



UPDATE

March 15, 2016

- I. [Science and Service News Updates](#)
- II. [Resources: Publications, Toolkits, Other Resources](#)
- III. [Calendar of Events](#)
- IV. [Calls for Public Input](#)
- V. [Funding Information](#)

Subscribe to Receive the Update

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/outreach/partnership-program/news-and-updates-from-the-program.shtml>

Follow NIMH on Social Media

<http://twitter.com/nimhgov>
<http://www.facebook.com/nimhgov>
<http://www.youtube.com/nimhgov>

*Prepared by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services,
National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Mental Health,
Office of Constituency Relations and Public Liaison*

CIRCUIT FOR EXPERIENCE-INFORMED DECISION-MAKING ID'D IN RATS: MEMORY AND EXECUTIVE HUBS WORK IN LOCKSTEP DURING AWAKE MENTAL REPLAY

How is the brain able to use past experiences to guide decision-making? A few years ago, researchers supported by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) discovered in rats that awake mental replay of past experiences is critical for learning and making informed choices. Now, the team has discovered key secrets of the underlying brain circuitry – including a unique system that encodes location during inactive periods.

Press Release: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/science-news/2016/circuit-for-experience-informed-decision-making-idd-in-rats.shtml>

A CHILD'S FIRST EIGHT YEARS CRITICAL FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION: NIH RELEASES SUMMARY OF RESEARCH ON EARLY CHILDHOOD RISK AND PROTECTIVE FACTORS

An online guide about interventions in early childhood that can help prevent drug use and other unhealthy behaviors was launched by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). The guide offers research-based principles that affect a child's self-control and overall mental health, starting during pregnancy through the eighth year of life. It recognizes that while substance use generally begins during the teen years, it has known biological, psychological, social, and environmental roots that begin even before birth.

Press Release: <http://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/childs-first-eight-years-critical-substance-abuse-prevention>

MARIJUANA USE DISORDER IS COMMON AND OFTEN UNTREATED; SURVEY SHOWS MARIJUANA USE DISORDER LINKED TO SUBSTANCE USE/MENTAL DISORDERS AND DISABILITY

Marijuana use disorder is common in the United States (U.S.), and is often associated with other substance use disorders, behavioral problems, and disability, and goes largely untreated, according to a new study conducted by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. The analysis found that 2.5 percent of adults — nearly six million people — experienced marijuana use disorder in the past year, while 6.3 percent had met the diagnostic criteria for the disorder at some point in their lives.

Press Release: <http://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/marijuana-use-disorder-common-often-untreated>

VA ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL STEPS TO REDUCE VETERAN SUICIDE

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced new steps it is taking to reduce Veteran suicide. The steps follow a February 2 summit, “Preventing Veteran Suicide – A Call to Action,” that brought together stakeholders and thought leaders to discuss current research, approaches, and best practices to address this important subject. The steps include elevating the VA’s Suicide Prevention Program with additional resources to manage and strengthen current programs and initiatives; establishing a new standard of care by using measures of Veteran-reported symptoms to tailor mental health treatments to individual needs; launching a new study, “Coming Home from Afghanistan and Iraq,” to look at the impact of deployment and combat as it relates to suicide, mental health, and well-being; using predictive modeling to guide early interventions for suicide prevention; using data on suicide attempts and overdoses for surveillance to guide strategies to prevent suicide; increasing the availability of naloxone rescue kits throughout VA to prevent deaths from opioid overdoses; enhancing Veteran mental health access by establishing three regional tele-mental health hubs; and continuing to partner with the Department of Defense on suicide prevention and other efforts for a seamless transition from military service to civilian life.

Press Release: <http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2761>

VA ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL CHANGES TO IMPROVE VETERANS CRISIS LINE; CHANGES SUPPORT CRISIS LINE STAFF AND CREATE STRUCTURE FOR THEM TO SUCCEED

The VA announced improvements to enhance and accelerate progress at the Veterans Crisis Line, which serves as a life-saving resource for Veterans who find themselves at risk of suicide. The Crisis Line would form a stronger bond with VA’s Suicide Prevention Office and Mental Health Services. This partnership includes VA’s National Mental Health Director for Suicide Prevention as well as several hubs of expertise, including one Center of Excellence focusing on suicide prevention research and education located at the same medical campus as the Crisis Line responders in Canandaigua, NY. In addition, the Veterans Crisis Line would now be under the direction of VA’s Member Services, which has many efforts underway across the nation to restructure portions of VA that have direct contact with Veterans. This brings an expertise in ensuring that staff in these vital roles have more streamlined processes, adequate training, and resources at their fingertips, to better serve Veterans.

Press Release: <http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2752>

NEW FROM NIMH

RDOC LAUNCHES USER-FRIENDLY MATRIX FORMAT: REVAMPED MATRIX FEATURES IMPROVED NAVIGATION, BETTER ORGANIZATION, RESPONSIVE DESIGN

The National Institute of Mental Health’s Research Domain Criteria (RDoC) initiative recently launched a redesigned version of the RDoC Matrix. The RDoC Matrix is a tool designed to help researchers implement the principles and logic of RDoC in their studies. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/science-news/2016/rdoc-launches-user-friendly-matrix-format.shtml>

REDUCING THE INCIDENCE OF SUICIDE IN INDIGENOUS GROUPS – STRENGTHS UNITED THROUGH NETWORKS (RISING SUN)

NIMH posted a new web page about the RISING SUN Initiative, “Reducing the Incidence of Suicide in Indigenous Groups – Strengths United through Networks,” an effort under the U.S. chairmanship of the Arctic Council, coordinated by the Sustainable Development Working Group. RISING SUN is designed to identify a toolkit of common outcomes to be used in evaluating suicide prevention efforts to assess the key correlates associated with suicide prevention interventions across Arctic states. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/organization/gmh/risingsun/index.shtml>

NEW FROM NIH

NIH NEWS IN HEALTH: UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY DISORDERS; WHEN PANIC, FEAR, AND WORRIES OVERWHELM

Anxiety disorders affect nearly one in five American adults each year. People with these disorders have feelings of fear and uncertainty that interfere with everyday activities and last for six months or more. Anxiety disorders can also raise one’s risk for other medical problems such as heart disease, diabetes, substance abuse, and depression. This *NIH News in Health* article describes treatments for anxiety disorders. Medications, psychotherapy, or a combination of both can usually relieve troubling symptoms. <https://newsinhealth.nih.gov/issue/Mar2016/Feature1>

NICHHD: ANTI-BULLYING CURRICULUM ASKS BYSTANDERS TO TAKE ACTION

To reduce bullying, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) has released an online curriculum which emphasizes that bullying is not just a simple interaction between the bully and the student being bullied, and aims to engage bystanders to stake a stand against bullying. <https://www.nichd.nih.gov/news/resources/spotlight/Pages/030116-bullying.aspx>

NEW FROM CDC

HEALTH CARE, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH MENTAL, BEHAVIORAL, AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD — U.S., 2011–2012

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published a new study looking at health care, family, and community factors related to mental, behavioral, and developmental disorders (MBDDs) among children aged two to eight years in the U.S. Researchers found that one out of seven children aged two to eight years were reported to have a diagnosed MBDD. Study findings highlight specific health care, family, and community factors that could be addressed through collaborative policy and programmatic efforts at national, state, and local levels. <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/wr/mm6509a1.htm>

NEW WISQARS INFOGRAPHIC

CDC's WISQARS™ (Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System) is an interactive, online database that provides fatal and nonfatal injury, violent death, and cost of injury data from a variety of trusted sources. The new WISQARS infographic helps explain the injury data and modules featured in WISQARS. The modules include: Fatal Injury Data, Nonfatal Injury Data, Cost of Injury Data, Fatal Injury Mapping, and Violent Deaths. <http://www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/buttons.html>

UPDATED LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH CHARTS

The CDC recently updated its *Leading Causes of Death Charts* with 2014 fatality data. They show the impact of injury-related deaths in the U.S. compared to other leading causes of death.

<http://www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/leadingcauses.html>

CDC HEALTH LITERACY RESOURCES

EVERYDAY WORDS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNICATION

Everyday Words for Public Health Communication offers expert recommendations from CDC's Health Literacy Council and other agency communicators on how to reduce jargon and replace problematic terms to improve comprehension. The resource provides substitute terms, real-life examples of difficult public health passages, revised wording, and tips to reinforce meaning.

http://www.cdc.gov/other/pdf/everydaywordsforpublichealthcommunication_final_11-5-15.pdf

CDC HEALTH LITERACY TRAINING PLAN

The Health Literacy Training Plan features five online courses including an introductory Health Literacy for Public Health Professionals; Writing for the Public; Speaking for the Public; Using Numbers and Explaining Risk; and Creating Easier to Understand Lists, Charts, and Graphs. CDC created the courses to help build health professionals' knowledge and skills consistent with new professional communication competencies. <http://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USCDC/bulletins/13b0cff>

NEW FROM SAMHSA

SCREENING AND ASSESSMENT OF CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

This resource from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) provides knowledge on a wide range of evidence-based practices for screening and assessment of adults in the justice system who have co-occurring mental and substance use disorders. It discusses the importance of instrument selection for screening and assessing patients.

<http://store.samhsa.gov/product/Screening-and-Assessment-of-Co-occurring-Disorders-in-the-Justice-System/All-New-Products/SMA15-4930>

ADVISORY: SUBLINGUAL AND TRANSMUCOSAL BUPRENORPHINE FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER

This advisory gives an overview of data on the use of sublingual and transmucosal buprenorphine for the medication-assisted treatment (MAT) of opioid use disorder. It discusses the implications of utilizing MAT as a recovery support.

<http://store.samhsa.gov/product/Advisory-Sublingual-and-Transmucosal-Buprenorphine-for-Opioid-Use-Disorder-/SMA16-4938>

A SNAPSHOT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ISSUES FOR ASIAN AMERICAN/NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER BOYS AND MEN

This report highlights issues specific to Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander males, providing clinicians with data on the prevalence of depression, suicide, and substance use disorder within the population.

<http://store.samhsa.gov/product/SMA16-4959>

2015 NATIONAL DIRECTORY OF MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT FACILITIES

This directory provides a listing of federal, state, and local government facilities and private facilities that provide mental health treatment services. It includes treatment facilities that responded to the 2014 National Mental Health Services Survey.

http://www.samhsa.gov/data/sites/default/files/2015_National_Directory_of_Mental_Health_Treatment_Facilities.pdf

NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES SURVEY: 2012

This survey presents findings from the most recently conducted facility-level survey of specialty mental health treatment facilities in the U.S. and its territories.

http://www.samhsa.gov/data/sites/default/files/2012_National_Mental_Health_Services_Survey.pdf

EMPIRICALLY SUPPORTED TREATMENTS AND PROMISING PRACTICES FOR CHILD TRAUMATIC STRESS: NEW EVIDENCE BASED TRAINING GUIDELINES

SAMHSA's National Child Traumatic Stress Network launched its first set of "Training Guidelines" for interventions to treat child traumatic stress. The models include: Trauma Focused-Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools, Parent-Child Interaction Therapy, Strengthening Family Coping Resources, and Trauma Affect Regulation: Guide for Education and Therapy. The new guidelines describe what training is recommended or required to provide, supervise, or train others in each model as well as how to communicate information about interventions to assist agencies in making decisions about their training needs. <http://nctsn.org/resources/topics/treatments-that-work/promising-practices#q4>

NEW FROM HHS

ACF: SPOTLIGHT ON RACIAL DISPROPORTIONALITY IN THE CHILD WELFARE FIELD

This month's *Children's Bureau Express* from the Administration for Children and Families highlights an analysis of contributors to racial inequalities in a county child welfare system; a report on how racial bias in the child welfare, education, and mental health systems affects racial disparity in the juvenile justice system; and other resources examining the issue of racial disproportionality in the child welfare field.

<https://cbexpress.acf.hhs.gov/index.cfm?event=website.viewSection&issueID=174&subsectionID=68>

AHRQ RELEASES NEW CHARTBOOK ON HEALTH CARE FOR BLACKS

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's *Chartbook on Health Care for Blacks* summarizes trends in health care disparities by race related to access. Key findings include increases in suicide and mental health disparities, improvements in access to care since the Affordable Care Act, and poorer quality of care related to person-centeredness and care coordination.

<http://www.ahrq.gov/research/findings/nhqrdr/chartbooks/blackhealth/index.html>

PRISON AND JAIL MAT TRAINING VIDEO

The *Prison and Jail MAT Training Video* is introduced by Michael Botticelli, Director of the White House Office of National Control Drug Policy, and focuses on three ground-breaking MAT programs in Massachusetts, Missouri, and Pennsylvania. Administrators, direct service providers, and inmates and former inmates in those states talk about the challenges and benefits of MAT programs.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ErNdg8T7DBI&feature=player_embedded

EVENTS

WEBINAR: FUNDAMENTALS OF THE NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY APPROPRIATE SERVICES IN HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE

MARCH 17, 2016, 3:00 PM ET

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Minority Health presents the first webinar in a series on the National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services in Health and Health Care (National CLAS Standards). Attendees will learn about culturally and linguistically appropriate services and the National CLAS Standards. Culturally and linguistically appropriate services means that services are respectful of and responsive to individual cultural health beliefs and practices, preferred languages, health literacy levels, and communication needs. The National CLAS Standards provide a blueprint for individuals and health and health care organizations to best serve the nation's increasingly diverse communities through culturally and linguistically appropriate services.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1124444526228357633>

NIMH FACEBOOK Q&A: ELECTROCONVULSIVE THERAPY

MARCH 17, 2016, 4:00-5:00 PM ET

Despite electroconvulsive therapy's (ECT) strong efficacy and safety record, many misconceptions still persist among both patients and professionals. Although major depression is one of the most common mental disorders in the U.S., some patients don't respond to the most commonly used treatments. ECT is often the last best hope. In recognition of Brain Awareness Week, join NIMH for a live Facebook Q&A with expert Sarah Hollingsworth Lisanby, M.D., who will be addressing myths about ECT and answering questions. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/science-news/2016/facebook-q-amp-a-on-electroconvulsive-therapy.shtml>

MARIJUANA AND CANNABINOIDS: A NEUROSCIENCE RESEARCH SUMMIT

MARCH 22-23, 2016, BETHESDA, MD (AND WEBCAST)

This NIH summit will focus on the neurological and psychiatric effects of marijuana, other cannabinoids, and the endocannabinoid system. Both the adverse and the potential therapeutic effects of the cannabinoid system will be discussed. The goal of this summit is to ensure evidence-based information is available to inform practice and policy, particularly important at this time given the rapidly shifting landscape regarding the recreational and medicinal use of marijuana. <https://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/meetings-events/2016/03/marijuana-cannabinoids-neuroscience-research-summit>

WEBINAR: DEPLOYMENT-RELATED CO-OCCURRING PTSD AND MILD TBI IN SERVICE MEMBERS

MARCH 24, 2016, 12:00-2:30 PM ET

Mild traumatic brain injury (mild TBI) or concussion has been identified as a hallmark injury of the Afghanistan and Iraq wars. This Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and TBI webinar addresses the impact of mild TBI on the development, course, and clinical management of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Research efforts take into consideration the potential differential impact of PTSD and mild TBI with or without persistent cognitive deficits. Findings have shown the impact of mild TBI on response to existing PTSD treatment interventions, and development and examination of potential treatment augmentation strategies. The goal of this webinar is to share current research and treatment practices related to post-deployment PTSD symptoms, including those attributed to mild TBI.

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

WEBINAR: WHAT'S NEW—SEIZING OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS THAT SUPPORT THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OF SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS, AND THEIR FAMILIES

MARCH 24, 2016, 12:30-2:00 PM ET

SAMHSA's Service Members, Veterans, and their Families (SMVF) Technical Assistance Center is hosting a webinar featuring three dynamic women leaders who are advancing efforts to establish the "best of the best" military and civilian partnerships. These partnerships are essential in helping to increase access to supports and best practices for SMVF at the federal, state, and local level. SAMHSA's Senior Lead for the SMVF Population Focus, Kathryn Power, will facilitate presentations and discussions with the Deputy Director of the White House Joining Forces Initiative, Rory Brosius, and the New York City Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, General Loree Sutton. Ms. Power will also review federal and state interagency efforts to improve access to mental health services for SMVF related to Executive Order 13625. The presenters will provide new ideas and concrete examples of what can be done to help strengthen capacity in the community to address the needs of SMVF and ensure they receive the services and benefits they have earned. <https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1095754>

PATHWAYS TO PREVENTION WORKSHOP: ADVANCING RESEARCH TO PREVENT YOUTH SUICIDE

MARCH 29-30, 2016, BETHESDA, MD (AND WEBCAST)

Closing the research gaps related to youth suicide could lead to improved prevention strategies. The NIH is engaging in a rigorous assessment of the available scientific evidence to better understand the importance of identifying efforts that could be effective in preventing suicidal thoughts and behaviors as early as possible. NIMH, NIDA, The National Center for Complementary and Integrated Health (NCCIH), and the NIH Office of Disease Prevention are sponsoring this workshop to evaluate the current state of knowledge on youth suicide and identify opportunities for future research. Follow the workshop via Twitter using Hashtag #NIHP2P. Comments and questions for the workshop discussion can be emailed to NIHP2P@mail.nih.gov.
<https://prevention.nih.gov/programs-events/pathways-to-prevention/workshops/suicide-prevention>

WEBINAR: PRACTICAL STRATEGIES FOR PROVIDING A MULTI-GENERATIONAL APPROACH TO INTEGRATED CARE

MARCH 29, 2016, 3:00 PM ET

Applying a multi-generational approach to care in integrated care settings provides the opportunity to expand the reach of services to support the overall health of individuals and their families. Join this SAMHSA-Health Resources and Services Administration Center for Integrated Health Solutions webinar to hear from a panel of expert providers regarding the necessary tools and resources to operationalize multi-generational approaches to care and learn about specific approaches to implementation in integrated care settings.

<https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1095756>

TWITTER CHAT: CHILDREN AND COMPLEMENTARY HEALTH APPROACHES

MARCH 30, 2016, 9:00 PM ET

Approximately 10,200 U.S. children (12 percent) use complementary and integrative health approaches. Dietary supplements, chiropractic or osteopathic manipulation, and yoga, tai chi, or qi gong are the most commonly used approaches. These are most frequently used by children for back or neck pain, head or chest cold, anxiety or stress, and other musculoskeletal conditions. The NCCIH is hosting a Twitter chat to discuss what the science says about the safety and effectiveness of these approaches for children.

<https://nccih.nih.gov/news/events/livechat>

PUBLIC WORKSHOP: NAVIGATING THE FDA'S CENTER FOR DRUG EVALUATION AND RESEARCH: WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW FOR EFFECTIVE ENGAGEMENT

MARCH 31, 2016, SILVER SPRING, MD (AND WEBCAST)

The Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) is sponsoring this public workshop to help the public and patient advocacy groups gain a better understanding of how to effectively engage CDER. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers following each presentation. There is no registration fee to attend the public workshop. A webcast will be available for those unable to attend in person. <http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/NewsEvents/ucm472604.htm>

HEALTH OBSERVANCE: ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

APRIL 2015

Alcohol Awareness Month provides a focused opportunity across America to increase awareness and understanding of alcoholism, its causes, effective treatment, and recovery. Everyone can use this month to raise awareness about alcohol abuse and take action to prevent it, both at home and in the community. The *National Health Observance Tool Kit for Alcohol Awareness Month* provides suggestions for spreading the word, including sample social media messages, press releases, e-cards, and other tools.

<http://healthfinder.gov/NHO/AprilToolkit.aspx>

HEALTH OBSERVANCE: NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

APRIL 2015

National Child Abuse Prevention Month is a time to acknowledge the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect, and to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families. During the month of April and throughout the year, communities are encouraged to share child abuse and neglect prevention awareness strategies and activities and promote prevention across the country. <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/preventing/preventionmonth/>

SOLVING THE GRAND CHALLENGES IN GLOBAL MENTAL HEALTH: MAINTAINING MOMENTUM ON THE ROAD TO SCALE UP

APRIL 15, 2016, WASHINGTON, DC

The Office for Research on Disparities and Global Mental Health in the NIMH Office of the Director and Grand Challenges Canada will co-convene a workshop in coordination with The World Bank and World Health Organization meeting, “Out of The Shadows: Making Mental Health A Global Development Priority.” Together, the two meetings will bring together more than 200 global mental health innovators, investigators, policymakers, and other key stakeholders to discuss exciting new research findings and strategies for maintaining a worldwide spotlight on the six priority areas identified in the Grand Challenges in Global Mental Health initiative.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/research-priorities/scientific-meetings/2016/grand-challenges/solving-the-grand-challenges-in-global-mental-health-maintaining-momentum-on-the-road-to-scale-up.shtml>

LECTURE: CHANGE YOUR BRAIN BY TRANSFORMING YOUR MIND

MAY 3, 2016, 10:00 AM ET, BETHESDA, MD (AND VIDEOCAST)

This NCCIH talk will present an overview of studies on neural changes associated with different forms of meditation. From the perspective of Western neuroscience, different forms of meditation can be conceptualized as mental training to promote the regulation of emotion and attention. Data from studies on long-term meditation practitioners as well as those with shorter durations of training will be highlighted. In addition, some longitudinal studies that track changes over time with meditation practice will be reviewed. In addition to the neural changes that have been observed, this talk will also summarize changes that have been found in peripheral biology that may modulate physical health and illness. The overall conclusions from these studies is that one can transform the mind through meditation and thereby alter the brain and the periphery in ways that may be beneficial for mental and physical health, and for well-being.

<https://nccih.nih.gov/news/events/lectures>

HEALTH OBSERVANCE: NATIONAL PREVENTION WEEK

MAY 15-21, 2016

National Prevention Week is an annual health observance dedicated to increasing public awareness of, and action around, substance abuse and mental health issues. The overall theme for 2016 is “Strong As One. Stronger Together.” <http://www.samhsa.gov/prevention-week>

DISABILITY.GOV SEEKS PARTICIPANTS FOR ITS FOURTH “NO BOUNDARIES” PHOTO PROJECT

Since 2011, Disability.gov has proudly featured individuals with disabilities who have achieved employment success in its “No Boundaries” photo project. Disability.gov is searching for four more accomplished individuals with disabilities to showcase. Volunteers for this project will be chosen to represent diversity in age, ethnicity, and nature of disability. Photographs and profiles of participants will depict inclusion in workplace settings – for example, someone with a mobility disability who uses assistive technology on the job, or a young adult with autism transitioning to the workforce. Submissions accepted through March 25, 2016. <https://usodep.blogs.govdelivery.com/2016/03/04/disability-gov-seeks-participants-for-its-fourth-no-boundaries-photo-project/>

PUBLIC COMMENT: FDA PROPOSED RECLASSIFICATION OF ECT DEVICES INTENDED FOR USE IN TREATING SEVERE MAJOR DEPRESSIVE EPISODE

FDA is issuing a proposed administrative order to reclassify the ECT device for use in treating severe major depressive episode associated with major depressive disorder or bipolar disorder in patients 18 years of age and older who are treatment-resistant, or who require a rapid response due to the severity of their psychiatric or medical condition. FDA is also proposing to require the filing of a premarket approval application or a notice of completion of a product development protocol for ECT devices for other intended uses specified in this proposed order. Comments on this proposed order are accepted through March 28, 2016.

<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2015/12/29/2015-32592/neurological-devices-reclassification-of-electroconvulsive-therapy-devices-intended-for-use-in>

CONFIDENTIALITY OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PATIENT RECORDS: PROPOSED REVISIONS OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

HHS has published proposed revisions to the Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records regulations—42 CFR Part 2. This proposal was prompted by the need to update and modernize the regulations. The goal of the proposed changes is to ensure that patients with substance use disorders have the ability to participate in, and benefit from, new integrated health care models without fear of putting themselves at risk of adverse consequences. HHS welcomes public comment on this proposed rule. To be assured consideration, comments must be submitted no later than 5:00 PM ET on April 11, 2016.

<http://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USSAMHSA/bulletins/133a888>

OPIOID RECOVERY APP CHALLENGE

SAMHSA launched a new challenge to spur developers to create a mobile application (app) that provides additional recovery support to patients receiving treatment for opioid misuse. The app may be used as part of a patient's comprehensive treatment plan, which includes counseling and participation in social support programs. The goal is to assist people in recovery in accessing resources, educational materials, information, and social supports through technology. The challenge is accepting submissions through May 27, 2016.

<http://samhsaopioidrecoveryapp.devpost.com/>

FUNDING INFORMATION

URBAN AND NON-URBAN HOMELESS VETERANS' REINTEGRATION PROGRAM AND INCARCERATED VETERANS TRANSITION PROGRAM

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=281708>

NATIONAL CHILD TRAUMATIC STRESS INITIATIVE - CATEGORY II, TREATMENT AND SERVICE ADAPTATION CENTERS

<http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-16-008>

FAITH AND COMMUNITY-BASED YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE

<http://www.ojjdp.gov/funding/FundingDetail.asp?fi=387>

YOUTH WITH SEXUAL BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS PROGRAM

<http://www.ojjdp.gov/funding/FundingDetail.asp?fi=386>

DRUG-FREE COMMUNITIES MENTORING PROGRAM

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=282112>

INNOVATION IN CARE INTEGRATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PROGRAM

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=282073>



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 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>.

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.