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PANEL DEVELOPS PLAN FOR PREVENTING YOUTH SUICIDE

An independent panel convened by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has developed a 10-year roadmap for advancing research to prevent youth suicide. The panel listed 29 recommendations that address three critical issues: improving data systems, enhancing data collection and analysis methods, and strengthening the research and practice community.

Press Release: <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/panel-develops-plan-preventing-youth-suicide>

NIMH RELEASES STRATEGIC RESEARCH PRIORITIES UPDATE

To keep pace with rapid developments in research on mental illnesses, the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) recently released updates to its *Strategic Research Priorities*. These priorities serve as guidance to NIMH grantees, potential grant applicants, and staff for the design and implementation of future research.

Science Update: <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/science-news/2016/nimh-releases-strategic-research-priorities-update.shtml>

NIH FUNDS ADDITIONAL MEDICAL CENTERS TO EXPAND NATIONAL PRECISION MEDICINE RESEARCH PROGRAM

NIH announced awards to add four regional medical center groups to the national network of health care provider organizations (HPOs) that will implement the Precision Medicine Initiative (PMI) Cohort Program. Combined, the new HPOs will receive initial funds of \$5.5 million to begin recruitment and build infrastructure. As efforts advance, the centers may receive first-year funds up to a total of \$16 million. The four HPOs join awardees announced earlier this year, to enroll interested individuals, gather participants' health information and biospecimens, and provide input on developing plans for the program. Beyond extending the program's geographic reach, the new set of awardees have expertise in engaging racial and ethnic minority populations who have been historically underrepresented in biomedical research. The HPOs are also well positioned to enroll over time populations that are often unable to take part in research such as those with mental illnesses, substance abuse problems, developmental delays, and cognitive impairments.

Press Release: <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/nih-funds-additional-medical-centers-expand-national-precision-medicine-research-program>

NIH NEARLY DOUBLES INVESTMENT IN BRAIN INITIATIVE RESEARCH; MANY NEW PROJECTS EXPLORE HUMAN BRAIN ACTIVITY

NIH announced its third round of grants to support the goals of the Brain Research through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies (BRAIN) Initiative, bringing NIH's total fiscal year 2016 investment to just over \$150 million.

Press Release: <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/science-news/2016/nih-nearly-doubles-investment-in-brain-initiative-research.shtml>

SAMHSA PROVIDES UP TO \$215 MILLION FOR TREATMENT SERVICES ADDRESSING CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will be awarding up to \$215 million in funding over several years for treatment services addressing the behavioral health needs of children, adolescents, young adults, and their families. These treatment services address a wide range of behavioral health issues affecting young people and families revolving around substance use and serious emotional disturbances.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/press-announcements/201610121000>

SAMHSA REPORT SHOWS HIGHER RATES OF SUBSTANCE USE AND MENTAL ILLNESS AMONG SEXUAL MINORITY ADULTS; BUT SEXUAL MINORITY ADULTS MORE LIKELY TO RECEIVE NEEDED TREATMENT FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

A new SAMHSA report for the first time uses data from SAMHSA's National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) focuses on patterns of substance use and mental illness among adults of different sexual orientations. Overall, the report finds that adults who identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual (sexual minority adults) have higher prevalence of substance use and mental illness than adults who identified themselves as heterosexual (sexual majority adults); however, sexual minority adults were significantly more likely than sexual majority adults to receive needed treatment for mental illness and substance use disorders.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/press-announcements/201610110100>

NEW MOBILE APP WILL PROVIDE INSTANT, VITAL INFORMATION ON MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER

SAMHSA announced the upcoming launch of MATx, a free mobile app that will provide health care practitioners with immediate access to vital information about medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for opioid use disorder.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/press-announcements/201610071200>

NEW RULE HELPS FINALIZE MOVE TO PROVIDE MORE MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT TO PEOPLE WITH OPIOID DISORDERS

SAMHSA has issued new reporting requirements for physicians who will be authorized to prescribe the opioid use disorder treatment medication buprenorphine at the new limit of 275 patients. The requirements, published on September 27, 2016 in the *Federal Register*, are a key step in increasing access to MAT treatment for opioid-related disorders.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/press-announcements/201609271100>

SAMHSA PROVIDES UP TO \$38.6 MILLION GRANTS TO HELP INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES RECOVER FROM TRAUMA

SAMHSA is awarding up to a total of \$38.6 million in Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma (ReCAST) over the next five years to help people and communities recover from, and build resiliency to trauma. ReCAST grants help communities provide services and supports to youth and families exposed to trauma through natural or man-made disasters or civil disturbances. The grants promote resilience and equity through applying evidence-based, violence prevention, and community youth engagement programs. The grants will also help promote access to trauma-informed behavioral health services.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/press-announcements/201610141000>

MULTI-AGENCY FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT TO ASSIST WITH OPIOID CRISIS IN RURAL U.S. REGIONS

A new federal funding opportunity was announced to help find solutions to the opioid use and overdose crisis in the nation's rural regions. It includes a focus on coal-impacted counties within Appalachia as well as rural communities in other parts of the country. This initiative will support comprehensive, integrated approaches to prevent opioid injection and its consequences, including substance use disorder and overdose. These projects will work with state and local communities to develop best practice responses to opioid injection epidemics that can be implemented by public health systems in the nation's rural communities.

Press Release: <https://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/news-releases/2016/10/multi-agency-funding-announcement-to-assist-opioid-crisis-in-rural-us-regions>

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES \$17.5 MILLION IN GRANTS TO SUPPORT CORRECTIONAL REFORM, ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY

The Department of Justice announced awards totaling more than \$17.5 million to state justice agencies and technical assistance partners to improve public safety and more effectively manage correctional populations and costs. This year's awards include \$5.85 million to four state agencies (Nebraska, Ohio, Oregon, and South Dakota) and two organizations that will assist these agencies: the Center for Effective Public Policy, Inc., and the University of Cincinnati. The remaining \$11.6 million is being awarded to two non-government partner organizations—the Council of State Governments Justice Center and the Crime and Justice Institute—to provide technical assistance to the 20 states currently receiving support with their data analysis, policy development, and implementation efforts.

Press Release: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-announces-175-million-grants-support-correctional-reform-enhance-public>

DEA REDUCES AMOUNT OF OPIOID CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES TO BE MANUFACTURED IN 2017

The United States (U.S.) Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has reduced the amount of almost every Schedule II opiate and opioid medication that may be manufactured in the U.S. in 2017 by 25 percent or more, according to a Final Order published in the *Federal Register*. A handful of medicines were reduced by more, such as hydrocodone, which will be 66 percent of last year's level. Demand for these opioid medicines, represented by prescriptions written by DEA-registered practitioners, has decreased according to sales data obtained by DEA from IMS Health, a company that provides insurance companies with data on prescriptions written and sold in America.

Press Release: <https://www.dea.gov/divisions/hq/2016/hq100416.shtml>

DEA ISSUES CARFENTANIL WARNING TO POLICE AND PUBLIC; DANGEROUS OPIOID 10,000 TIMES MORE POTENT THAN MORPHINE AND 100 TIMES MORE POTENT THAN FENTANYL

DEA has issued a public warning to the public and law enforcement nationwide about the health and safety risks of carfentanil, a synthetic opioid that is 10,000 times more potent than morphine and 100 times more potent than fentanyl, which itself is 50 times more potent than heroin. DEA, local law enforcement, and first responders have recently seen the presence of carfentanil, which has been linked to a significant number of overdose deaths in various parts of the country. Improper handling of carfentanil as well as fentanyl and other fentanyl-related compounds has deadly consequences.

Press Release: <https://www.dea.gov/divisions/hq/2016/hq092216.shtml>

DRUG TO TREAT ALCOHOL USE DISORDER SHOWS PROMISE AMONG DRINKERS WITH HIGH STRESS

A new medication that targets part of the brain's stress system may help reduce alcohol use in people with alcohol use disorder according to a new study by researchers at the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. The NIH-funded multi-site clinical trial suggests that smokers may also benefit as study participants receiving the new compound experienced a reduction in smoking.

Press Release: <https://www.niaaa.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/drug-treat-alcohol-use-disorder-shows-promise-among-drinkers-high-stress>

VA RESEARCH FUNDS NEW INITIATIVE TO IMPLEMENT GENOMIC TEST RESULTS TO IMPROVE DEPRESSION CARE FOR VETERANS

The U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA) recently funded a groundbreaking study, entitled PRIME Care (PRrecision medicine In MEntal health Care) to Dr. David Oslin, MD and a multidisciplinary team of investigators throughout the VA. The study will break new ground by determining optimal approaches to using genomic information to better treat depression in Veterans. PRIME Care focuses on the effectiveness of pharmacogenomics - how genes personally affect a person's response to treatment – and may help shorten time to optimal treatment by predicting how well an individual will tolerate or respond to an antidepressant.

Press Release: http://www.hsrd.research.va.gov/news/research_news/genomics-100316.cfm

NEW FROM NIMH

NIMH ANSWERS QUESTIONS ABOUT SUICIDE

This online brochure focuses on suicide and suicidal thoughts/behaviors in young people including risk factors, warning signs, resources, social media, reporting on suicide, and prevention.

<https://infocenter.nimh.nih.gov/nimh/product/NIMH-Answers-Questions-About-Suicide/OM%2016-4308>

PANIC DISORDER: WHEN FEAR OVERWHELMS—REVISED BROCHURE

This revised brochure now available online discusses what panic disorder is, including signs and symptoms, its causes, treatment options and how to find help. <https://infocenter.nimh.nih.gov/nimh/product/Panic-Disorder-When-Fear-Overwhelms/QF%2016-4679>

NIMH OUTREACH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM ANNUAL MEETING SUMMARY

A summary is available from the Program's 2016 Annual Meeting. Then Acting NIMH Director Dr. Bruce Cuthbert provided an update on the state of mental health research to the 55 NIMH Outreach Partners and some of the more than 80 National Partner organizations. Other presentations highlighted NIMH psychosis efforts, suicide prevention strategies, the science of mindfulness, advancements in the treatment of refractory depression, improving access to care to reduce mental health disparities, and the use of trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy for children and adolescents. Participants also learned about activities carried out by select Outreach Partners to train the criminal justice and law enforcement community to understand and address the mental health impacts of trauma from domestic violence.

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

NEW FROM NIH

NEWS IN HEALTH: DEPRESSION SYMPTOMS AND TREATMENT

Most adults with depression might not be receiving treatment, a new study suggests. And many who do undergo treatment might not have the disorder. These findings highlight the need to deliver appropriate care for depression. <https://newsinhealth.nih.gov/issue/oct2016/Capsule1>

BUPRENORPHINE PRESCRIBERS TREAT BELOW CURRENT PATIENT LIMITS

A new analysis of a study funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) found that the monthly numbers of opioid use disorder patients treated by buprenorphine prescribers were significantly below current limits, suggesting that barriers exist to securing treatment. <https://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/news-releases/2016/09/buprenorphine-prescribers-treat-below-current-patient-limits>

NEW FROM SAMHSA

KSOC-TV: ALTERING THE COURSE: FIRST EPISODE PSYCHOSIS INTERVENTION

The September 2016 Knowledge Network for Systems of Care TV (KSOC-TV) webcast explored ways to support youth and young adults who may be in the early phase of psychosis, or experiencing first episode psychosis (FEP). Behavioral health experts discussed evidence-based strategies to address both the prodromal phase and FEP, and shared available resources to help children, youth, families, and caregivers. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nxCy-88hRXE&feature=youtu.be>

IS IT ADHD OR CHILD TRAUMATIC STRESS? A GUIDE FOR CLINICIANS

This guide provides definitions of child traumatic stress and attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), explains how symptoms can overlap, and summarizes some of the differences between the two. Understanding these differences can help parents and providers assess and treat children appropriately and more effectively. <http://www.nctsn.org/products/adhd-or-child-traumatic-stress-guide-clinicians>

TREATMENT AND RECOVERY PSAS

SAMHSA's new public service announcements (PSAs) help communities and organizations share the message that treatment and support are available and recovery is possible. The videos, available in English and Spanish, are titled *Car Wash* and *Everybody Needs Help*. https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBXgZMI_zqfTWcw-LHNigbrLcN_RLtnmz

BLOG POST: EXPANDING ACCESS TO MAT IN NATIVE COMMUNITIES

This Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC) blog post discusses issue of expanding access to MAT in Native American communities. <http://www.attcnetwork.org/find/news/attcnews/epubs/addmsg/October2016article.asp#top>

BLOG POST: MARIJUANA: WHAT'S NEW

This ATTC blog post is a roundup of some of the most recent and relevant news about marijuana research, trends, and legalization. <http://attcniatx.blogspot.com/>

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY 2016 FINAL REPORT

The 2016 Final Report features the stories behind the communities and organizations that work hard every day to make sure children, youth, and young adults with behavioral health challenges can access the services and supports they need. <https://www.joomag.com/magazine/2016-awareness-day-final-report/0302348001475779830?short>

BLOG POST: NEW AND EXPANDED INITIATIVES TO PROMOTE AMERICA'S MENTAL HEALTH

SAMHSA's Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) has received increased funding this year to build on existing programs and create new ones to improve access to prevention, treatment, and recovery tools for Americans with mental illness. CMHS Director Paolo del Vecchio blogs about these initiatives, including the new grant programs, Assisted Outpatient Treatment Grant Program for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and ReCAST. http://blog.samhsa.gov/2016/10/04/new-and-expanded-initiatives-to-promote-americas-mental-health/#.V_0jofkrJD8

BLOG POST: DOES A DIGITAL LIFESTYLE AFFECT OUR MENTAL HEALTH?

CMHS Director Paolo del Vecchio blogs about research looking at how smartphones and internet gaming, among other technologies, affect mental health. http://blog.samhsa.gov/2016/10/03/does-a-digital-lifestyle-affect-our-mental-health/#.V_0lj_krJD8

CDC: YOUTH BULLYING: WHAT DOES THE RESEARCH SAY?

Bullying is one type of youth violence that threatens young people's well-being. Bullying can result in physical injuries, social and emotional difficulties, and academic problems. The harmful effects of bullying are frequently felt by others, including friends and families, and can hurt the overall health and safety of schools, neighborhoods, and society. This Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) resource outlines the research on effects and strategies to prevent bullying.

<http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/youthviolence/bullyingresearch/>

AHRQ: DATA LINKAGE STRATEGIES TO ADVANCE YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION

This evidence report is based on research conducted by the John Hopkins Evidence-Based Practice Center under contract to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). The report sought to identify and describe data systems that can be linked to data from studies of youth suicide prevention interventions, and to identify analytic approaches to advance youth suicide prevention research. It shows that there is potential for linking existing data systems with suicide prevention efforts to assess the broader and extended impact of suicide prevention interventions; however, sparse availability of data dictionaries and lack of adherence to standard data elements limit the potential utility of linking prevention efforts with data systems. <https://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/search-for-guides-reviews-and-reports/?pageaction=displayproduct&productid=2203>

STOPBULLYING.GOV BLOG POSTS

YOUTH VOICE: GROWING UP MUSLIM IN AMERICA

For many students in America, bullying is a daily reality that contributes to them feeling stressed, unsafe, and distracted from learning. Asian American and Pacific Islander students as well as Muslim, Arab, Sikh, and South Asian students can be bullied based on their religion, appearance, immigration status, language skills, and more. In honor of National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month, this blog post is highlighting the voice of Syeda Raza, who recounts her experience growing up Muslim in America.

<https://www.stopbullying.gov/blog/2016/10/06/youth-voice-growing-up-muslim-in-america>

CDC DATA SUGGEST SEXUAL MINORITY TEENS STILL HAVE HIGHEST LEVELS OF BULLYING

Every other year, CDC administers the national Youth Risk Behavior Survey in high schools across the U.S. In the 2015 survey, two items were included to capture sexual orientation - self-reported sexual identity and the sex of sexual contacts. This blog post summarizes the results and provides suggestions for communities and schools to address the issue. <https://www.stopbullying.gov/blog/2016/10/13/new-cdc-data-suggest-sexual-minority-teens-still-have-highest-levels-bullying>

REAL WARRIORS: UNDERSTANDING DIFFERENT TYPES OF THERAPY

This article discusses the different types of outpatient treatments for psychological health concerns, including individual therapy, group therapy, couples' therapy, and family therapy.

<http://www.realwarriors.net/active/treatment/types-of-therapy.php>

PTSD AND ACCELERATED AGING

For hundreds of years, scientists have recognized that the human body is highly sensitive to the external environment. This issue of *PTSD Research Quarterly* summarizes recent evidence pointing to posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) being associated with premature development of physical health problems.

<http://www.ptsd.va.gov/professional/newsletters/research-quarterly/V27N3.pdf>

DCOE BLOG POSTS

WHAT TO DO WHEN BAD NEWS BRINGS THE BLUES

With news and social media focused on the tragic events happening around the world, you may feel you lack control over the outcome or an inability to really make a difference. This Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DCoE) blog post explains why and offers ways to let go.

http://www.dcoe.mil/blog/16-10-06/What_to_Do_When_Bad_News_Brings_the_Blues.aspx

CLINICIAN'S CORNER: HELP YOUR PATIENTS AND YOURSELF FEEL COMFORTABLE TALKING ABOUT SUICIDE

This DCoE blog post offers suggestions that clinicians can adopt to reduce stigma related to suicide. Many individuals who seek treatment for suicidal ideation feel shame and guilt related to these thoughts. Clinicians can be the first line of defense in dismantling this stigma. Allowing patients an opportunity to discuss suicide, without having to bring it up on their own, helps them feel more comfortable talking about it. When clinicians become more comfortable with discussing suicide, they can begin to minimize the associated stigma. http://www.dcoe.mil/blog/16-09-30/Clinician_s_Corner_Help_Your_Patients_and_Yourself_Feel_Comfortable_Talking_About_Suicide.aspx

EVENTS

NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

OCTOBER 2016

This month, the world comes together to raise awareness for bullying prevention and to reflect on where we have been, where we are now, and where we hope to be in the years to come. Since 2006, the event has grown to an entire month of education and awareness activities, and is being recognized by schools and communities throughout the world. <https://www.stopbullying.gov/blog/2016/10/4/october-is-national-bullying-prevention-awareness-month>

ADHD AWARENESS MONTH

OCTOBER 2016

October is ADHD awareness month. This year's ADHD awareness month theme is 'Knowing is Better.' Learning more about ADHD is the first step to an accurate diagnosis and effective treatment for individuals and families, as well as for the professionals who treat and support them. Learn what CDC is doing to learn more and raise awareness about ADHD. <https://www.cdc.gov/features/adhdawarenessweek/index.html>

NATIONAL YOUTH JUSTICE AWARENESS MONTH

OCTOBER 2016

This month-long observance is dedicated to preventing youth from entering the juvenile and criminal justice systems, and encourages communities to participate in activities and programs that help youth fulfill their greatest potential. <http://www.ojjdp.gov/youth-justice-awareness-month/index.html>

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

OCTOBER 2016

In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, SAMHSA's National Child Traumatic Stress Network is offering resources to help educate parents and families, educators, professionals, and policy makers about domestic violence. Domestic violence incidents affect every person within a home and can have long-lasting negative effects on children's emotional well-being and social and academic functioning.

<http://www.nctsn.org/resources/public-awareness/domestic-violence-awareness-month>

NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

OCTOBER 2016

Reflecting the important role disability plays in workforce diversity, this year's National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) theme is "#InclusionWorks." Observed each October, NDEAM celebrates the contributions of workers with disabilities and educates about the value of a diverse workforce inclusive of their skills and talents. <https://www.dol.gov/odep/topics/ndeam/>

NATIONAL YOUTH SUBSTANCE USE AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER PREVENTION MONTH

OCTOBER 2016

Parents, youth, schools, and community leaders across the country join this month-long observance of the role that substance use prevention plays in promoting safe and healthy communities.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/prevention-intro>

TWITTER TOWN HALL: BULLYING PREVENTION AWARENESS

OCTOBER 20, 2016, 3:00-4:00 PM ET

CDC will hold a Twitter Town Hall with experts from the Division of Adolescent and School Health and the Division of Violence Prevention to talk about bullying among youth. Use hashtag #EndBullyingChat.

<https://twitter.com/hashtag/EndBullyingChat?src=hash>

WEBINAR: PROMISING EVIDENCE-BASED INTERVENTIONS FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION AMONG VETERANS WITH TBI

OCTOBER 24, 2016, 2:00-3:00 PM ET

U.S. Veterans with traumatic brain injury (TBI) have higher suicide rates than members of the general Veteran population. A partnership was established between the Liverpool Brain Injury Rehabilitation Unit and the Rocky Mountain Mental Illness Research, Education, and Clinical Center to adapt and evaluate two cognitive behavioral group therapies for Veterans with moderate to severe TBI and current hopelessness. The first intervention, Window to Hope (WtoH), was culturally adapted from the original intervention developed in Australia. The second was a novel intervention employing Problem Solving Therapy and Safety Planning for suicide prevention (PST-SP). Findings support the acceptability and feasibility of delivering WtoH and PST-SP to Veterans with moderate to severe TBI. Data from the WtoH trial supported its efficacy for reducing hopelessness, a significant risk factor for suicide.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8128935032530384385>

WEBINAR: POST-DEPLOYMENT GENDER DIFFERENCES IN PTSD, UNHEALTHY DRINKING

OCTOBER 27, 2016, 1:00-2:30 PM ET

Female service members play an integral role in U.S. military history and current operations. Women filled approximately 10 percent of all positions among deployed forces in recent conflicts. Yet, there is limited research specific to women's combat experiences and post-deployment problems. This DCoE presentation will introduce attendees to recent research that focused on female service members and post-deployment gender differences in PTSD and unhealthy drinking. The speakers will discuss VA/Department of Defense clinical practice guidelines and empirically supported treatments for PTSD and substance use disorders.

http://www.dcoe.mil/Training/Monthly_Webinars.aspx

WEBINAR: ADOLESCENT SUBSTANCE USE SCREENING TOOLS FOR USE IN PRIMARY CARE

NOVEMBER 9, 2016, 1:00-2:00 PM ET

This ATTC webinar from the SAMHSA-NIDA Blending Initiative on new approaches in evidence-based prevention and substance use disorder treatment for youth looks at adolescent use screening tools in primary care settings. The webinar will discuss two validated, web-based screening tools (BSTAD and S2BI) for use with adolescent patients at primary care settings, available at no cost from the NIDA website. Having tools that indicate clinically relevant risk categories of adolescent substance use allows clinicians to address substance use and refer youths for additional intervention when necessary.

<https://umkconhs.adobeconnect.com/e83f5u86to3/event/registration.html>

WEBINAR: TEAM-BASED PRIMARY CARE AND SUICIDE PREVENTION IN THE VA: PERSPECTIVES FROM THE FRONT LINES

NOVEMBER 14, 2016, 3:00-4:00 PM ET

The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) primary care based suicide screening efforts have improved over the last decade although suicide attempt and completion rates have not changed significantly. Patient Aligned Care Teams integrate behavioral health services into primary care settings and also have access to a local suicide prevention coordinator at the facility level to help with screening, assessment, and management of actively or potentially suicidal patients. This presentation will share results from a mixed methods research study that explored primary care stakeholders' perceptions of: 1) the barriers and facilitators to implementing suicide prevention procedures and 2) attitudes and beliefs, autonomy support, and competence with respect to implementing suicide prevention procedure.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9164603518304518147>

WEBINAR: HEALTH DISPARITIES AMONG VETERANS WITH SMI – FINDINGS AND INTERVENTION FRAMEWORK

NOVEMBER 17, 2016, 3:00-4:00 PM ET

Veterans with SMI have substantially poorer health outcomes compared to individuals without mental illness. The VA has expended considerable effort to improve and address gaps in care for this population. This webinar will focus on a retrospective cohort study using Fiscal year 2012 data to examine health disparities between SMI and non-SMI Veteran populations and a recent report that reviews mental health inequalities and social determinants associated with poor mental health and examples of interventions to combat these inequalities.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4136290553897707779>

CALLS FOR PUBLIC INPUT

CAMPUS VIDEO PSA CONTEST

As part of the DEA Red Ribbon Week campaign, the DEA, and SAMHSA are co-sponsoring a Campus Video PSA Contest for colleges and universities to promote the importance of preventing illicit drug use and legal drug misuse among college students. Eligible entrants can create and submit a 30- to 60-second video PSA showcasing the underlying message behind Red Ribbon Week—commitment to a healthy, drug-free lifestyle, especially among college students. Entries accepted through October 21, 2016.

<https://www.redribboncampusvideo.com/about/>

RFI: GUIDANCE FOR OPPORTUNITIES IN SUICIDE RESEARCH USING EXISTING DATASETS

This NIMH Request for Information seeks input to identify existing datasets as a means to provide support for aggregation and analysis of larger data sets that will shed light on pathophysiology of suicidal behavior and to learn of efficient strategies for linking health care data with mortality; and seeks information on incentives needed to accomplish the task. Comments accepted through December 2, 2016.

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-MH-16-027.html>

RFI: ADDING A MOTOR SYSTEMS DOMAIN TO THE NIMH RESEARCH DOMAIN CRITERIA (RDOC) MATRIX

NIMH is interested in gathering expert advice regarding the addition of a new domain, “Motor Systems,” to the RDoC matrix. As a part of this effort the NIMH seeks input about potential constructs in the Motor Systems domain based on extant research and tests with known validity to measure such constructs.

Responses accepted through November 3, 2016. <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-MH-17-001.html>

STAKEHOLDER LISTENING SESSIONS FOR NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DISABILITY, INDEPENDENT LIVING AND REHABILITATION RESEARCH LONG RANGE PLANNING

The National Institute on Disability, Independent Living and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) will be hosting a number of listening sessions across the country to help inform future funding priorities and strategic direction. Attendees should come prepared to answer questions about barriers to being active in the community and improvements they would like to see. The meetings will take place from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM local time at the following locations: October 28, 2016 in San Francisco, CA; November 1, 2016 in Chicago, IL; November 18, 2016 in Boston, MA; and December 5, 2016 in Dallas, TX. Participants can attend in person, listen by phone, or provide comments by email. <http://neweditions.net/meetings/nidilrr-stakeholder-listening-session>

REVIEW AND POSSIBLE LIMITED REVISION OF OMB'S STATISTICAL POLICY DIRECTIVE ON STANDARDS FOR MAINTAINING, COLLECTING, AND PRESENTING FEDERAL DATA ON RACE AND ETHNICITY

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is requesting comments on revisions to the *Standards for Maintaining, Collecting, and Presenting Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity*. The Standards were last revised in 1997. Since these revisions were implemented, much has been learned about how these standards have improved the quality of Federal information collected and presented on race and ethnicity. At the same time, some areas may benefit from further refinement. Accordingly, OMB currently is undertaking a review of particular components of the 1997 standard: the use of separate questions measuring race and ethnicity and question phrasing; the classification of a Middle Eastern and North African group and reporting category; the description of the intended use of minimum reporting categories; and terminology used for race and ethnicity classifications. OMB's current review of the standard is limited to these areas. Comments accepted through October 31, 2016. <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/09/30/2016-23672/standards-for-maintaining-collecting-and-presenting-federal-data-on-race-and-ethnicity>

NOMINATIONS FOR NEW TOPICS FOR EVIDENCE REVIEWS

AHRQ's Evidence-based Practice Centers (EPC) Program is accepting online nominations for future systematic research reviews. Open solicitation of topics is a key component of the EPC program, whose work is stakeholder-driven, scientifically rigorous, independent, and unbiased. AHRQ's EPCs conduct rigorous literature reviews on a wide spectrum of clinical and health services topics. AHRQ seeks partners to nominate reviews and use EPC program reports to improve health care practice through development of coverage decisions, quality measures, educational materials and tools, clinical practice guidelines or consensus statements, and research agendas. Topic nominations will be reviewed based on several criteria, including appropriateness, importance, duplication, feasibility, potential impact of a new systematic review, and value. Nominations are being accepted through October 31, 2016. <http://www.ahrq.gov/news/ehc-reports2.html>

COMMENTS SOUGHT FOR AHRQ EFFECTIVE HEALTH CARE PROGRAM REPORT

The AHRQ's 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:

INTERVENTIONS TO PREVENT AGE-RELATED COGNITIVE DECLINE, MILD COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT, AND CLINICAL ALZHEIMER'S-TYPE DEMENTIA (COMMENTS ACCEPTED THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2016)

<https://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/research-available-for-comment/comment-draft-reports/?pageaction=displayDraftCommentForm&topicid=634&productID=2319>

FUNDING INFORMATION

GARRETT LEE SMITH (GLS) CAMPUS SUICIDE PREVENTION GRANT

<http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-17-003>

PLANNING AND DEVELOPING INFRASTRUCTURE TO IMPROVE THE MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES IN AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVES COMMUNITIES

<http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-17-002>

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS FOR EXPANSION AND SUSTAINABILITY OF THE COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SERIOUS EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCES

<http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-17-001>

GRANTS TO EXPAND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT CAPACITY IN ADULT TREATMENT DRUG COURTS AND ADULT TRIBAL HEALING TO WELLNESS COURTS

<http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/ti-17-001>

MULTI-SITE PILOT AND FEASIBILITY STUDIES FOR SYSTEM-LEVEL IMPLEMENTATION OF SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT SERVICES

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-16-456.html>



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The **Outreach Partnership Program** is a nationwide outreach initiative of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) that enlists state and national organizations in a partnership to increase the public's access to science-based mental health information through partnerships with national and state organizations. For more information about the program please visit: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/outreach/partnership-program/index.shtml>. To subscribe to receive the Update every two weeks, go to: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/outreach/partnership-program/news-and-updates-from-the-program.shtml>.

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