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NATIONAL SURVEY REVEALS THE STATE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ACROSS THE NATION

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) latest National Survey on Drug Use and Health report provides the latest estimates on substance use and mental health in the nation, including the misuse of opioids across the nation. In 2016, there were 11.8 million people aged 12 or older who misused opioids in the past year and the majority is pain reliever misuse rather than heroin use—there were 11.5 million pain reliever misusers and 948,000 heroin users. In 2016, an estimated 21 million people aged 12 or older needed substance use treatment and of these 21 million people, about 2.2 million people, received substance use treatment at a specialty facility in the past year.

Press Release: <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2017/09/07/national-survey-reveals-scope-behavioral-health-across-nation.html>

YOUNG ADULTS' DAILY USE OF MARIJUANA A CONCERN; 2016 DRUG USE DATA AMONG COLLEGE/NON-COLLEGE AGE ADULTS NOW AVAILABLE

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) announced that the latest Monitoring the Future national survey results of drug use among full-time college students and their non-college peers are now available online, highlighting that daily marijuana use is at the highest level since the early 1980s for this age group.

Press Release: <https://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/news-releases/2017/09/young-adults-daily-use-marijuana-concern>

Infographic: <https://www.drugabuse.gov/related-topics/trends-statistics/infographics/drug-alcohol-use-in-college-age-adults-in-2016>

COLLABORATIVE CARE SHOWS PROMISE FOR OPIOID AND ALCOHOL USE DISORDERS

A NIDA-funded randomized clinical trial found that primary care patients with opioid and alcohol use disorders (OAUD) who were offered a collaborative care intervention were more likely to receive evidence-based treatment and refrain from using opioids and alcohol six months later, compared to patients receiving usual care. Collaborative care was designed to increase the delivery of either a six-session brief psychotherapy treatment, and/or medication-assisted treatment, with either buprenorphine/naloxone for opioid use disorders, or long-acting injectable naltrexone for alcohol use disorders. Usual care participants were given a number for appointment scheduling and a list of community referrals for OAUD treatment.

News Release: <https://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/news-releases/2017/08/collaborative-care-shows-promise-opioid-alcohol-use-disorders>

NIH AWARDS NEARLY \$100 MILLION FOR AUTISM CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has awarded nine research grants totaling nearly \$100 million over the next five years for the Autism Centers of Excellence (ACE), a program that supports large research projects aimed at understanding and developing interventions for autism spectrum disorder (ASD). The ACE awards seek to build on discoveries of the last 10 years by supporting innovative, multi-disciplinary research that promises to yield interventions and services for people with ASD. The awards will support research at individual centers or at research networks (which involve multiple institutions) dedicated to the study of ASD.

Press Release: <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/nih-awards-nearly-100-million-autism-centers-excellence-program>

HHS AWARDS \$14.5 MILLION IN GRANTS FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS

The Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) SAMHSA announced the funding of up to \$14.5 million in grants over several years for suicide prevention programs. The grant programs included in this SAMHSA effort include:

- The Zero Suicide grant program which supports efforts to implement suicide prevention and intervention programs within health systems for individuals who are 25 years of age or older. The comprehensive, multi-setting approach will raise awareness of suicide, establish referral processes, and improve care and outcomes for individuals who are at risk for suicide.
- Cooperative agreements to implement the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention, which supports states in implementing the 2012 National Strategy for Suicide Prevention goals and objectives focused on preventing suicide and suicide attempts among adults ages 25 and older, and to reduce the overall suicide rate and number of suicides in the United States (U.S.).

Press Release: <https://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/press-announcements/201709120400>

ELINORE F. MCCANCE-KATZ, M.D., PH.D., APPOINTED ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE

Dr. McCance-Katz works across federal agencies to address HHS behavioral health priorities, including the opioid epidemic and supporting individuals with serious mental illness. Dr. McCance-Katz has extensive experience working with individuals living with mental and substance use disorders. She is board-certified in general psychiatry and in addiction psychiatry. She previously served as chief medical officer at SAMHSA. The new position and Office of the Assistant Secretary of Mental Health and Substance Use were established by a directive under the 21st Century Cures Act that was passed by Congress in 2016. The policy also supports behavioral health program quality improvements, strategic planning, and various advisory councils.

Release: <https://newsletter.samhsa.gov/2017/08/28/elinore-mccance-katz-joins-samhsa-assistant-secretary/>

NEW FROM NIMH

DR. GORDON IN THE NEWS: NEW ADDITIONS

The *Dr. Gordon In the News* webpage has been updated with new media interviews with the NIMH Director that provide insight into NIMH priorities, including “An Audience With...Joshua Gordon” in *Nature Reviews Drug Discovery* and “Joshua Gordon Wants to Remake Mental Health Care, on a Budget” in *Undark Magazine*. <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/director/in-the-news/index.shtml>

MEETING SUMMARY: 2017 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NIMH OUTREACH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Representatives from Outreach and National Partner organizations gathered in July for the NIMH Outreach Partnership Program's 2017 annual meeting to hear research updates from NIMH leadership and NIMH-supported researchers. A summary with meeting highlights is now available.

<https://www.nimh.nih.gov/outreach/partnership-program/meetings/outreach-partnership-program-2017-annual-meeting-overview.shtml>

MEETING SUMMARY: STATE OF SUICIDE PREVENTION IN EMERGENCY CARE

NIMH convened a meeting with federal and private stakeholders to review the current state of knowledge and the scope of the suicide problem in U.S. emergency departments (ED). Specific topics included the risk for morbidity and mortality after an ED visit, effective approaches to risk detection, brief interventions, and follow-up services. A summary of the meeting is available.

<https://www.nimh.nih.gov/research-priorities/scientific-meetings/2017/state-of-suicide-prevention-in-emergency-care.shtml>

2017 AUTUMN INSIDE NIMH

Inside NIMH is published in conjunction with each meeting of the National Advisory Mental Health Council, which advises the HHS Secretary, the NIH Director, and NIMH Director of NIMH on all policies and activities relating to the conduct and support of mental health research, research training, and other programs of the Institute. The issue provides a budget update, notable NIMH grants, and summaries of recent NIMH meetings. <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/research-priorities/inside-nimh/2017-autumn-inside-nimh.shtml>

NEW FROM NIH

HURTFUL EMOTIONS: UNDERSTANDING SELF-HARM

People deal with difficult feelings in all sorts of ways. Some may feel an urge to hurt themselves when distressed. Finding healthy ways to cope can help individuals get through tough times. This NIH *News in Health* article describes why someone may self-harm and offers suggestions for helping.

<https://newsinhealth.nih.gov/2017/09/hurtful-emotions>

POSITIVE PARENTING: BUILDING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS WITH YOUR KIDS

This NIH *News in Health* article offers positive parenting tips and suggestions for connecting with kids. Being sensitive, responsive, and available to kids can help build positive, healthy relationships.

<https://newsinhealth.nih.gov/2017/09/positive-parenting>

HOW ALZHEIMER'S CHANGES THE BRAIN

This National Institute on Aging video shows how Alzheimer's disease affects the human brain, and looks at promising ideas to treat and prevent the disease.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0GXv3mHs9AU&feature=youtu.be>

BLOG POST: "BORROWING" DRUGS IS RISKY BUSINESS

This NIDA Drugs and Health blog post describes why "borrowing" someone else's prescription medication is a kind of drug misuse that can be very dangerous. <https://teens.drugabuse.gov/blog/post/borrowing-drugs-risky-business>

HHS BLOG POST: EVERY AMERICAN HAS A PART TO PLAY IN SUICIDE PREVENTION

HHS Secretary Tom Price blogs about the need for everyone to play a role in preventing suicide. In the blog, Secretary Price reports there is evidence that bolstering personal and community interconnectedness can make a significant difference. <https://www.hhs.gov/blog/2017/09/12/every-american-has-a-part-to-play-in-suicide-prevention.html>

NEW FROM SAMHSA

VIDEO: HOW EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS CAN HELP PREVENT SUICIDE AMONG AT-RISK PATIENTS: FIVE BRIEF INTERVENTIONS

This Suicide Prevention Resource Center video describes the unique role that emergency department professionals can play in preventing suicide by providing five brief interventions prior to discharge. It outlines the following interventions and provides tools to support their implementation: brief patient education, safety planning, lethal means counseling, rapid referral, and caring contacts.

<http://www.sprc.org/resources-programs/how-emergency-departments-can-help-prevent-suicide-among-risk-patients-five-brief>

ROADMAP TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH: A GUIDE TO USING MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES

This publication offers important information about mental health and substance use disorder services, including definitions of behavioral health terms and guidance on how to find a behavioral health services provider, receive treatment, and obtain follow-up care.

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USSAMHSA/bulletins/1b5d34d>

PREVENTION CONVERSATIONS: NEW VIDEOS FOCUS ON OPIOIDS

Hear SAMHSA prevention grantees, researchers, and practitioners share challenges and lessons learned for preventing opioid misuse, overdose, and other substance-related problems. New videos added monthly.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P0Zb4-sLWAs&list=PLBXgZMI_zqfSx1TQTzbWjoFqJitZ1CBgK

OPIOID USE IN THE OLDER ADULT POPULATION

This document provides a sampling of information resources that address opioids and older adults.

<https://www.samhsa.gov/capt/tools-capt-learning-resources/opioid-use-older-adult-population>

PREVENTING OPIOID MISUSE AND OVERDOSE: DATA SOURCES AND TOOLS TO INFORM ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING EFFORTS

This tool presents a list of 16 key data sources for prescription opioids and heroin, including information on indicators of interest and availability of online data analysis tools. <https://www.samhsa.gov/capt/tools-learning-resources/preventing-opioid-misuse-overdose-data-sources-tools>

ARCHIVED WEBINAR: THE ROLE OF PREVENTION IN ADDRESSING NEONATAL ABSTINENCE SYNDROME

This archived webinar explores the scope of neonatal abstinence syndrome, including associated risk and protective factors, and strategies for preventing prescription opioid misuse and heroin use among pregnant women, women of childbearing age, and adolescent girls.

<https://www.samhsa.gov/capt/tools-learning-resources/role-prevention-addressing-neonatal-abstinence-syndrome>

BLOG POST: THE POWER OF PEERS

This Addiction Technology Transfer Center blog post describes a new project in Wisconsin that will place peer specialists in emergency rooms to provide support and information on treatment options to people who have survived an opioid overdose.

<https://attcniatx.blogspot.com/2017/09/september-1-2017-caroline-miller-msw.html>

RECOVERY TO PRACTICE NEWSLETTER: RECOVERY-ORIENTED APPROACHES TO HOUSING INSTABILITY

This issue of *Practicing Recovery* looks at some of the causes and signs of housing instability and how to help people who are at risk or experiencing homelessness.

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USSAMHSA/bulletins/1b47dc7>

ARCHIVED WEBCAST: IMPACT OF CYBERBULLYING: ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The panelists explored cyberbullying among children and youth, and looked at ways to help parents, guardians, and educators better understand and address the issue of cyberbullying.

<http://fda.yorkcast.com/webcast/Play/1d05468bedaa4e708796badf1b7c512b1d>

AHRQ: ANXIETY IN CHILDREN

This Agency for Healthcare Research Quality review evaluated the comparative effectiveness and harms of psychotherapy and medications for childhood anxiety disorders, including panic disorder, social anxiety disorder, specific phobias, generalized anxiety disorder, and separation anxiety. The review found that cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) reduces anxiety symptoms based on child, parent, and clinician reports, improves functioning, and leads to clinical response. In addition, medications are effective in reducing anxiety symptoms but not based on all three reporters (child, parent, and clinician), and are more likely to cause short-term adverse events. Further, the combination of medications and CBT is more effective than either treatment alone, but the benefits and risks of each need to be considered. Future research should address treatment of children who have other psychiatric conditions in addition to anxiety, evaluate the effectiveness of the components of CBT, compare drugs head-to-head, and study the long-term adverse effects of medications. <https://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/topics/anxiety-children/research-2017/>

NEW FROM CDC

SLEEP DURATION AND QUALITY AMONG WOMEN AGED 40–59, BY MENOPAUSAL STATUS

This data brief describes sleep duration and sleep quality among non-pregnant women aged 40–59 by menopausal status. The analysis found that among those aged 40–59, peri-menopausal women were more likely than post-menopausal and pre-menopausal women to sleep less than seven hours, on average, in a 24-hour period. In addition, post-menopausal women aged 40–59 were more likely than pre-menopausal women aged 40–59 to have trouble falling asleep and staying asleep four or more times in the past week. Further, post-menopausal women aged 40–59 were more likely than pre-menopausal women aged 40–59 to wake up not feeling well rested four days or more in the past week.

<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/products/databriefs/db286.htm>

HEALTH-RELATED BEHAVIORS AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AMONG HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS — U.S., 2015

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) analyzed results from the 2015 national Youth Risk Behavior Survey to assess relationships between academic achievement and 30 health-related behaviors, including substance use and suicide-related behaviors that contribute to leading causes of morbidity and mortality among adolescents in the U.S. The analysis found that students who earned mostly A's, mostly B's, or mostly C's had statistically significantly higher prevalence estimates for most protective health-related behaviors and significantly lower prevalence estimates for most health-related risk behaviors than did students with mostly D's/F's. These findings highlight the link between health-related behaviors and education outcomes, suggesting that education and public health professionals can find their respective education and health improvement goals to be mutually beneficial. Education and public health professionals might benefit from collaborating to achieve both improved education and health outcomes for youths. <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/66/wr/mm6635a1.htm>

TRENDS IN DEATHS INVOLVING HEROIN AND SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS EXCLUDING METHADONE, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT DRUG PRODUCT REPORTS, BY CENSUS REGION — U.S., 2006–2015

CDC examined trends in unintentional and undetermined deaths involving heroin or synthetic opioids excluding methadone (i.e., synthetic opioids) by the four U.S. Census regions during 2006–2015. Drug products obtained by law enforcement and reported to the Drug Enforcement Administration's National Forensic Laboratory Information System that tested positive for heroin or fentanyl also were examined. All U.S. Census regions experienced substantial increases in deaths involving heroin from 2006 to 2015. Since 2010, the South and West experienced increases in heroin drug reports, whereas the Northeast and Midwest experienced steady increases during 2006–2015. In the Northeast, Midwest, and South, deaths involving synthetic opioids and fentanyl drug reports increased considerably after 2013. These broad changes in the U.S. illicit drug market highlight the urgent need to track illicit drugs and enhance public health interventions targeting persons using or at high risk for using heroin or illicitly manufactured fentanyl.

<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/66/wr/mm6634a2.htm>

GAO: STATES FUND SERVICES FOR ADULTS IN INSTITUTIONS FOR MENTAL DISEASE USING A VARIETY OF STRATEGIES

Between 2010 and 2015, inpatient and residential behavioral health services capacity has gone up for adult mental health treatment and stayed about the same for substance use treatment. The Government Accountability Office (GAO) found that for adult mental health treatment, inpatient and residential capacity increased from about 61 to 69 beds per 100,000 adults between 2010 and 2014. For adult substance use treatment, inpatient and residential capacity remained fairly constant between 2010 and 2015, increasing from 57 to about 58 beds per 100,000 adults. In both types of behavioral health services there was significant variation across states. GAO also found that over time, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services'—the agency that oversees state Medicaid programs—changed policies to allow some states to finance care for adult Medicaid beneficiaries in *institutions for mental disease*, in certain circumstances. <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-17-652>

DCOE BLOG POSTS

SUICIDE PREVENTION RESOURCES: READ THEM, SHARE THEM

September is recognized as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in the Defense Department and in mental health communities worldwide. The Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury's (DCoE) mission is to bring the military community resources on psychological health and traumatic brain injury (TBI) prevention and treatment, which ultimately helps in the battle against suicide. This blog post compiles "must-bookmark" suicide prevention resources for everyone within the military community – service members, Veterans, providers, family members, caregivers, and friends. <http://dcoe.mil/blog/17-09-01/suicide-prevention-resources-read-them-share-them>

FROM THE CLINIC TO YOUR SMARTPHONE: USING MOBILE APPS TO IMPROVE CARE

This blog post summarizes a recent webinar that reviewed the advantages of mobile health technology, and highlighted telehealth capabilities and strategies for making apps a more common tool used in clinical settings. The benefits of mobile health technology in clinical care include overcoming barriers, increasing patient engagement, and improving patient reports of symptoms. For example, many apps let users keep logs that help them track and report symptoms to their providers. This can make clinical visits more productive. Studies also show that mobile technology can increase patient engagement with treatment outside of their face-to-face interactions with providers. <http://dcoe.mil/blog/17-09-08/clinic-your-smartphone-using-mobile-apps-improve-care>

NEW FROM VA

NEW PROGRAM ALLOWS VA STAFF TO MAKE HOUSE CALLS FOR VETERANS WHO RETURN HOME AFTER INPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH CARE

This blog post describes a new U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) program that provides home care to Veterans after inpatient psychiatric care.

<http://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/40602/new-program-allows-va-staff-make-house-calls-veterans-return-home-inpatient-mental-health-care/>

PODCAST: ROCKY MOUNTAIN SHORT TAKES ON SUICIDE PREVENTION: LIFE EXPERIENCE CAPTURED WITH DESE'RAE L. STAGE

In this podcast, Dese'Rae L. Stage discusses how the personal stories of those with lived experience bring an important perspective to suicide prevention efforts. Ms. Stage created the *Live Through This* website, a collection of portraits and stories of suicide attempt survivors, as told by those survivors.

https://www.mirecc.va.gov/visn19/education/media/podcasts/9_6_2017.asp

VA'S HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICE: SUICIDE PREVENTION EFFORTS

This online feature describes how VA's Health Services Research and Development Service (HSR&D) focuses its research and implementation efforts on suicide prevention through Centers of Innovation with a particular focus on mental health and suicide prevention, and individually-funded research studies. HSR&D's work is supplemented by dissemination of findings via multiple channels and ongoing educational efforts.

https://www.hsr.d.research.va.gov/news/feature/suicide_prevention0917.cfm

HEALTH OBSERVANCE: NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

SEPTEMBER 2017

Every September, CDC, private and public health institutions, and approximately 3,000 government organizations support preparedness efforts and encourage Americans to take action before, during, and after an emergency. Every community in the United States should be ready to respond to an infectious disease outbreak, chemical or radiological release, or natural disaster. Public health systems should have the capacity to scale up and respond to the varying demands of public health emergencies. This year, CDC's Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response focuses on empowering individuals to better prepare for public health emergencies. The 2017 theme "The Power of Preparedness" highlights the importance of building and updating an emergency kit, having and reviewing an emergency plan, inspiring others to prepare, and taking immediate action to save lives.

<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/66/wr/mm6636a1.htm>

HEALTH OBSERVANCE: NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

SEPTEMBER 2017

Every September, SAMHSA sponsors Recovery Month to increase awareness and understanding of mental and substance use disorders, and celebrate the people who recover. This year's theme is *Join the Voices for Recovery: Strengthen Families and Communities*. The Recovery Month toolkit provides tips and resources for planning events and distributing information in communities across the nation. Public service announcements are also available to generate media interest for recovery efforts, and to inform the public about mental and/or substance use disorders and their impact on affected family members.

<https://www.recoverymonth.gov/>

WEBINAR: TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY AND ATTEMPTED SUICIDE AMONG VETERANS OF THE WARS IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN

SEPTEMBER 18, 2017, 2:00-3:00 PM ET

Studies evaluating TBI and the risk for attempted suicide have yielded mixed results, and few have assessed the impact of psychiatric comorbidity on this association. This seminar will present the results from a recent study that evaluated the association between TBI and attempted suicide, and examined whether psychiatric conditions mediate this association in a large sample of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation New Dawn Veterans.

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/141865972000431361>

WEBCAST: HEALTHY AGING: PROMOTING WELL-BEING IN OLDER ADULTS

SEPTEMBER 19, 2017, 1:00 PM ET

Birth rates are declining, posing a potential shortfall of caregivers, and that trend will continue. Caregivers themselves are at risk for health problems. Trends show they will be working longer hours and caring for people with more than one chronic disease. In this CDC session, experts will discuss the impact the aging population will have on their caregivers, the public health system, and the aging themselves. Learn how older people can maintain their health and independence. Hear what CDC and public health officials are doing and what needs to be done. <https://www.cdc.gov/cdcgrandrounds/index.htm>

VIDEOCAST: AUTISM IN GIRLS AND WOMEN: A PANEL DISCUSSION

SEPTEMBER 19, 2017, 1:00-3:00 PM ET

Recent advances in research suggest that ASD presents differently in males and females. As a result, researchers are seeking to understand the biological differences between ASD in males and females, as well as re-evaluating the effectiveness of diagnostic tools and treatments for females on the autism spectrum. Meanwhile, girls and women with ASD are sharing their stories to increase awareness among researchers and the general public. This panel discussion will present three different perspectives on understanding ASD in girls and women: biological aspects of sex differences in ASD, observable differences in phenotype between girls and boys, and personal and community experiences related to ASD in girls and women. <https://iacc.hhs.gov/meetings/autism-events/2017/september19/autism-in-girls.shtml>

THUNDERCLAP: SUICIDE CAN BE STOPPED: SPREAD THE WORD ON SOCIAL MEDIA

SEPTEMBER 21, 2017, 12:00 PM ET

For Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, join CDC and partners to spread the message that everyone can stop suicide by working together. Sign up on Thunderclap to share the following message on Facebook or Twitter: *"Help stop suicide risk early! Let's work together during #SuicidePrevention Awareness Month. #VetoViolence <http://thndr.me/UtCDIq>."* The message also promotes CDC's resource for community planners, *Preventing Suicide: A Technical Package of Policy, Programs, and Practices*. After signing up, this one-time message will automatically post from your account on September 21 at noon ET. <https://www.thunderclap.it/projects/59734-help-stop-suicide-risk-before>

WEBINAR: THE 2017 REVISED CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE FOR PTSD: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PSYCHOTHERAPY

SEPTEMBER 20, 2017, 2:00 PM ET

The VA' National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Consultation Program Monthly Lecture Series will offer three lectures about the new *Clinical Practice Guidelines for PTSD*. This first webinar will address recommendations for psychotherapy. <https://www.ptsd.va.gov/professional/consult/lecture-series.asp>

WEBINAR: MEANINGFUL FAMILY ENGAGEMENT FROM EARLY CHILDHOOD TO HIGH SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 20, 2017, 2:00-3:30 PM ET

In this SAMHSA National Resource Center for Mental Health Promotion and Youth Violence Prevention webinar, participants will learn why and how Project LAUNCH (Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health) and Safe Schools/Healthy Students grantees are advancing meaningful family engagement at the state and local levels. Strategies will focus on state and local policy changes made to support and sustain meaningful family engagement in early childhood programs and public schools. Presenters also will share about best practices and methods that they are implementing from early childhood to high school to strengthen family engagement in their child's learning, development, and well-being. <http://www.healthysafekids.org/event/meaningful-family-engagement-pre-k-high-school>

WEBINAR: PROJECT VENTURE – POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FOR AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE YOUTH

SEPTEMBER 20, 2017, 3:00-4:00 PM ET

Project Venture is an evidence-based intervention, combining traditional native wisdom with positive youth development, social emotional learning, outdoor adventure, and service learning, that has been implemented in 25 states. This National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities webinar will highlight the project's core elements and guiding principles of this unique, internationally recognized native youth program, and assist participants with exploring their readiness to implement it. <http://tinyurl.com/ProjectVentureRegistration>

WEBINAR: SUICIDE PREVENTION IN WOMEN VETERANS: RISK AND RESILIENCY FACTORS

SEPTEMBER 25, 2017, 1:00-2:00 PM ET

This VA webinar will provide an overview of available data and findings that support the need to better understand female Veteran suicide risk, and describe what is currently known regarding risk and resilience among women Veterans. A more detailed discussion will focus on the association between sexual trauma and suicide and suicidal behavior among women Veterans.

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/539006273419273475>

WEBINAR: TRUSTWORTHINESS AND TRANSPARENCY: BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT

SEPTEMBER 25, 2017, 3:00-4:00 PM ET

In this SAMHSA webinar, the Baltimore Police Department Crisis Intervention Team Coordinator will discuss an innovative approach to crisis prevention and intervention in the City of Baltimore. The team provides support to homeless individuals, including helping them to secure needed medical, behavioral, and other services to prevent crisis and enhance adherence. They will explain their unique approaches to engaging people who are homeless, understanding the very complicated homeless community communication network and maintaining trust within these networks, and their work with the Recovery Network and Baltimore Crisis Response when acute crisis services or immediate access to recovery support is necessary. <https://www.nasmhpd.org/content/crisis-services-vln>

WEBINAR: REWARD SENSITIVITY AND DEPRESSION: FROM MECHANISM TO IMPLEMENTATION, THE DELAWARE PROJECT – ABCT – RDOC WEBINAR SERIES

SEPTEMBER 26, 2017, 11:30 AM-12:45 PM ET

NIMH's Research Domain Criteria (RDoC) Unit, the Delaware Project, and the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies will conduct the second webinar in a series examining the science-to-service pipeline in psychology and psychiatry. This webinar will focus on function and dysfunction in reward systems, including anhedonia and other related constructs. Presenters will discuss anhedonia from the standpoint of the basic pathological mechanisms, therapeutic techniques that address these mechanisms, and dissemination and implementation challenges that could make it difficult for practitioners to adopt and implement evidence-based techniques with fidelity. <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/science-news/2017/rdoc-webinar-reward-sensitivity-and-depression-from-mechanism-to-implementation.shtml>

WEBINAR: ENHANCING POLICE RESPONSES TO CHILDREN EXPOSED TO VIOLENCE: A TOOLKIT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

SEPTEMBER 27, 2017, 3:00-4:30 PM ET

Law enforcement practitioners and mental health professionals developed the toolkit, *Enhancing Police Responses to Children Exposed to Violence: A Toolkit for Law Enforcement* to enable officers to address children exposed to violence, build positive police-community relations, increase officer safety, and enhance officers' sense of professional efficacy. In this Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention webinar, presenters will discuss the issue of children exposed to violence and the role of the police officer in the life of a child exposed to violence, and present the tools in the toolkit. https://events-na8.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/1110525827/en/events/event/shared/default_template_simple/event_registration.html?sco-id=2080427782&_charset=utf-8

WEBINAR: GETTING DATA RIGHT – AND RIGHTEOUS – TO IMPROVE HISPANIC OR LATINO HEALTH

OCTOBER 3, 2017, 1:00-2:00 PM ET

CDC's Office of Minority Health and Health Equity is hosting this webinar during Hispanic Heritage Month to discuss the importance of population health monitoring programs to collect data elements that better capture Hispanics' diversity. The presenter will cover ways to provide language assistance to assure meaningful inclusion of all Latino and Hispanic populations in national health monitoring. Registration is not required. <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USNIHNIMHD/bulletins/1b48021>

WEBINAR: HOMELESSNESS AND UNSTABLE HOUSING: IMPACT ON PROVIDER SERVICES

OCTOBER 4, 2017, 1:00-2:00 PM ET

This SAMHSA Recovery to Practice webinar will provide an overview of homelessness and housing instability, its subsequent impact on service engagement and outcomes, and how behavioral health providers can incorporate housing stability assessments into standard practice. The presenters will demonstrate how to integrate some basic tools into standard assessment and care, along with ways to use them to guide treatment and enhance recovery outcomes. https://events-na2.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/916603251/en/events/event/shared/1078449659/event_landing.html?sco-id=1078449604&_charset=utf-8

WEBINAR: PRECISION MEDICINE AND HEALTH DISPARITIES: THE PROMISE AND PERILS OF EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

OCTOBER 11, 2017, 3:00-4:00 PM ET

The Precision Medicine and Population Health Interest Group in the Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences at the National Cancer Institute, the NIH Genomics and Health Disparities Interest Group, and the CDC Office of Public Health Genomics are hosting this webinar that will explore the intersection of genomics, precision medicine, and health disparities. Webinar speakers will discuss the appropriate role and impact of genomics and precision medicine in understanding and addressing health disparities in the U.S. and around the world.

<https://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/research-emphasis/precision-medicine.html> (Select “Events”)

2017 NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ALCOHOL AND OPIOID USE IN WOMEN AND GIRLS: ADVANCES IN PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND RECOVERY

OCTOBER 26-27, 2017, WASHINGTON, DC

This national conference will highlight the intersection of harmful drinking among women, HIV infection, and adverse maternal-child health outcomes. The conference seeks to disseminate findings from the latest research on the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of alcohol and other substance misuse among girls and women, including strategies to prevent HIV infection/progression and substance-exposed pregnancies; and develop a coalition of stakeholder organizations and researchers to develop a blueprint for a coordinated public-private response to epidemic substance misuse among women and girls. This conference, sponsored by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, NIDA, the NIH Office of Research on Women’s Health, SAMHSA, and the NIH Office of AIDS Research is free of charge and open to the public. <https://www.niaaa.nih.gov/2017-national-conference-alcohol-and-opioid-use-women-girls>

CALLS FOR PUBLIC INPUT

NIH REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: PEDIATRIC RESEARCH THAT ALL OF US MAY BE UNIQUELY POSITIONED TO ENABLE

The purpose of this request for information is to solicit input from the community to help inform the scientific vision for the enrollment of pediatric participants in the *All of Us* Research Program. The Child Enrollment Scientific Vision Working Group of the *All of Us* Advisory Panel seeks public input on the pediatric research that the *All of Us* may be uniquely positioned to enable through the enrollment of children from diverse backgrounds into the cohort. Responses accepted through September 22, 2017.

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/rfi/rfi.cfm?ID=65>

HHS ESTABLISHES NEW TASK FORCE ON PAIN MANAGEMENT

HHS recently announced the creation of a new task force to develop best practices for prescribing pain medication, and for managing chronic and acute pain. HHS, along with VA and the Department of Defense, will provide oversight of the Pain Management Best Practices Inter-Agency Task Force. HHS is seeking member nominations from the public that include representatives of the mental health treatment and addiction treatment communities, individuals in recovery from substance use disorder, and groups with expertise on overdose reversal. Nominations must be received no later than close of business September 27, 2017. <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USSAMHSA/bulletins/1b394a9>

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR HEALTHY PEOPLE 2030

HHS is soliciting written comments on the proposed framework for *Healthy People 2030*, developed by the Secretary's Advisory Committee on National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives for 2030. The framework refers to the Healthy People 2030 vision, mission, foundational principles, plan of action, and overarching goals that will guide the selection and prioritization of objectives for Healthy People 2030. Members of the public—including individuals, stakeholders, and organizations—are invited to provide comments on the Healthy People 2030 framework. This round of public comment will be open until September 29, 2017 at 5:00 PM ET. <https://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/About-Healthy-People/Development-Healthy-People-2030/Public-Comment>

FUNDING INFORMATION

RESEARCH ON THE HEALTH OF TRANSGENDER AND GENDER NONCONFORMING POPULATIONS

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-17-477.html> (R21)

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-17-478.html> (R01)

COLLABORATIVE MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES RESEARCH WITH TRIBAL EPIDEMIOLOGY CENTERS

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-17-484.html> (R01)

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-17-483.html> (R21)



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.