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REHABILITATION HELPS PREVENT DEPRESSION FROM AGE-RELATED VISION LOSS; NIH-FUNDED STUDY BROUGHT TOGETHER EYE CARE AND MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

Depression is a common risk for people who have lost their vision from age-related macular degeneration, but a new study shows that a type of rehabilitation therapy can cut this risk in half. The study was funded by the National Eye Institute, part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Press Release: <http://www.nih.gov/news/health/jul2014/nei-09.htm>

NEW BRAIN IMAGING DATASET NOW AVAILABLE TO ENHANCE RELIABILITY AND REPRODUCIBILITY

A new National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)-supported dataset will now allow researchers to compare their MRI-based scans against more than 10,000 brain images, thereby enhancing reliability and reproducibility. The Consortium for Reproducibility and Reliability was organized with the goals of actively taking on the challenge of exploring brain development, and identifying the signatures of mental illness and markers of treatment response.

Press Release: <http://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/news-releases/2014/07/new-brain-imaging-dataset-now-available-to-enhance-reliability-reproducibility>

OBAMA ADMINISTRATION RELEASES NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY STRATEGY EMPHASIZING PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACHES TO NATION'S DRUG PROBLEM

The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) released the *2014 National Drug Control Strategy*, the Obama Administration's primary blueprint for drug policy in the U.S. *The Strategy* builds on the Administration's record of drug policy reform by outlining a series of actions that will continue to expand health interventions and "smart on crime" alternatives proven to reduce drug use and its consequences in America.

Press Release: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/ondcp/news-releases/2014-national-drug-control-strategy%20>

HHS ANNOUNCES THE AVAILABILITY OF \$100 MILLION IN ACA FUNDING TO EXPAND ACCESS TO PRIMARY CARE THROUGH NEW COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced the availability of \$100 million from the Affordable Care Act (ACA) to support an estimated 150 new health center sites across the country in 2015. New health center sites will increase access to comprehensive, affordable, high-quality primary healthcare services in the communities that need it most.

Press Release: <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2014pres/07/20140708a.html>

HHS AWARDS \$83.4 MILLION TO TRAIN NEW PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS

HHS announced \$83.4 million in ACA funding to support primary care residency programs in 60 Teaching Health Centers across the nation. The funding will help train more than 550 residents during the 2014-2015 academic year, increasing the number of residents trained in the previous academic year by more than 200 and helping to increase access to healthcare in communities across the country. Created by the ACA, the Teaching Health Center Program expands residency training in community-based settings. Residents will be trained in family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, psychiatry, geriatrics, and general dentistry.

Press Release: <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2014pres/07/20140707b.html>

REPORT SHOWS COMBINING DRUG USE WITH UNDERAGE DRINKING RAISES HEALTH RISKS

Underage drinkers who were treated in hospital emergency departments (ED) were more than twice as likely to wind up with a serious health outcome if they also used drugs at the same time, according to a new study by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). These serious outcomes included hospitalization, transfer to another healthcare facility following their ED visit, or death.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1407021443.aspx>

YOUNG ADULTS MORE LIKELY TO ATTEND COLLEGE; FEDERAL REPORT FINDS RATE OF STUDENT DEBT INCREASES, SMOKING DECREASES

American young adults are more racially and ethnically diverse, more likely to graduate from high school and attend college, and less likely to smoke than previous generations, according to a report by the Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics. The findings are among those reported in a statistical collection by the forum titled, *America's Young Adults: Special Issue, 2014*. Young adults are identified as between the ages of 18 to 24. The report includes data from nationally representative, Federally-sponsored surveys, summarized under five key themes: education; economic circumstances; family formation; civic, social, and personal behavior; and health and safety.

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

NEW FROM NIMH

NIMH TWITTER WEEKLY EMAIL DIGEST

NIMH Tweets can now be received by email in a new NIMH weekly Twitter digest. Enter email address on the “Email Updates” sign up page and press “Submit” to begin receiving the Twitter digest.

https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USNIMH/subscriber/new?topic_id=USNIMH_64

MEETING SUMMARY: 2014 MEETING OF THE NIMH OUTREACH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

The summary of the 2014 Meeting of the NIMH Outreach Partnership Program is now available. The meeting keynote address on improving behavioral health in the era of healthcare reform was delivered by Sherry Glied, PhD, Dean of New York University’s Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. In addition to updates from NIMH Director Dr. Thomas Insel on the state of mental health research, presentations covered the use of technology in mental health interventions; updates on the NIMH Recovery After an Initial Schizophrenia Episode (RAISE) and Early Prediction and Prevention of Psychosis research initiatives; and the new Prioritized Research Agenda for Suicide Prevention.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/outreach/partnership-program/meetings/index.shtml>

WHITE HOUSE SUMMIT ON THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC: SUMMARY AND PRESENTATIONS

ONDCP has provided a summary and presentations from the recent White House Summit on the Opioid Epidemic. During the Summit, ONDCP hosted Attorney General Eric Holder, Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin, NIDA Director Dr. Nora Volkow, and two panels of experts who addressed the national epidemic of opioid abuse. <http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2014/06/19/white-house-summit-opioid-epidemic>

NEW FROM NIH

NIH RESEARCH MATTERS: STORING MEMORIES OF RECENT EVENTS

Memories of recent events may be held by a small number of neurons distributed across the brain’s hippocampus, a new study suggests. Understanding how the brain stores memories will yield insights into memory problems that come with normal aging and dementia.

<http://www.nih.gov/researchmatters/june2014/06302014memories.htm>

NIDA SCIENCE SPOTLIGHT: SOCIAL MEDIA AND PRO-DRUG MESSAGES

A new NIDA-funded study analyzed the content and demographic reach of a popular pro-marijuana Twitter handle in 2013 and found that only 10 percent of the messages mentioned any risky behaviors associated with marijuana use. <http://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/news-releases/2014/07/social-media-can-influence-teens-pro-drug-messages>

NIDA NOTES: AMONG HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS, DRIVING AFTER MARIJUANA USE SURPASSES DRUNK DRIVING

Nearly one in six high school seniors who responded to a 2011 survey reported that, within the past two weeks, they had driven a motor vehicle after using an illicit drug or drinking heavily. These rates had all risen nearly 20 percent in only four years, due almost entirely to an increase in driving after smoking marijuana. <http://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/nida-notes/2014/07/among-high-school-seniors-driving-after-marijuana-use-surpasses-drunk-driving>

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS EFFECT OF AGING BOOMERS; DATA ON INDIVIDUAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL CHANGES LINKED TO DRAMATICALLY AGING POPULATION

A report from the U.S. Census Bureau commissioned by the NIH presents population trends and other national data about people 65 and older. It documents aging as quite varied in terms of how long people live, how well they age, their financial and educational status, their medical and long-term care and housing costs, where they live and with whom, and other factors important for aging and health. The report addresses a number of chronic health measures, including suicide and depression, and cognitive impairments. <http://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/publications/2014/demo/p23-212.pdf>

TALKING WITH YOUR DOCTOR PRESENTATION TOOLKIT

Help older adults make the most of their medical appointments with the *Talking With Your Doctor Presentation Toolkit* from the National Institute of Aging. The presentation features tips for how to: get ready for a doctor's visit, effectively talk with a clinician about health concerns, make collaborative decisions about treatment, and remember what was discussed following the appointment. The kit includes a PowerPoint presentation, speaker script and notes, presentation handouts, and tips for preparing for the presentation. <http://www.nia.nih.gov/health/publication/talking-your-doctor-presentation-toolkit>

RESOURCES FROM SAMHSA

LATEST SAMHSA NEWS: FROM YOUTH TO ADULTHOOD: OFFERING HELP

Many young people with behavioral health issues encounter difficulties once they're no longer eligible for publicly funded children's mental health services, leaving some to fall through the cracks. Learn about SAMHSA efforts to meet the needs of these emerging adults in the latest issue of *SAMHSA News*.

http://beta.samhsa.gov/samhsaNewsLetter/Volume_22_Number_3/successful_transition/

SAMHSA BLOG: BULLYING AT CAMP – WHAT PARENTS SHOULD KNOW

This SAMHSA Blog post provides tips for parents about how to have a conversation with one's child and camp staff if bullying is suspected. <http://blog.samhsa.gov/2014/07/10/bullying-at-camp-what-parents-should-know/>

LATEST DIALOGUE: CULTURAL AWARENESS DURING THE DISASTER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PHASES

This issue of *Dialogue* focuses on the importance of cultural awareness during the disaster behavioral health response and recovery phases. The issue highlights three different special populations: children, older adults, and individuals living with HIV and AIDS. <http://beta.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/dialogue-vol10-issue3.pdf>

SAMHSA DISASTER APP GIVES RESPONDERS READY ACCESS TO CRITICAL RESOURCES

A free smartphone application created by SAMHSA makes it easier for behavioral health responders to focus on disaster survivors by providing them quick access to resources for getting help. The SAMHSA Disaster App was developed with input from experts from across HHS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the American Red Cross, and state health departments. The app is available for iPhone, Android, and BlackBerry users. <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1406234403.aspx>

WHAT DOES THE RESEARCH TELL US ABOUT SERVICES FOR CHILDREN IN THERAPEUTIC/TREATMENT FOSTER CARE WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ISSUES?

This publication reports on a technical expert panel convened to assess the research about services for foster care children in therapeutic or treatment care. It reviews the scientific evidence and expert panel input to identify actions to be taken and further research needs.

<http://store.samhsa.gov//product/SMA14-4842>

TECHNOLOGY-ASSISTED CARE FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

This SAMHSA-supported Addiction Technology Transfer Center newsletter article highlights some of the information and tools available from the latest product created by the “Blending Initiative,” a collaborative project between NIDA and SAMHSA. SUDTECH.org is a resource hub for behavioral health practitioners focused on technology-assisted care for substance use disorders.

<http://www.attcnetwork.org/find/news/attcnews/epubs/addmsg/July2014article.asp>

ARCHIVED WEBINAR: PREVENTING MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS AND IDENTIFYING ISSUES EARLY BY CONNECTING CHILD SERVING SYSTEMS

This webinar focused on strategies to prevent mental health problems and support early identification strategies. Topics include: focusing on prevention in younger populations and early childhood programs; how to connect school-based efforts to the community efforts; school-based mental health and school climate; and how to integrate trauma-informed community principles. This webinar also includes information about how to adapt evidence-based programs in these areas for the populations in the participating communities. <http://www.creatingcommunitysolutions.org/resources/new-preventing-mental-health-problems-and-identifying-issues-early-connection-child>

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DATA EXCHANGE CONSORTIUM REPORT

In collaboration with the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology and SAMHSA, seven states completed a pilot project demonstrating that health information exchange using direct messaging can support the transfer of behavioral health data. According to the report, educating providers, establishing trust between partners, cooperation, and flexibility were key components in developing a secure and successful transfer.

http://www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/bhdeconsortiumfinalreport_06182014_508_compliant.pdf

ARCHIVED WEBCAST: GROWING UP WITH ADDICTION AND/OR MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS— PREVENTION BY TARGETING TROUBLED FAMILIES

This Recovery Month webcast explored the relationship of addiction and trauma, acknowledging the long-term impacts on children and families. Strategies for identifying and working with troubled families to break the cycle of addiction were presented. <http://recoverymonth.gov/Multimedia/Road-to-Recovery-Television-Series.aspx>

RESPONDING TO A DISASTER: FIELD OPERATIONS GUIDE

The Skills for Psychological Recovery (SPR) Field Operations Guide, developed by the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) and the National Center for PTSD, provides an overview of SPR, an evidence-informed skills-building intervention intended for survivors and responders who are exhibiting distress weeks to months after a disaster or emergency. SPR is intended to help survivors identify their most pressing current concerns and teach them the skills so they can better address those needs.

<http://www.nctsn.org/content/skills-psychological-recovery-spr>

NEW FROM AHRQ

GUIDE TO CLINICAL PREVENTIVE SERVICES, 2014: RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE U.S. PREVENTIVE SERVICES TASK FORCE

The *Guide to Clinical Preventive Services* includes U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommendations on screening, counseling, and preventive medication topics, and includes clinical recommendations for each topic. This new pocket guide provides family physicians, internists, pediatricians, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and other clinicians with an authoritative source for making decisions about preventive services. Topics in the guide include screening for depression, suicide risk, and intimate partner violence.

<http://www.ahrq.gov/professionals/clinicians-providers/guidelines-recommendations/guide/index.html>

ANTIDEPRESSANT TREATMENT OF DEPRESSION DURING PREGNANCY AND THE POSTPARTUM PERIOD

The objective of this Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Effective Health Care Program systematic review was to evaluate the benefits and potential harms of various pharmacological treatment options for depression during pregnancy and the postpartum period, compared with each other, with non-pharmacological treatments, and with usual care or no treatment. This report provides results from this review. <http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/search-for-guides-reviews-and-reports/?pageaction=displayproduct&productID=1927>

NEW FROM CDC

QUICKSTATS: RATES OF DRUG POISONING DEATHS INVOLVING HEROIN, BY SELECTED AGE AND RACIAL/ETHNIC GROUPS — UNITED STATES, 2002 AND 2011

In the decade from 2002 to 2011, the annual number of drug poisoning deaths involving heroin doubled, from 2,089 deaths in 2002 to 4,397 deaths in 2011. In 2002, non-Hispanic blacks and Hispanics ages 45 to 64 had the highest rates of drug poisoning deaths involving heroin. In comparison, in 2011, non-Hispanic whites aged 18 to 44 years had the highest rate. From 2002 to 2011, the rate for non-Hispanic whites more than doubled for 18 to 44 year-olds and doubled for the 45 to 64 year-olds. The rates for both age groups of Hispanics and non-Hispanic blacks did not significantly change during the decade.

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6327a5.htm>

VARIATION AMONG STATES IN PRESCRIBING OF OPIOID PAIN RELIEVERS AND BENZODIAZEPINES — UNITED STATES, 2012

Overprescribing of opioid pain relievers (OPR) can result in multiple adverse health outcomes, including fatal overdoses. Interstate variation in rates of prescribing OPR and other prescription drugs prone to abuse, such as benzodiazepines, might indicate areas where prescribing patterns need further evaluation. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) analyzed a commercial database to assess the potential for improved prescribing of OPR and other drugs. This report summarizes the results of that analysis.

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6326a2.htm>

DECLINE IN DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS AFTER STATE POLICY CHANGES — FLORIDA, 2010–2012

From 2003 to 2009, the number of deaths caused by drug overdose in Florida increased 61 percent, from 1,804 to 2,905, with especially large increases in deaths caused by oxycodone and alprazolam. In response, Florida implemented various laws and enforcement actions as part of a comprehensive effort to reverse the trend. This report describes the results of those efforts.

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6326a3.htm>

NEW FROM ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

GUIDE FOR DEVELOPMENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCREENING

As part of the *Birth to 5: Watch Me Thrive initiative*, the HHS and U.S. Department of Education have produced a guide for child welfare caseworkers that is centered on child development and behavior screening. The guide addresses influences on child development and behavior, taking a team approach to screening, engaging families in the process, and referring families to services. The guide also points readers to developmentally-appropriate screening tools.

<https://cbexpress.acf.hhs.gov/index.cfm?event=website.viewArticles&issueid=158§ionid=1&articleid=4236>

EARLY IDENTIFICATION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES IN FOSTER/ADOPTIVE HOMES WEBINAR

This webinar describes programs and materials available from the CDC that can assist foster and adoptive parents with the identification of and referrals for children with developmental disabilities.

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/early-id-of-dev-disabilities-adoptive-homes>

DCOE: EXPOSURE THERAPY TO TREAT PTSD

This Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DCoE) blog post describes the different exposure therapy techniques mental healthcare providers use to treat patients with post-traumatic stress disorder. [http://www.dcoe.mil/blog/14-07-](http://www.dcoe.mil/blog/14-07-08/Will_Exposure_Therapy_to_Treat_PTSD_Work_for_You.aspx)

[08/Will_Exposure_Therapy_to_Treat_PTSD_Work_for_You.aspx](http://www.dcoe.mil/blog/14-07-08/Will_Exposure_Therapy_to_Treat_PTSD_Work_for_You.aspx)

EVENTS

WEBINAR: SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIODS AND RESOURCES FOR THE UNINSURED

JULY 16, 2014, 1:00-2:00 PM ET

The ACA has created special enrollment periods for those who experience special circumstances such as graduating from college and losing health insurance, getting married and needing coverage for a spouse, losing employer insurance, or turning 26 and losing coverage on a parent's health plan. Join this HHS Partnership Center webinar to learn more about special enrollment periods and how to enroll in the Health Insurance Marketplace (HIM). For those who are uninsured and don't qualify for the special enrollment period, participants learn what resources are available and when to enroll in the HIM. To join by phone only: Dial +1 (646) 307-1721; Access Code: 270-706-869; for those joining by phone only, the Pin Number is the # key. <https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/835132719>

WEBINAR: THE FOUNDATIONS OF CULTURALLY-APPROPRIATE INTEGRATED SERVICES FOR LGBT INDIVIDUALS

JULY 16, 2014, 2:00-3:30 PM ET

Integrated primary care and behavioral health providers can create culturally-appropriate, highly-accessible integrated care to members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community with behavioral health conditions. Join the SAMHSA-Health Resources and Services Administration Center for Integrated Health Services and the CDC National Behavioral Health Network for Tobacco and Cancer Control to discuss ways to evaluate current organizational barriers to accessing care, strategies for reducing these barriers, and actionable steps for implementing culturally-appropriate services. <http://www.integration.samhsa.gov/about-us/webinars>

WEBCAST: IMPROVING CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTHCARE IN AN ERA OF CHANGE, CHALLENGE AND INNOVATION: THE ROLE OF THE SYSTEM OF CARE APPROACH

JULY 17, 2014, 10:30-11:30 AM ET

SAMHSA's KSOC-TV will webcast live from the Georgetown University Training Institutes 2014 conference during a session about helping young adults thrive in the real world. The KSOC-TV webisode will explore emerging issues among young adults in transition (ages 18 to 25), including employment, housing, education, juvenile justice, and peer support. <http://fda.yorkcast.com/webcast/Play/dcc292c5456140c18ece605f5727540b1d>

TWITTER CHAT: NATIONAL MINORITY MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

JULY 17, 2014, 2:00 PM ET

The HHS' Office of Minority Health, SAMHSA, NIMH, and other experts will participate in a conversation about mental health disparities and cultural perspectives of mental health within racially and ethnically diverse communities. Use #MMHMchat and follow @MinorityHealth, @SAMHSAgov, and @NIMHgov on Twitter to join the discussion. [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/national-minority-mental-health-month-twitter-chat-tickets-](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/national-minority-mental-health-month-twitter-chat-tickets-12195688633?ref=enivte001&invite=NjlzNjQyNy93ZW5kaWUudmVsb3pAc2FtaHhLmhocy5nb3YvMA%3D%3D&utm_source=eb_email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=invitenew001&utm_term=eventpage)

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USING LESSONS FROM VA TO IMPROVE PRIMARY CARE FOR WOMEN WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND TRAUMA HISTORIES

JULY 22, 2014, 12:00-1:00 PM ET

Save the date for this U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Health Services Research and Development webinar on lessons learned on treating women with mental health and trauma histories. https://events-na11.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/1103770473/en/events/event/shared/1181724731/event_registration.html?sco-id=1181741681&_charset_=utf-8

WEBINAR: WHO'S LEADING THE LEADING HEALTH INDICATORS--SUBSTANCE ABUSE

JULY 24, 2014, 12:00-1:00 PM ET

This Healthy People 2020 webinar will feature how one organization is working to address substance abuse in its community and resources available to help address substance abuse across communities.

[https://hhs-hp.webex.com/mw03071/mywebex/default.do?nomenu=true&siteurl=hhs-hp&service=6&rnd=0.6780901335742852&main_url=https%3A%2F%2Fhhs-hp.webex.com%2Fec06061%2Feventcenter%2Fevent%2FeventAction.do%3FtheAction%3Ddetail%26confV](https://hhs-hp.webex.com/mw03071/mywebex/default.do?nomenu=true&siteurl=hhs-hp&service=6&rnd=0.6780901335742852&main_url=https%3A%2F%2Fhhs-hp.webex.com%2Fec06061%2Feventcenter%2Fevent%2FeventAction.do%3FtheAction%3Ddetail%26confViewID%3D1749542768%26%26MK%3D668739320%26%26%26siteurl%3Dhhs-hp)
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WEBINAR: STRATEGIES AND INNOVATIONS IN USING CANS-TRAUMA AND FANS-TRAUMA IN PRACTICE

JULY 24, 2014, 1:00 PM ET

In this National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) Using Trauma Assessment Tools to Guide Practice webinar, presenters will discuss how to implement the assessment tools, Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) and Family Assessment of Needs and Strength (FANS), into a provider's everyday practice. <http://learn.nctsn.org/enrol/index.php?id=110>

WEBINAR: THE POWER OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND RECOVERY SUPPORTS

JULY 24, 2014, 3:00-4:30 PM ET

This final webinar in SAMHSA's *Girls Matter!* series on girls' behavioral health will explore the principles of youth development and what girls say they need for ongoing recovery. Participants will gain new ideas and resources for empowering and supporting girls in their recovery. <http://womenandchildren.treatment.org/HERR%20page.asp>

WEBINAR: RTP CURRICULUM FOR SIX BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONS

JULY 28, 2014, 2:00-3:30 PM ET

The six Recovery to Practice professional disciplines – addiction counseling, peer support, psychiatry, psychiatric nursing, psychology, and social work – have completed development of their respective curricula in recovery-oriented practice and are currently delivering the training. Each discipline has spent the last four and a half years diligently and purposefully designing a curriculum that responds to needs identified in the Situational Analysis, with the overall goal of providing concepts and tools to advance recovery-oriented practice. Participants will hear from the curriculum developers and learn about these training programs that now exist, the target audience(s) for each profession's training, impacts that have already been realized, and information about how to access registration and obtain more information about delivering or participating in the trainings. <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/349770833>

COORDINATING COUNCIL TO ADDRESS JUVENILE JUSTICE REENTRY

JULY 28, 2014, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM ET, WASHINGTON, DC

The Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention will convene to discuss juvenile justice reentry. Council members and invited experts will address the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's juvenile reentry strategic plan and activities, research findings on improving youth outcomes, evaluation of the impact of diversion and reentry initiatives, and Federal, state, and community activities involving youth transitioning from juvenile justice systems to communities. The meeting is open to the public. Registration for in-person attendance is required by Thursday, July 24, 2014.

<http://www.ojjdp.gov/enews/14juvjust/140708b.html>

WEBINAR: TRANSFORMING TRAUMA IN LGBTQ YOUTH SPEAKER SERIES HEALTH DISPARITY IMPLICATIONS

JULY 29, 2014, 12:00 PM ET

In this NCTSN Transforming Trauma in LGBTQ Youth Speaker Series webinar, presenters will discuss the research and anecdotal information that suggests that LGBTQ individuals face health disparities linked to societal stigma, violence, victimization, and discrimination. They will discuss the linkages between these disparities and their association with trauma, high rates of psychiatric disorders, substance abuse, and suicide. <http://learn.nctsn.org/enrol/index.php?id=104>

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ENGAGING PATIENTS, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES IN ALL PHASES OF TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH TO IMPROVE HEALTH

AUGUST 21-22, 2014, BETHESDA, MARYLAND

The goal of this conference, sponsored by the National Center for Advancing Translational Science, is to present and compare perspectives and examples of methods of engagement in research that includes individuals, including patients and families, to community organizations and disease advocates, as well as clinicians and other health professionals. Attendees for this conference will include community groups, patient advocacy groups, funders and foundations that are interested in research design and outcomes, and researchers who presently work with these groups or wish to do so in the future.

<http://www.ncats.nih.gov/news-and-events/events/events.html#community-engagement>

RECOVERY MONTH

SEPTEMBER 2014

The 25th anniversary of Recovery Month highlights the theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Speak Up, Reach Out" and encourages people to openly discuss—or speak up about—mental and substance use disorders and the reality of recovery. The observance also promotes ways first responders, faith leaders, youth and young adults, and policymakers can recognize these issues and intervene—or reach out to help—others, as well as themselves. <http://www.recoverymonth.gov/Recovery-Month-Kit.aspx>

VIRTUAL TRAINING: PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH AND RESILIENCE SUMMIT

SEPTEMBER 17-19, 2014

The DCoE will host the Psychological Health and Resilience Summit for multidisciplinary military healthcare providers and line leaders. Formerly called the Warrior Resilience Conference, this cross-service training will focus on prevention and treatment of psychological health concerns affecting service members and their families, and current and evolving best practices to enhance resilience and readiness. The virtual learning environment of the summit will feature presentations, an exhibit hall, networking opportunities, resource downloads, and facilitated chat sessions. <http://www.dcoe.mil/Training/Conferences.aspx>

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ARTHRITIS AND MUSCULOSKELETAL AND SKIN DISEASES LONG-RANGE PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2015-2019

The National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS) has updated its *Long-Range Plan* to help guide the research it supports over the next five years. NIAMS invites feedback from researchers in academia and industry, healthcare professionals, patient advocates, representatives of health advocacy organizations, members of scientific or professional organizations, and other interested members of the public on the draft *NIAMS Long-Range Plan for FY 2015-2019*. Comments accepted through July 31, 2014. <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-AR-14-020.html>

SEEKING INPUT FROM THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY ON THE UPCOMING LONGITUDINAL STUDY OF ADOLESCENT SUBSTANCE USE

The NIH is exploring optimal ways to configure a large longitudinal cohort study to prospectively examine the effects of substance use on the human brain during early adolescence into young adulthood. The proposed study will recruit a large sample of children prior to substance use initiation and follow them for a decade, throughout adolescence and into young adulthood, deploying a range of neuroimaging, behavioral, and other assessment tools to monitor individual trajectories of brain development and related outcomes. NIH has issued a request for information to solicit advice for this project from the extramural research community and other stakeholders. Comments accepted through August 31, 2014.

<http://www.drugabuse.gov/about-nida/noras-blog/2014/07/seeking-input-research-community-upcoming-longitudinal-study-adolescent-substance-use>

COMMENTS SOUGHT FOR AHRQ EFFECTIVE HEALTH CARE PROGRAM REPORT

The AHRQ Effective Health Care Program encourages the public to participate in the development of its research projects. The Program uses these comments to help focus its research and ensure that the final comparative effectiveness reviews answer the most important questions that clinicians, patients, consumers, and policymakers have about a given treatment, test, or procedure. The Program is currently seeking comments for:

USE OF QUALITY MEASURES AND IMPROVED OUTCOMES IN THE SERIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL
[COMMENTS DUE AUGUST 6, 2014]

<http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/search-for-guides-reviews-and-reports/?pageaction=displayProduct&productID=1936>

FUNDING INFORMATION

NOTICE: NIMH FOCUS FOR INTERVENTION STUDIES SUBMITTED UNDER THE STIGMA AND HEALTH LITERACY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-MH-14-016.html>

THE NATIONAL DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT CLINICAL TRIALS NETWORK

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DA-15-008.html>



National Institute
of Mental Health

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>.

The information provided in the **Update** is intended for use by NIMH Outreach Partners, National Partners and their associates for the express purpose of exchanging information that may be useful in the development of state and local mental health outreach, information, education and partnership programs.