part of the "We Can Help US" teen suicide prevention campaign. The campaign was developed from the insight that many teens encounter the same tough times, but many also develop positive solutions to help overcome them. Whatever problem they face, the campaign empowers teens by reminding them that there are ways to get through it. The posters direct teens to visit reachout.com to hear stories from others who successfully conquered their tough times

<http://download.ncadi.samhsa.gov/ken/pdf/ADC10-SUICIDEP/ADC10-SUICIDEP.pdf>

LATEST ISSUE OF SAMHSA NEWS

This issue of *SAMHSA News* highlights Project LAUNCH, a SAMHSA program which promotes wellness in early childhood and also covers suicide prevention activities in American Indian communities.

<http://www.samhsa.gov/samhsaNewsletter/default.aspx>

HOMELESS YOUNG ADULT TREATMENT ADMISSIONS

This SAMHSA report found that heroin (26.9 Percent) and alcohol (25.0 Percent) were the most frequently reported primary substances of abuse among homeless young adult admissions in 2008. Homeless young adult admissions were more likely than non-homeless young adult admissions to have had five or more treatment episodes (17.3 vs. 6.2 Percent). Among these admissions, individual/self referrals were the most common source of referral to treatment (41.5 Percent); among non-homeless young adult admissions, the most common source of referral was the criminal justice system (50.6 Percent).

<http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/2k10/234/234HomelessYth2k10.cfm>

RECOVERY AND THE MEDIA: ADDICTION AND TREATMENT IN ENTERTAINMENT AND NEWS

This Center for Substance Abuse Treatment program explores how popular media influences public attitudes and opinions concerning addiction, treatment, and recovery issues. This show will look at the importance of the media's portrayal of factual information and accurate depictions of addiction, treatment, and recovery issues. The show also discusses the negative effects of publishing/airing stories and shows that glamorize use, promote inaccurate and discriminatory public attitudes, and discourage individuals to seek help.

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

FRONTLINE PSYCH WITH DOC BENDER: MILITARY CHILDREN AND SCHOOL

Dr. James Bender who recently returned from Iraq after spending 12 months as the brigade psychologist for the 4-1 CAV out of Ft Hood writes a monthly blog post for the Defense Centers of Excellence (DCOE) on mental health issues related to deployment and being in the military. This month, his blog focuses on military children in non-Department of Defense schools, guard and reserve kids in particular.

<http://www.dcoe.health.mil/blog/article.aspx?ID=1&postID=120>

NEW ONLINE HEALTH CARE TOOL NOW AVAILABLE TO CONSUMERS

HHS unveiled an innovative new online tool which will help consumers take control of their health care by connecting them to new information and resources that will help them access quality, affordable health care coverage. Called for by the Affordable Care Act, HealthCare.gov is the first Web site to provide consumers with both public and private health coverage options tailored specifically for their needs in a single, easy-to-use tool. This site has a central database of health coverage options, combining information about public programs, from Medicare to the new Pre-Existing Conditions Insurance Plan, with information from more than 1,000 private insurance plans. <http://www.healthcare.gov>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEBINAR: SELECTING EVIDENCE-BASED INTERVENTIONS—DETERMINING WHAT’S BEST FOR YOU

JULY 20, 2010, 2:00-3:00 PM, ET

U.S. Department of Education in cooperation with HHS’ SAMHSA’s Center for Substance Abuse Prevention’s National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices, Justice Sponsored Blueprints for Violence Prevention, and Federal Working Group Findyouthinfo.gov will host this webinar to discuss “Selecting Evidence-Based Interventions—Determining What’s Best for You.” The Webinar will provide an overview of the issue with a focus on selecting evidenced-based programs in substance abuse and violence prevention, and positive youth development.

To join the online meeting, go to:

<https://educate.webex.com/educate/j.php?ED=137507912&UID=0&PW=NY2U2NjYyOGQx&RT=MiMxMQ%3D%3D>

The webinar power point presentation will be available after the call on July 20 at:

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osdfs/resources.html>

WEBINAR ON SUCCESSFUL REINTEGRATION OF SERVICE MEMBERS: ADJUSTING TO LIFE AT HOME AFTER DEPLOYMENT

JULY 22, 2010, 1:00-2:30 PM ET

Successful reintegration is essential to the overall health and well-being of service members. Challenges faced during the reintegration process are unlike challenges faced while deployed. They include, but are not limited to, readjusting to family life, going back to work, and coping with combat related stress and injury. This Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury webinar will feature personal accounts of deployment to Afghanistan and adjusting to life at home. Reintegration difficulties and coping mechanisms are among the issues to be discussed.

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

SATELLITE BROADCAST: ADDRESSING MENTAL ILLNESS IN CORRECTIONS

JULY 27, 2010, 12:00-3:00PM ET

The National Institute of Corrections will host Crisis Intervention Team (CIT): An Effective Response to Mental Illness in Corrections. This live, 3-hour satellite/Internet broadcast will describe how CITs operate along with the benefits of having a team and how to implement one. It will also explain the components of a sustainable CIT program. <http://nicic.gov/Training/SIB07292010>

WEBINAR: UNDERSTANDING NONSUICIDAL SELF-INJURY IN SUICIDE PREVENTION

JULY 27, 2010, 3:00-4:30PM ET

This Suicide Prevention Resource Center Research-to-Practice webinar addresses nonsuicidal self-injury (NSSI), such as cutting, self-hitting, burning, and picking which has been found to occur in 10-20% of middle and high school students in the U.S. While distinct from suicide, NSSI is a risk factor. Participants will learn: distinctions between NSSI and suicide, components of a self-injury prevention program for high schools, and outcome data related to an evaluation of the program.

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/802283136>

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SAMHSA ADS CENTER TRAINING TELECONFERENCE: MENTAL HEALTH FOR MILITARY FAMILIES: THE PATH TO RESILIENCE AND RECOVERY

AUGUST 3, 2010, 3:00–4:30PM ET

This SAMHSA ADS Center training teleconference will cover the evolution of mental health services for service members; mental health problems faced by returning service members and their families; and effective strategies for preventing, reducing, and addressing mental health conditions—strategies such as resilience training and veteran-to-veteran support. Please note: Registration will close at 5:00 p.m., ET, on Thursday, July 29, 2010. <http://promoteacceptance.samhsa.gov/teleconferences/default.aspx>

HEALTH OBSERVANCE: RECOVERY MONTH—JOIN THE VOICES FOR RECOVERY: NOW MORE THAN EVER!

SEPTEMBER 2010

The Recovery Month observance highlights the societal benefits of substance abuse treatment, lauds the contributions of treatment providers and promotes the message that recovery from substance abuse in all its forms is possible. The 2010 Recovery Month toolkit is now available to view, download, or order. The toolkit materials emphasize the need to educate others about the disease of addiction and how high levels of stress may contribute to or exacerbate alcohol and/or drug use. In addition to a general overview of substance use disorders and commonly misused substances, there are audience-specific pieces targeting families, the workplace, public safety officials, and older adults. <http://recoverymonth.gov/>

INDIGENOUS RESEARCH AND EVALUATION SUMMIT 2010

SEPTEMBER 1-2, 2010, HONOLULU, HAWAII

The Indigenous Research and Evaluation Summit 2010 is sponsored by SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Prevention Native American Center for Excellence and the University of Hawaii at Manoa Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work. The objectives of the summit are: 1) to engage the Indigenous research and evaluation community in a meaningful interactive dialogue that provides a focus on recognizing, developing, designing, enhancing and integrating the importance of research and evaluation within Indigenous communities and programs, 2) to mobilize and empower Indigenous researchers and evaluators and Indigenous programs to bring about positive change and a healthy understanding of the importance of research and evaluation, 3) to incorporate lessons learned in the area of research and evaluation in Indigenous communities, 4) to explore research and evaluation protocols that incorporate integrity, cultural sensitivity, the impact of ethnic, linguistic and cultural factors, and 5) to enhance and build knowledge and opportunities for Indigenous researchers and evaluators.

<http://nace.samhsa.gov/WebImages/file/2010%20Summit/NACE%20Indigenous%20Evaluation%20Summit%202010%20Description.pdf>

ALTERNATIVES 2010 ANNUAL CONFERENCE: PROMOTING WELLNESS THROUGH SOCIAL JUSTICE

SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 3, 2010, ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA

The national mental health conference organized by and for mental health consumers and survivors is sponsored by SAMHSA's Center for Mental Health Services. Each Alternatives conference offers in-depth technical assistance on peer-delivered services and self-help/recovery methods. Beyond the exchange of knowledge and networking, Alternatives offers a rich social, artistic, and healing environment.

<http://www.power2u.org/alternatives2010/>

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/>

THE THIRD ANNUAL TRAUMA SPECTRUM CONFERENCE: EMERGING RESEARCH ON POLYTRAUMA, RECOVERY AND REINTEGRATION OF SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

DECEMBER 7-8, 2010, BETHESDA, MARYLAND

The goal of this conference is to enhance and promote continued collaboration among the Department of Defense, National Institutes of Health, Department of Veterans Affairs and key stake holders such as researchers, academics, other federal partners and military and civilian personnel dedicated to improving the lives of Service members, Veterans and their families.

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

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

CALLS FOR PUBLIC INPUT

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: 1) Investigators' disclosure of information to institutions regarding significant financial interests; 2) Institutions' management of identified financial conflicts of interest (FCOI) and reporting of FCOI to NIH and other PHS agencies; and 3) 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>

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE CALL FOR PAPERS ON RE-ENTRY PROGRAMS

In an effort to provide rigorous evidence of "what works" in reentry, the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is planning to conduct one or more experiments of promising re-entry interventions, strategies or programs. These experiments, implemented at multiple sites, will randomly assign re-entering offenders to receive the experimental treatment or to receive "business-as-usual" re-entry services (or some other clearly defined control treatment). For these experiments, NIJ seeks to test the most important, compelling and promising strategies, interventions and programs for reducing recidivism and re-offending among re-entering offenders. With this announcement, NIJ is issuing a call to researchers and others to submit re-entry experiment "best design" papers to help in identifying and fully describing these important, compelling and promising strategies, interventions and programs for experiments in re-entry. The deadline for submission is July 30, 2010. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/funding/2010/reentry-rfd-2010.pdf>

UPDATING THE INTERAGENCY AUTISM COORDINATING COMMITTEE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER RESEARCH

On behalf of the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee (IACC), the NIMH is seeking comments to inform the annual update of the IACC Strategic Plan for Autism Spectrum Disorder Research as required by the Combating Autism Act of 2006. Responses to this RFI are voluntary and will be accepted through July 30, 2010. <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-MH-10-025.html>

FUNDING INFORMATION

SCIENCE EDUCATION DRUG ABUSE PARTNERSHIP AWARD

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-10-227.html>

2011 NIH DIRECTORS PIONEER AWARD PROGRAM

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-10-008.html>

ADVANCING NOVEL SCIENCE IN WOMEN'S HEALTH RESEARCH

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAS-10-226.html>

FY2010 SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE SCHOOLS GRANT COMPETITION

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-16811.pdf>


FY10 PARTNERSHIPS ACTIVE IN COMMUNITIES TO ACHIEVE HEALTH EQUITY

<http://minorityhealth.hhs.gov/templates/content.aspx?ID=8493&lvl=2&lvlID=1>

THE LINKAGE TO LIFE PROGRAM: REBUILDING BROKEN BRIDGES FOR MINORITY FAMILIES IMPACTED BY HIV/AIDS

<http://minorityhealth.hhs.gov/templates/content.aspx?ID=8495&lvl=2&lvlID=1>





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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