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SCIENCE AND SERVICE NEWS UPDATES

NATIONAL SURVEY CONFIRMS THAT YOUTH ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED BY MENTAL DISORDERS

About 20 percent of U.S. youth during their lifetime are affected by some type of mental disorder to an extent that they have difficulty functioning, according to a new NIMH survey published in the October 2010 issue of the *Journal of The American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*. The data support the observation from surveys of adults that mental disorders most commonly start in early life.

Science Update: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2010/national-survey-confirms-that-youth-are-disproportionately-affected-by-mental-disorders.shtml>

PREFERENCE FOR MOVING SHAPES VS. PEOPLE LINKED TO AUTISM IN BABIES

A one-minute video showing computer screensavers next to videos of dancing children may prove to be a simple, inexpensive screening tool for autism spectrum disorders in toddlers. According to an NIMH-funded study, infants as young as 14 months old who had autism spent more time looking at the moving shapes than social images, in contrast to typically developing children and those who had delays but not autism. The study was published online, September 6, 2010, in the *Archives of General Psychiatry*.

Science Update: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2010/preference-for-moving-shapes-vs-people-linked-to-autism-in-babies.shtml>

DEPRESSION HIGH AMONG YOUTH VICTIMS OF SCHOOL CYBER BULLYING, NIH RESEARCHERS REPORT: FINDING UNDERSCORES NEED TO MONITOR, OBTAIN TREATMENT FOR RECIPIENTS OF CYBER BULLING

Unlike traditional forms of bullying, youth who are the targets of cyber bullying at school are at greater risk for depression than are the youth who bully them, according to a survey conducted by researchers at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The new finding is in contrast to earlier studies of traditional bullying, which found that the highest depression scores were reported by another category of youth involved in bullying-bully victims. Past studies on traditional bullying show that bully-victims — those who both bully others and are bullied themselves — are more likely to report feelings of depression than are other groups.

Press Release: <http://www.nih.gov/news/health/sep2010/nichd-21.htm>

NIH RELEASES BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

NIH announced the release of the *Biennial Report of the Director, NIH*, for fiscal years 2008 and 2009. The report provides an integrated portrait of NIH research activities, designed so that Congress, advocates and patient groups and the general public can understand the many activities of the agency. This is the second report under the mandate in the NIH Reform Act, which reinvented the NIH Biennial as a consolidated report, replacing many disparate ones. The report contains an assessment of the state of biomedical and behavioral research organized by disease category, investigative approach, and resource.

Press Release: <http://www.nih.gov/news/health/sep2010/od-22.htm>

Full report: <http://report.nih.gov/biennialreport/>

NATIONAL SURVEY REVEALS INCREASES IN SUBSTANCE USE FROM 2008 TO 2009: MARIJUANA USE RISES; PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE AND ECSTASY USE ALSO UP

The use of illicit drugs among Americans increased between 2008 and 2009 according to a national survey conducted by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The National Survey on Drug Use and Health shows that the overall rate of current illicit drug use in the United States rose from 8.0 percent of the population age 12 and older in 2008 to 8.7 percent in 2009. This rise in overall drug use was driven in large part by increases in marijuana use.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1009152021.aspx>

HHS AWARDS \$26.2 MILLION TO EXPAND PRIMARY CARE TO INDIVIDUALS WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS: GRANTS AWARDED TO 43 COMMUNITY AGENCIES NATIONWIDE

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) awarded more than \$26.2 million in grants to support and promote better primary care and behavioral health services for individuals with mental illnesses or substance use disorders. The majority of the grants are funded by the Affordable Care Act's Prevention and Public Health Fund to improve health status by improving the coordination of healthcare services delivered in publicly funded community mental health and other community-based behavioral health settings. **Press Release:** <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1009245435.aspx>

ACF AWARDS \$1.87 MILLION FOR NATIONAL AUTISM RESOURCE AND INFORMATION CENTER

The Administration on Developmental Disabilities within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) announced the award of \$1.87 million for fiscal year 2010 to The Arc of the United States to establish a national resource and information center on Autism Spectrum Disorder and other developmental disabilities. **Press Release:** http://www.acf.hhs.gov/news/press/2010/award_asd_2010.html

NEW NATIONAL STUDY REVEALS THAT NEARLY ONE IN THREE ADOLESCENTS PARTICIPATED IN A VIOLENT BEHAVIOR OVER THE PAST YEAR: PREVALENCE OF VIOLENT BEHAVIORS ASSOCIATED WITH FACTORS SUCH AS ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AND FAMILY INCOME

A new national study reveals that of nearly 7.8 million adolescents aged 12 to 17, almost one-third participated in any of three violent behaviors over the past year. The study, conducted by SAMHSA, showed that 22.6 percent of adolescents reported having participated in a serious fight at school or work; 16.1 percent reported involvement in group-against-group fighting; and 7.5 percent reported attacking others with intent to seriously hurt them.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1009214413.aspx>

Full Report: <http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/2k10/189/ViolentBehaviors.cfm>

UNPRECEDENTED EFFORT TO SEEK, TEST, AND TREAT INMATES WITH HIV: NIH RESEARCH TO IMPROVE PUBLIC HEALTH WITH FOCUS ON PRISON AND JAIL SYSTEMS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES

Twelve scientific teams in more than a dozen states will receive NIH grants to study effective ways to prevent and treat HIV/AIDS among people in the criminal justice system. The grants will be awarded primarily by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, with additional support from NIMH and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Press release: <http://www.nida.nih.gov/newsroom/10/NR9-23.html>

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AWARDS NEARLY \$15 MILLION IN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNSELING GRANTS

The U.S. Department of Education awarded nearly \$15 million to 42 local educational agencies in 20 states across the country to establish or expand counseling programs. Grantees will use funds to support counseling programs in target elementary or secondary schools. Specifically, the new awards will aid local educational agencies in hiring qualified mental health professionals with the goal of expanding the range, availability, quantity, and quality of counseling services. Parents of participating students will have input in the design and implementation of counseling services supported by these grants.

Press Release: <http://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/us-department-education-awards-nearly-15-million-elementary-and-secondary-school>

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ANNOUNCES DEFENDING CHILDHOOD INITIATIVE

The Department of Justice unveiled, *Defending Childhood*, a new initiative focused on addressing children's exposure to violence. The goals of the initiative are to prevent children's exposure to violence as victims and witnesses, mitigate the negative effects experienced by children exposed to violence, and develop knowledge about and increase awareness of this issue. This program supports the development of comprehensive community-based strategies to prevent and reduce the impact of children's exposure to violence in their homes, schools, and communities.

Press Release: <http://www.justice.gov/ag/defendingchildhood>

RESOURCES: PUBLICATIONS, TOOLKITS, OTHER RESOURCES

NIMH VIDEO: DOES MY CHILD HAVE ADHD?

Listen to NIMH experts discuss the signs and symptoms of ADHD and treatment options.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/attention-deficit-hyperactivity-disorder-adhd/index.shtml>

NIH RESEARCH MATTERS: STRESS HORMONE CAUSES EPIGENETIC CHANGES

Researchers found that chronic exposure to a stress hormone causes modifications to DNA in the brains of mice, prompting changes in gene expression. The new finding provides clues into how chronic stress might affect human behavior. <http://www.nih.gov/researchmatters/september2010/09272010stress.htm>

TBI, PTSD & EMPLOYMENT: AN ONLINE TRAINING TOOL FOR EMPLOYERS, SUPERVISORS & HIRING MANAGERS

This online training resource from the U.S. Department of Labor is designed to educate and inform HR professionals, hiring managers, and employers about TBI and PTSD, and how these injuries may impact employment, while illustrating that employment can play a vital role in the recovery of wounded warriors.

Basic clinical information about TBI and PTSD is offered in addition to scenario-based learning and links to tools and resources. <http://www.americasheroesatwork.gov/forEmployers/presentations/TBIptsd/>

NEW CDC REPORTS

PREVALENCE OF CURRENT DEPRESSION AMONG ADULTS

A new report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) summarizes findings from a survey of 235,067 adults in 45 States, DC, and 2 U.S. territories in 2006 and 2008 combined, which revealed that nearly 1 in 10 adults met criteria for current depression. The study assessed current depression using an empirically validated instrument, the Patient Health Questionnaire–8 on the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. State-level estimates ranged from 4.8 percent in North Dakota to 14.8 percent in Mississippi. Geographic variations in the prevalence of depression were found, with a heavier concentration in the Southeast portion of the country. This may be due in part to co-existing conditions such as obesity, heart disease, stroke, and sleep insufficiency. Younger and middle-aged adults, women, racial and ethnic minorities, those with less than a high school education, previously married, unemployed or unable to work, and without health insurance were more likely to meet criteria for current depression.

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5938a2.htm?s_cid=mm5938a2_w

EARLY RELEASE OF SELECTED ESTIMATES BASED ON DATA FROM THE JANUARY-MARCH 2010 NATIONAL HEALTH INTERVIEW SURVEY

In this release, the CDC National Center for Health Statistics provides updated estimates for 15 selected health measures based on data from the January-March 2010 National Health Interview Survey and presents estimates from 1997 through 2009 for comparison. The 15 measures included in the present report are lack of health insurance coverage and type of coverage, usual place to go for medical care, obtaining needed medical care, receipt of influenza vaccination, receipt of pneumococcal vaccination, obesity, leisure-time physical activity, current smoking, alcohol consumption, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) testing, general health status, personal care needs, serious psychological distress, diagnosed diabetes, and asthma episodes and current asthma. <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/released201009.htm>

SAMHSA LAUNCHES WEBSITE REDESIGN

SAMHSA has redesigned its home page to correspond to the Agency's eight Strategic Initiatives and has launched a new publications store that increases users' ability to access behavioral health resources. SAMHSA's new publications store replaces the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information and the National Mental Health Information Center. SAMHSA wants to hear user feedback about the redesigned [SAMHSA.gov](http://www.samhsa.gov) and the new SAMHSA Store.

Post comments on SAMHSA's Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/samhsa>

NEW SAMHSA RESOURCES

TALKING WITH YOUR ADULT PATIENTS ABOUT ALCOHOL, DRUG, AND/OR MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS: A DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR PRIMARY HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

This guide equips clinicians with questions to begin discussions with adult patients about alcohol, illicit drug, and mental health problems, as well as co-occurring disorders. It includes resources for patients who need an evaluation as a result of a positive screen. <http://store.samhsa.gov/product/SMA10-4584>

SHOULD YOU TALK TO SOMEONE ABOUT A DRUG, ALCOHOL, OR MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEM?

This brochure lists questions consumers can ask themselves to help them decide whether to seek help for a substance abuse problem, a mental health issue, or both. It also urges those who answer "yes" to any of the questions to seek help and lists resources for more information.

<http://store.samhsa.gov/product/SMA10-4585>

SPANISH-LANGUAGE RESOURCE ABOUT ALCOHOL AND DEPRESSION

A new Spanish-language publication, *El alcohol y la depresion: El camino de Jorge hacia una vida mejor*, provides information about alcohol and depression in a culturally competent format.

<http://store.samhsa.gov/product/SMA10-4574>

THE HOPE OF FAMILY FOCUSED INTERVENTIONS FOR CHILD PHYSICAL ABUSE

Using the case of one family that sought treatment, this National Child Traumatic Stress Network video outlines the causes and consequences of child abuse, and describes how family-focused interventions can help families make a new beginning. <http://nctsnet.org/ncts/asset.do?video=true&id=1558>

UNDERSTANDING HOW JAIL DIVERSION WORKS

On January 14, 2010, the Center for Mental Health Services National GAINS Center convened a diverse group of researchers, policymakers, and jail diversion practitioners to assess what conclusions could be drawn from the Targeted Capacity Expansion Jail Diversion cross-site evaluation project data. The group reviewed the data collected from 14 post-booking jail diversion programs with the goal of establishing where the field is today and how the data available can be translated into policy and practice. The results of the national evaluation support the effectiveness of jail diversion programs on improving both public health and public safety outcomes, and the individual successes demonstrated by participants.

http://www.gainscenter.samhsa.gov/pdfs/jail_diversion/Getting_inside_the_black_box.pdf

SAMHSA REPORTS

CHARACTERISTICS OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT ADMISSIONS REPORTING PRIMARY ABUSE OF PRESCRIPTION PAIN RELIEVERS: 1998 AND 2008

Substance abuse treatment admissions reporting primary pain reliever abuse increased from 18,300 in 1998 to approximately 105,680 in 2008. Admissions for primary abuse of prescription pain relievers in 2008 were more than three times as likely as those in 1998 to be aged 18 to 24. Admissions for primary pain reliever abuse in 2008 were more likely than those in 1998 to be unemployed. The percentage of primary pain reliever admissions with a co-occurring psychiatric disorder increased from 19.4 percent in 1998 to 38.6 percent in 2008. <http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/2k10/230b/230bPainRelvr2k10.cfm>

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS INVOLVING ACCIDENTAL INGESTION OF DRUGS BY CHILDREN AGED 5 OR YOUNGER

In 2008, 69,121 of an estimated 100,340 emergency department (ED) visits involving accidental ingestion of drugs were made by patients aged five or younger. Two-fifths of these ED visits were made by patients aged two years old, and 29.5 percent were made by patients aged one year old. Drugs that act on the central nervous system, such as acetaminophen products, ibuprofen products, and benzodiazepines, were involved in 40.8 percent of these ED visits, with the largest percentages coming from pain relievers and drugs used to treat anxiety and insomnia. <http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/2k10/DAWN014/AccidentalIngestion.cfm>

NEW MANUALS FROM ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS: IMPROVING THE RESPONSE TO CHILD MALTREATMENT

This manual offers guidance on how diverse community agencies, organizations, and individuals can work together to provide a web of support for families and create safe, healthy environments where children can thrive. <http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/usermanuals/partners>

THE ROLE OF FIRST RESPONDERS IN CHILD MALTREATMENT CASES: DISASTER AND NONDISASTER SITUATIONS

This manual is for emergency medical technicians, child protective services caseworkers, law enforcement officers, and other professionals who have the primary responsibility for initial on-scene responses to situations in which child abuse or neglect may have occurred. The manual describes types of child maltreatment and the signs that indicate that maltreatment has occurred.

http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/usermanuals/first_responders

NEW RESOURCES FROM THE AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH AND QUALITY

AHRQHEALTHTV SHOWCASES VIDEOS FOR CONSUMERS

View, share, and download AHRQ consumer health videos on *AHRQHealthTV*, a free channel available on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/user/AHRQHealthTV>

CONNECTING THOSE AT RISK TO CARE: A GUIDE TO BUILDING A COMMUNITY "HUB"

The AHRQ Health Care Innovations Exchange Web site features a new guide to help mobilize local community organizations to coordinate appropriate medical care and social services for at-risk individuals. This online guide provides a step-by-step process for community-based organizations and health care services to work together to improve the quality and coordination of medical care and social services for the most vulnerable groups, including African Americans, Hispanics, women, and older adults.

<http://www.innovations.ahrq.gov/resources/resources.aspx>

AHRQ RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

FOR ELDERLY PATIENTS WITH DEPRESSION, COST-SHARING INSURANCE POLICIES REDUCE DRUG USE WITHOUT INCREASING USE OF CARE

Many are concerned that patient cost-sharing policies incorporated in the Medicare Modernization Act may have unintended health consequences, if they reduce essential drug use among the elderly. After two cost-sharing insurance policies were introduced in British Columbia in 2002 and 2003, there was a decline in antidepressant initiation among the elderly, but this decline did not lead to adverse consequences indicated by greater use of other health care services, according to a new study. Neither the copayment policy nor the coinsurance/income-based deductible policy had any significant effect on long-term care admissions, hospitalization rates, psychiatrist visits, or physician visits for elderly patients with depression.

<http://www.ahrq.gov/research/oct10/1010RA8.htm>

RURAL ELDERLY WITH DEMENTIA ARE HOSPITALIZED MORE OFTEN FOR CONDITIONS THAT PRIMARY CARE VISITS MIGHT HAVE CAUGHT

Older adults who suffer from dementia and live in rural areas are more likely than city dwellers to end up hospitalized for conditions that could have been prevented if better outpatient care were available near their pastoral surroundings, a new study finds. Researchers linked survey data from the 1998 National Longitudinal Caregiver Survey with Medicare and Veterans Affairs claims data from 1,186 U.S. veterans who suffer from dementia. They found that 13 percent of veterans had at least one "ambulatory-care-sensitive hospitalization." This term refers to a condition in which timely primary care in an outpatient setting would have reduced the need for a hospitalization. <http://www.ahrq.gov/research/oct10/1010RA10.htm>

LATEST ISSUE OF NIAAA'S WEBZINE AVAILABLE

The latest issue of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism's (NIAAA) webzine, *Spectrum*, features stories about the health consequences of excessive drinking; nutrition and alcohol use; and a brief intervention that can help reduce peer violence and alcohol consequences among teens.

<http://www.spectrum.niaaa.nih.gov/>

TRAINING PACKAGE FEATURES ELDER ABUSE VICTIMS

In Their Own Words: Domestic Abuse in Later Life is a two-DVD package and training guide prepared by the Office for Victims of Crimes. It uses the voices of older victims to facilitate a dialog among professionals about the dynamics of abuse, the barriers these victims must overcome to live free from abuse, and interventions and potential collaborations that may be effective in such cases.

<http://www.ovc.gov/library/videoclips.html>

HEALTHCARE.GOV ON FACEBOOK

HealthCare.gov is now on Facebook. One can:

- Search for insurance coverage using the "Insurance Finder" tool
- Share thoughts and ideas with other members of the HealthCare.gov network
- Learn more about what the Affordable Care Act means for individuals, families or small businesses
- Stay informed through new blog posts and web chats

<http://www.facebook.com/Healthcare.gov>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HEALTH OBSERVANCE: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

OCTOBER 2010

In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the National Child Traumatic Stress Network is offering resources to educate parents and families, educators, professionals, and policy makers about domestic violence. http://nctsnet.org/nccts/nav.do?pid=ctr_aware_dv

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON CONFIDENTIALITY AND PRIVACY ISSUES RELATED TO PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING DATA

OCTOBER 7, 2010, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

SAMHSA, in close cooperation with the HHS Office for Civil Rights, is conducting a study of the “Confidentiality and Privacy Issues Related to Psychological Testing Data.” As the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act’s (HIPAA) Privacy Rule includes special protections relating to the use and disclosure of psychotherapy notes, this study is examining whether these special protections should also be applied to “test data that is related to direct responses, scores, items, forms, protocols, manuals, or other materials that are part of a mental health evaluation.” SAMHSA is hosting a regional public meeting at the HHS Region 5 office in Chicago to provide the public with an opportunity to learn about this issue and express opinions. Registration is necessary, but there is no charge to attend. Another regional meeting will be held in late November or early December in Los Angeles.

<http://www.regonline.com/TestDataPrivacyRegionalMeetingChicago>

AHRQ’S EFFECTIVE HEALTH CARE PROGRAM WEB CONFERENCE: INTEGRATING COMPARATIVE EFFECTIVENESS RESEARCH INTO EVERYDAY PRACTICE

OCTOBER 12, 2010, 2:00 – 3:30 PM ET

AHRQ’s Effective Health Care Program conducts comparative effectiveness research (CER), producing research reviews, new research reports, and plain-language guides that summarize findings for clinicians, patients, and consumers, as well as other resources such as continuing education modules for providers. AHRQ is hosting this web conference to highlight its existing CER and ways that it can be used by clinicians for day-to-day decision-making in their practices. <http://www.meetview.com/ahrq20101012/>

TRAINING TELECONFERENCE: TRACKING WELLNESS MEASURES TO INCREASE LIFE EXPECTANCY AMONG PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS

OCTOBER 26, 2010, 3:00PM-4:30PM ET

This teleconference will educate consumers about the health outcome risks for individuals with mental health problems, so that they can make healthier choices. The teleconference also will address the critical measures—including multidimensional indicators of wellness and social determinants of health—that data and reporting collection systems should track. <http://www.esi-bethesda.com/10x10teleconference/>

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

NOVEMBER 8-14, 2010

NIDA's 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.

<http://drugfactsweek.drugabuse.gov/>

CRISIS INTERVENTION AND MENTAL ILLNESS ACADEMY

DECEMBER 6-10, 2010, AURORA, COLORADO

The National Institute of Corrections will host this National Corrections Academy to provide the tools, strategies, and techniques that will allow corrections staff, mental health service providers, and advocates to work together to develop and implement a crisis intervention team (CIT). Participant teams attending this training will learn the core elements of a locally developed and owned CIT for managing mental illness in prisons, jails, and community corrections. Teams will learn how to develop collaborative partnerships and implement a CIT model that takes a team approach engaging community stakeholders, including corrections agencies, local mental health agencies, family advocacy groups, and others. The deadline to apply is November 1, 2010.

<http://community.nicic.gov/blogs/nic/archive/2010/09/10/nic-training-program-crisis-intervention-and-mental-illness.aspx>

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, NIH, the VA, and key stakeholders 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>

CALLS FOR PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS SOUGHT FOR AHRQ EFFECTIVE HEALTH CARE PROGRAM REPORTS

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 the 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:

DRAFT KEY QUESTIONS FOR A RESEARCH REPORT RELATED TO THE COMPARATIVE EFFECTIVENESS OF CASE MANAGEMENT FOR ADULTS WITH MEDICAL ILLNESS AND COMPLEX CARE NEEDS (DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS IS OCTOBER 11, 2010)

<http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/ehc/index.cfm/search-for-guides-reviews-and-reports/?pageaction=displaytopic&topicid=240>

DRAFT REPORT ON FUTURE RESEARCH NEEDS: INTEGRATION OF MENTAL HEALTH/SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND PRIMARY CARE (DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS IS OCTOBER 25, 2010)

<http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/search-for-guides-reviews-and-reports/?pageaction=displayProduct&productID=534>

ADMINISTRATION ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES: REGIONAL LISTENING SESSIONS

The DHHS' Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD) will hold a series of meetings over the next few months in Philadelphia, Orlando, Dallas, Detroit, and Denver. During these Envisioning the Future summits, ADD wants to hear from self-advocates, family members, allies, and professionals about their vision for the future of individuals with developmental disabilities. Issue areas include transition to post-secondary education and employment, independent living, community supports, aging, and caregiving challenges. Registration for the summits is now open. Those unable to attend can also submit comments online. <http://www.envision2010.net/index.php>

CLINICAL TRIAL PARTICIPATION NEWS

NIMH: BIPOLAR DISORDER GENETICS: A COLLABORATIVE STUDY

Individuals diagnosed with bipolar disorder (BP) may be eligible to participate in a research study at the NIH clinical Center. The purpose of this study is to identify genes that may contribute to the development of bipolar disorder (manic depression), and related conditions. Bipolar disorder is a common and potentially life-threatening mood disorder. The tendency to develop bipolar disorder can be inherited, but this is poorly understood and probably involves multiple genes. This study will use genetic markers to map and identify genes that contribute to bipolar disorder. Families and individuals who have the disorder are asked to contribute personal information and a blood sample to an anonymous national database. This information will aid scientists around the world who are working together to develop better treatments for this serious mood disorder. For more information, please call 1-866-644-4363 or email kazubad@mail.nih.gov.

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

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S STUDY BEGINS RECRUITING AT 30 NEWLY ACTIVATED LOCATIONS

The National Children's Study has initiated recruitment at 30 study locations around the United States. The Study is the largest long-term study of children's health ever conducted in the United States, and will follow 100,000 children from before birth to age 21 to learn how the environment influences children's health, development, and quality of life. Study researchers seek to enroll women who are pregnant or may become pregnant in the next few years. Women who are or may become pregnant in the next few years and who live in a study area may be eligible to join the study. Throughout the study, participants will periodically visit clinics and respond to questionnaires about their environment and family health histories. They will also be asked to provide biological samples, such as blood and urine, as well as environmental samples, like tap water from their homes, and house dust. Additional information about the study and eligibility criteria is available at <http://www.nationalchildrensstudy.gov>.

<http://www.nichd.nih.gov/news/releases/092210-ncs-30-locations.cfm>

FUNDING INFORMATION

COLLABORATIVE HUBS FOR INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH ON MENTAL HEALTH

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-11-070.html>

NIH BASIC BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCE OPPORTUNITY NETWORK (OPNET) SHORT-TERM INTERDISCIPLINARY TRAINING PROGRAM FOR NEW AND EARLY-STAGE INVESTIGATORS

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-NR-11-002.html>

LIMITED COMPETITION FOR THE GLOBAL RESEARCH INITIATIVE PROGRAM, BASIC/BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-10-278.html>

LIMITED COMPETITION FOR THE GLOBAL RESEARCH INITIATIVE PROGRAM, BEHAVIORAL/SOCIAL SCIENCES

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-10-280.html>

HRSA: HEALTHY TOMORROWS PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM

<https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/SFO.asp?ID=3DBB4460-145F-472E-9829-8598352A3247>



The **Outreach Partnership Program** 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/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>

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.