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Science and Service News Updates

NIMH: Childhood Maltreatment Undermines Physical Health in Adulthood

It's well known that early life experiences can affect a child's cognitive, emotional, and behavioral development. A recent study funded by NIMH takes this link one step further showing that negative childhood experiences, such as abuse or neglect, can affect a person's physical health as well.

Published in the February 24, 2009, issue of the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, the study suggests a history of child abuse or neglect can lower a person's overall immunity and ability to manage stress, and that this effect may be long-lasting.

Science Update: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2009/childhood-maltreatment-undermines-physical-health-in-adulthood.shtml>

NIMH: Autism Skews Developing Brain with Synchronous Motion and Sound—Lip-Sync Could Explain Staring at People's Mouths

Individuals with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) tend to stare at people's mouths rather than their eyes. Now, an NIH-funded study in 2-year-olds with the social deficit disorder suggests why they might find mouths so attractive: lip-sync — the exact match of lip motion and speech sound. Such audiovisual synchrony preoccupied toddlers who have autism, while their unaffected peers focused on socially meaningful movements of the human body, such as gestures and facial expressions.

Researchers report the findings of their study online March 29, 2009 in the journal *Nature*.

Press Release: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2009/autism-skews-developing-brain-with-synchronous-motion-and-sound.shtml>

NIMH: Short-term Intensive Treatment Not Likely to Improve Long-term Outcomes for Children with ADHD

Initial positive results gleaned from intensive treatment of childhood attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) are unlikely to be sustained over the long term, according to a recent analysis of data from the NIMH-funded Multimodal Treatment Study of Children with ADHD. The study was published March 2009 online ahead of print in the *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*.

Science Update: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2009/short-term-intensive-treatment-not-likely-to-improve-long-term-outcomes-for-children-with-adhd.shtml>

Rising to the Challenge: NIH Will Use \$60 Million in Recovery Act Funds to Support Strategic Autism Research

The NIH will commit roughly \$60 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to support autism research and meet objectives set forth earlier this year by a federal advisory committee. The Request for Applications is the largest funding opportunity for research on autism spectrum disorders (ASD) to date and, combined with other ARRA initiatives, represents a surge in NIH's commitment to finding the causes and treatments for autism.

Press Release: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2009/rising-to-the-challenge-nih-will-use-60-million-in-recovery-act-funds-to-support-strategic-autism-research.shtml>

NIMH: Youths Exposed to HIV Before Birth Have Higher Chance of Developing Psychiatric Disorders

Youths who were exposed to HIV before birth, especially those who were born HIV positive, have a high chance of developing psychiatric disorders, according to an NIMH-funded study published February 27, 2009 online ahead of print, in the *Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry*.

Science Update: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2009/youths-exposed-to-hiv-before-birth-have-higher-chance-of-developing-psychiatric-disorders.shtml>

NIMH: Key Molecule in Inflammation-Related Depression Confirmed

Scientists have confirmed the role of an immune-activated enzyme in causing inflammation-related depression-like symptoms in mice. The work clarifies how the immune system can trigger depression and, more broadly, demonstrates the potential of this animal model for exploring the relationship between chronic inflammation—a common feature of diseases such as heart disease, cancer, and diabetes—and depression.

Science Update: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2009/key-molecule-in-inflammation-related-depression-confirmed.shtml>

NIMH: Premature Birth Risk Higher for Pregnant Women Taking SSRIs or Suffering from Untreated Depression

Untreated major depression, as well as the use of antidepressant medications, may increase the risk for premature (preterm) birth, but the risk of other problems in fetuses such as breathing, gastrointestinal, or motor problems, may not be increased, according to a study of pregnant women published March 15, 2009 online ahead of print in the *American Journal of Psychiatry*.

Science Update: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2009/premature-birth-risk-higher-for-pregnant-women-taking-ssris-or-suffering-from-untreated-depression.shtml>

NIMH: New Silvio O. Conte Centers Address Brain Development, Disorders

With a mandate to use innovative, multidisciplinary research approaches to address important mental health questions, four newly funded centers have begun investigations of schizophrenia, brain development, and adolescent mood disorders. The four are the latest among NIMH's Silvio O. Conte centers, all of which have as their goal bringing together diverse expertise and cutting edge technology to gain new knowledge and improve the diagnosis and treatment of mental health disorders.

Science Update: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2009/new-silvio-o-conte-centers-address-brain-development-disorders.shtml>

NIMH: Brain Awareness Week Teaches Kids How Their Brains Work

The 10th annual Brain Awareness Week (BAW), a science and health education fair held in various locations across the United States, teaches fifth through eighth grade students about the brain. In Washington, D.C., it took place March 16-20, 2009, at the National Museum of Health and Medicine at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Several institutes from the National Institutes of Health provided interactive exhibits and lectures focusing on brain health and neuroscience on March 18th and 19th. Participating institutes include: NIMH, the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), the National Institute on Aging (NIA), and the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS).

Press Release: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2009/brain-awareness-week-teaches-kids-how-their-brains-work.shtml>

NIH: Advisory Panel Releases First Federal Strategic Plan for Autism Research

The Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee (IACC), a federal government advisory panel, has released its first blueprint for autism research. The IACC Strategic Plan for Autism Spectrum Disorder Research will advise federal agencies and Congress on needs and opportunities for research investigating autism, a complex developmental disorder that affects 1 in 150 children.

Press Release: <http://www.nih.gov/news/health/mar2009/nimh-05.htm>

NIDA: Combination of Genes and Prenatal Exposure to Smoking Increases Teens' Risk of Disruptive Behavior—Study Shows Different Gene Variants Influence this Risk for Girls and Boys

A study funded by NIDA shows that prenatal exposure to smoking combined with a specific genetic variant places children at greatest risk for behavioral problems. Many studies have established that there is an increased risk of aggressive behavior in children exposed to cigarette smoke before birth, a significant problem given that many women still smoke during pregnancies.

Press Release: <http://www.nih.gov/news/health/mar2009/nida-04.htm>

NIDA: Study Helps Unravel Mysteries of Brain's Endocannabinoid System—Research Could Lead to Better Treatment for Pain and Marijuana Addiction

New research funded by NIDA has identified a new mechanism for the processing of endocannabinoids, natural brain compounds similar to THC, the active ingredient in marijuana. The results of this study were published March 16 in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

Press Release: <http://www.drugabuse.gov/newsroom/09/NR3-16.html>

SAMHSA: New National Online Resource Provides Practical Advice and Hope for People Dealing with Emotional Health Issues Related to Financial Stress—Provides Essential Information on How Economic Conditions Can Affect Physical and Mental Health and Where People Can Turn for Help

A first-of-its-kind, online guide now provides crucial information and resource referrals for people dealing with emotional or other health problems associated with economic hard times. The *Getting Through Tough Economic Times* guide provides practical advice on identifying health concerns, developing coping skills and finding help. Developed by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in collaboration with other government agencies and the Suicide Prevention Resource Center, the guide outlines the risks that unemployment and other forms of economic distress (foreclosure, severe financial losses, etc.) can pose to health.

<http://www.samhsa.gov/economy/>

SAMHSA Awards Funds for National Conferences

Community-Based Approaches to Promoting Mental Health

SAMHSA announced the award of a Knowledge Dissemination Conference Grant totaling \$39, 932 to the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, NM. The conference will take place June 17, 2010. The grant award will support the upcoming conference titled, *Connecting Neighbors: Finding Strength in Communities*. This conference will provide an opportunity for family members, consumers, provider agencies, clinicians, and policy makers to strengthen partnerships and work together to enable the dissemination of evidence-based practices particularly behavioral health, co-occurring, recovery and cultural competency in rural and frontier settings.

<http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/0903255403.aspx>

Treatment of Depression in Primary Care

SAMHSA announced the award of a Knowledge Dissemination Conference Grant totaling \$40,000 to the Regents of the University of California in Davis, CA. The grant award will support the upcoming conference titled, *From Innovation to Implementation: Addressing Barriers to Recognition and Treatment of Depression in Primary Care* to be held at the University of California, Davis School of Medicine (date to be announced). The conference seeks to improve help seeking and active engagement in mental health treatment among underserved people by tailoring public service announcements and interactive multimedia computer programs.

<http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/0903255636.aspx>

AHRQ: Task Force Recommends Screening Adolescents for Clinical Depression

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force now recommends screening adolescents for clinical depression only when appropriate systems are in place to ensure accurate diagnosis, treatment and follow-up care. This applies to all adolescents 12 to 18 years of age. In a separate recommendation, the Task Force found insufficient evidence to assess the balance of benefits and harms of screening children 7 to 11 years of age for clinical depression. The recommendations and the accompanying summary of evidence appear in the April issue of *Pediatrics*. The Task Force is the leading independent panel of experts in prevention and primary care. The Task Force, which is supported by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), conducts rigorous, impartial assessments of the scientific evidence for the effectiveness of a broad range of clinical preventive services, including screening, counseling and preventive medications. Its recommendations are considered the gold standard for clinical preventive services.

Press Release: <http://www.ahrq.gov/news/press/pr2009/tfaddepr.htm>

Resources: Publications, Toolkits, Other Resources

New on the NIMH Website

NIMH Recovery Funding Home Page

This web page features NIMH announcements related to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/recovery/index.shtml>

Revised: Mental Health Medications—Online only

This updated publication, now available online only, describes the types of medications used to treat mental disorders, side effects of medications, directions for taking medications, and includes any FDA warnings

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/mental-health-medications/index.shtml>

Meeting Summary Available: NIMH Alliance for Research Progress - January 16, 2009

NIMH convened its tenth meeting of the Alliance for Research Progress on Friday, January 16, 2009 in Bethesda, Maryland. This document provides an overview of the proceedings.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/outreach/alliance/alliance-report-january-2009/nimh-alliance-for-research-progress-january-16-2009.shtml>

Meeting Summary Available: New Perspectives in the Translational Neuroscience of Late Life Mental Disorders

The goal of this workshop was to bring together basic and clinical researchers to identify key research questions relative to discovering the causes of mental disorders, and to chart mental illness trajectories to determine when, where and how to intervene.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/research-funding/scientific-meetings/2009/new-perspectives-in-the-translational-neuroscience-of-late-life-mental-disorders.shtml>

NIH Archived Videocast: Stigma—Lessons and New Directions from a Decade of Research on Mental Illness

As part of the NIH Behavioral and Social Sciences Lecture Series, an archived videocast of the February 9, 2009 lecture with Bernice A. Pescosolido, Ph.D., of Indiana University, is now available. This presentation describes the findings of a series of collaborative research studies examining the public's view of the underlying causes of mental illness, as well as the stigma associated with mental illness. Together, these studies offer direction on future efforts to improve the lives of persons with mental illness, those who care for them in the community, and the practitioners who develop and deliver services in the treatment sector.

http://obssr.od.nih.gov/training_and_education/videocast/videocast.aspx

Two New NIDA NewsScans Available

March 2009 Issue

This issue includes summaries of NIDA-funded research, including a family-based intervention found to improve children's early problem behavior.

<http://www.drugabuse.gov/newsroom/09/NS-03.html>

Special College Issue

This *NewScan* issue highlights NIDA-funded research related to college students including nonmedical prescription stimulants by college students, and rate of cannabis use disorders in this population.

<http://www.drugabuse.gov/newsroom/09/NS-02.html>

NIAAA: Rethinking Drinking Offers Tools to Assess and Change Risky Drinking Habits

A new Web site and booklet from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) could help many people reduce their risk for alcohol problems. Called *Rethinking Drinking*, the new materials present evidence-based information about risky drinking patterns, the alcohol content of drinks, and the signs of an alcohol problem, along with information about medications and other resources to help people who choose to cut back or quit drinking.

<http://RethinkingDrinking.niaaa.nih.gov>

New SAMHSA Resources

Latest Issue of SAMHSA News Available

The cover story of the January/February issue of *SAMHSA News* describes SAMHSA's successful Drug Free Communities Support program with more than 750 grantees nationwide. Features in this issue include suicide prevention, older adults, Assertive Community Treatment to help people with mental illness live in the community, a Treatment Improvement Protocol on depressive symptoms in clients with substance abuse issues, and informational briefs on cost-effective ways for employers to maintain a drug-free workplace.

<http://www.samhsa.gov/samhsaNewsletter/default.aspx>

Managing Depressive Symptoms in Substance Abuse Clients During Early Recovery

This Treatment Improvement Protocol (TIP) provides substance abuse counselors the “what,” “why,” and “how-to” of working with clients with depressive symptoms and substance use disorders, covering topics such as counseling approaches, clinical settings, cultural concerns, counselor roles and responsibilities, screening and assessment, treatment planning and processes, and continuing care. This TIP also provides administrators information about incorporating the management of depressive symptoms into their substance abuse programs, complete with a systematic approach to designing and implementing a supportive infrastructure.

<http://ncadistore.samhsa.gov/catalog/productDetails.aspx?ProductID=17976>

New Nationwide Report Provides Overview of the Capabilities of State Mental Health Agencies' Information Technology Systems

A new report provides a nationwide overview of the increasingly crucial role information technology (IT) plays in helping the states provide mental health services. The report reveals the differences in the size, types, and uses of IT resources among the nation's state mental health agencies.

http://download.ncadi.samhsa.gov/ken/pdf/URS_Data07/CMHS_State_MH_DataSystems.pdf

Sibling Death and Childhood Traumatic Grief: Information for Families

This publication from SAMHSA's National Child Traumatic Stress Network offers caregivers information about the particular grief reactions that a child may have when a brother or sister dies and provides tips to help the grieving child. An extensive listing of books—organized by age of the intended audience—websites, and videos is included. *Sibling Death and Childhood Traumatic Grief* also offers self-care advice for caregivers to help them cope with their own grief reactions.

http://www.nctsn.net/nccts/nav.do?pid=typ_tg#q5

Concurrent Illicit Drug and Alcohol Use

A short report based on data from SAMHSA's National Survey on Drug Use & Health (NSDUH) that examines the demographics of those who drink alcohol and use an illicit drug at about the same time. This concurrent alcohol and illicit drug can put them at risk for additive or interactive adverse effects of the substances they use.

<http://oas.samhsa.gov/2k9/alcDrugs/alcDrugs.cfm>

Trends in Adolescent Inhalant Use: 2002 to 2007

A short report based on data from SAMHSA's NSDUH that provides data on demographics and trends in inhalant use as well as on specific types of inhalants.

<http://oas.samhsa.gov/2k9/inhalantTrends/inhalantTrends.cfm>

Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS) Highlights 2007

A report provides the highlights of National and State data on characteristics of treatment admissions to substance abuse treatment services reported by the States to SAMHSA and provides data on the primary substance of abuse, trends, and types of services.

<http://oas.samhsa.gov/TEDS2k7highlights/TOC.cfm>

AHRQ: Research Summaries

Most Office-Based Psychiatrists are Providing Medication Rather Than Psychotherapy to Their Patients

The use of psychotherapy has declined markedly among U.S. office-based psychiatrists, reveals a new study. For instance, the percentage of visits to psychiatrists that included psychotherapy dropped from 44.4 percent during 1996-1997 to 28.9 percent in 2004-2005. Similarly, the number of psychiatrists who provided psychotherapy to all of their patients fell by nearly half from 19.1 percent to 10.8 percent during that time. The researchers attribute the decline in psychotherapy to a drop in the number of psychiatrists specializing in psychotherapy and a corresponding rise in those specializing in drug therapy. They note that these changes were likely sparked by reimbursement policies favoring brief medication management visits over psychotherapy and the introduction of new psychotropic medications with fewer adverse effects in recent years. The study was supported in part by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ).

<http://www.ahrq.gov/research/feb09/0209RA24.htm>

Mental Health Counseling Remains Persistently Low From Adolescence into Young Adulthood

Mental health problems suffered by adolescents often persist into young adulthood. Young adults' mental health problems are compounded by the fact that they face a number of barriers to accessing medical care. For example, many lack the insurance coverage they may have previously had through their parents and many don't have job-related insurance. Not surprisingly, low rates of mental health counseling persist from adolescence to young adulthood, concludes a new study.

<http://www.ahrq.gov/research/feb09/0209RA25.htm>

Prior Traumatic Brain Injury is Very Common among Homeless People and is Linked to Poorer Health

About 5,000 people in Toronto, Ontario, are homeless each night and about 29,000 people use shelters each year. More than half (53 percent) of this homeless group have a history of a traumatic brain injury and 12 percent have suffered a moderate or severe traumatic brain injury. More than two-thirds of this homeless population had suffered the injury before they became homeless, according to a new study. Traumatic brain injury is a head injury that leaves the individual dazed, confused, disoriented, or unconscious, with moderate or severe injuries resulting from unconsciousness that lasts 30 minutes or longer. These injuries often lead to cognitive impairment, attention deficits, lack of inhibition, impulsivity, and emotional instability.

<http://www.ahrq.gov/research/mar09/0309RA12.htm>

CDC: Surveillance for Violent Deaths—National Violent Death Reporting System, 16 States, 2006

The new report from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) summarizes data on 15,395 violent deaths in 16 states; provides up to date information on the demographic characteristics of victims and suspects; and describes precipitating factors for violent deaths such as intimate partner violence and relationship problems, mental health problems, and drug or alcohol use. Findings show the majority of violent deaths included in the report were suicides (56%); followed by homicides and deaths involving legal interventions (28%); and violent deaths of undetermined intent (15%).

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/ss5801a1.htm>

After-School Web Site Connects After-School Providers to Federal Resources that Support Children and Youth During Out-of-School Hours

A one-stop website to connect the public, but particularly after-school providers, with information about federal resources to support children and youth during out-of-school time is now available. Because after-school resources are spread across the federal government, this website merges these resources into one site where the public can access this information. The website links visits to a broad range of resources and information, including what's listed above. You can find information on how to: get money for your program, collaborate and create partnerships, start a program, find research and reports on after-school programs, and provide academic and enrichment activities for those enrolled.

<http://www.afterschool.gov/>

GAO: Human Subjects Research—Undercover Tests Show the Institutional Review Board System Is Vulnerable to Unethical Manipulation

The Government Accountability Office investigated three key aspects of the IRB system: (1) the process for establishing an IRB, (2) the process through which researchers wishing to apply for federal funding assure HHS their human subjects research activities follow ethical principles and federal regulations, and (3) the process that medical research companies follow to get approval for conducting research on human subjects.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-09-448T>

Calendar of Events

Teleconference: A Public Health Approach to Children's Mental Health: A Comprehensive Framework for Health - Call 2

April 16, 2009 1-2:30 PM ET

This SAMHSA National Technical Assistance Center for Children's Mental Health call will present a public health approach from the state perspective. Collaboration across systems and sectors, from the child mental health care system to the public health system to all other settings and structures that impact children's well-being is critical, when adopting a public health approach to mental health. This call will highlight the collaboration and coordinating efforts of three states as they have attempted to pull together the variety of systems' efforts.

http://gucchd.georgetown.edu/programs/ta_center/tacalls2009.html

2009 NIH Regional Seminar on Program Funding & Grants Administration

April 16-17, 2009, Atlanta, Georgia

Have you been looking for a comprehensive program that provides valuable information about the NIH Grants Process, including such topics as how to apply for and manage an NIH grant application, grant writing for success, the latest in NIH peer review, public access, compliance, and how to interact electronically with NIH? What about an opportunity to meet and discuss grants issues with approximately 25 HHS and NIH officials? The NIH offers two regional seminars each year that focus on topics related to NIH extramural program funding and grants administration.

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-09-046.html>

Webinar: Cyber Bullying

April 22, 2009, 3:00-4:30 PM EST

The Health Resources and Services Administration's Stop Bullying Now! Campaign will host a Web cast focusing on how to help prevent cyber bullying and lend support when bullying occurs. The Web cast will include experts in cyber bullying, who will provide current information on the use of cyber technologies and the emerging phenomenon of cyber bullying among youth. Participants will learn about best practices in prevention and intervention.

<http://www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov/adult/indexAdult.asp>

National Institute of Justice Conference

June 15-17, 2009 Arlington, Virginia

For more than a decade, NIJ's annual conference has brought together criminal justice scholars, policymakers, and practitioners at the local, state and federal levels to share the most recent findings from research and technology. The conference showcases what works, what doesn't work and what the research shows as promising. It puts a heavy emphasis on the benefits to researchers and practitioners who work together to create effective evidence-based policies and practices.

http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/events/nij_conference/welcome.htm

The 20th NIMH Conference on Mental Health Services Research: Increasing the Efficiency of Research and Mental Health Services Delivery

July 20-21, 2009, Washington DC

Mental Health Services Research 2009 will engage leading minds in addressing the challenge of improving the efficiency of research and practice. Progress will directly promote Strategic Objective 4 of the NIMH Strategic Plan, "Enhancing the Public Health Impact of NIMH-funded Research." This year's conference is designed to present and discuss research studies that represent the diverse research programs within the Services Research and Clinical Epidemiology Branch of the Division of Services and Intervention Research, the National Institute of Mental Health and that contribute to a portfolio addressing the need to increase the efficiency of research and mental health services delivery. The goal of MHSR 2009 is to stimulate new ideas and partnerships that will foster innovative mental health services research focusing on improving public health and mental health services delivery. Call for Abstracts due April 15.

<http://www.blsmmeetings.net/2009mhsr/>

Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools National Conference

August 3-5, 2009, National Harbor, Maryland

The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools National Conference will address issues related to crisis planning; health, mental health, and physical education; broad-based issues related to alcohol, drug and violence prevention; civic and character education; scientifically-based programs; and many other areas concerning drug and violence prevention.

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osdfs/news.html>

National Conference on Health Communication, Marketing, and Media 2009

August 11-13, 2009 Atlanta, Georgia

SAMHSA is joining with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to sponsor the 2009 National Conference on Health Communication, Marketing, and Media. SAMHSA's goal for co-sponsoring the conference is to increase the visibility and presence of mental health and substance abuse service delivery organizations, providers, and advocates. With your help, support, and participation, we can best leverage the new media environment to address the needs of people with or at risk for substance use and mental disorders.

<http://www.cdc.gov/healthmarketing/NCHCMM2009/>

Calls for Public Input

ICDR Seeks Your Recommendations on Emerging Disability Research Topics

This year for the first time, the federally mandated Interagency Committee on Disability Research (ICDR) is utilizing an innovative Web-based approach to collect online disability research comments to assist in developing a federal disability and rehabilitation 2010 research agenda. This technology-driven approach gives the public a three-week timeframe from March 27th through April 17th to submit their recommendations. Additionally, registered participants will be invited to review all comments submitted and vote on their top 10 concerns in each topic area during the one-week period from April 22nd through April 29th. Public comments from stakeholders are the focal point of the disability research recommendations in the ICDR Annual Report to the President and Congress.

Comment Period: March 27 – April 17, 2009

Voting Period: April 22 – 29, 2009

<http://www.icdr.us/stakeholders>

Funding Information

SAMHSA Accepting Applications for Jail Diversion and Trauma Recovery Grants with Program-Priority on Veterans

SAMHSA is soliciting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2009 Jail Diversion and Trauma Recovery Program- Priority to Veterans grants. These grants are designed to address the needs of individuals with post traumatic stress disorder and trauma-related disorders involved in the justice system. This program will support states to pilot local implementation of a trauma-integrated jail diversion programs and to replicate them statewide. In recognition of the dramatically higher prevalence of trauma-related illnesses among veterans, this program will prioritize eligibility for veterans.

The application deadline is Tuesday, April 28, 2009

http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants/2009/sm_09_004.aspx

SAMHSA Accepting Applications for Cooperative Agreements for Healthy Transitions Initiative

SAMHSA is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2009 for cooperative agreements for State/Community Partnerships to Integrate Services and Supports for Youth and Young Adults 16-25 with Serious Mental Health Conditions, and Their Families (Healthy Transitions Initiative). Young people with serious mental health conditions, particularly those involved with the public mental health system, often face a more difficult transition to adulthood and the successful assumption of adult roles and responsibilities compared to their peers with or without other disabilities.

The application deadline is Wednesday, May 20, 2009

http://samhsa.gov/grants/2009/sm_09_008.aspx

SAMHSA Accepting Applications for Grants for Primary and Behavioral Health Care Integration Programs

SAMHSA is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2009 for Grants for Primary and Behavioral Health Care Integration. The purpose of this program is to improve the physical health status of people with serious mental illnesses (SMI) by supporting communities to coordinate and integrate primary care services into publicly funded community mental health and other community-based behavioral health settings. By building the necessary partnerships and infrastructure to support this goal, the expected outcome is for grantees to enter into partnerships to develop or expand their offering of primary healthcare services for people with SMI, resulting in improved health status.

The application deadline is Wednesday, May 27, 2009

http://samhsa.gov/grants/2009/sm_09_011.aspx

Evaluating the Healthy People 2020 Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Agenda

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, in collaboration with the Regional Health Administrators, announces a request for proposals for the *State Action: Evaluating the Healthy People 2020 Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Agenda* project. This evaluation project will fund state, territorial, and tribal governments to conduct innovative and participatory strategic planning activities, with an emphasis on multi-sector collaboration, using the Healthy People 2020 framework and population health improvement concepts (i.e., Healthy People 2020 mission and overarching goals; social, physical, and environmental determinants of health; and health equity). Up to 12 projects, taking place between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010, will be funded at a maximum award of \$37,000 each.

The application deadline is Monday, April 27, 2009.

<http://www.healthypeople.gov/stateaction/>

Programmatic Funding Opportunities

Army: Suicide Prevention and Counseling Research

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppId=45940&flag2006=false&mode=VIEW>

DOJ: Second Chance Act Prisoner Reentry Initiative FY 2009 Competitive Grant Announcement

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/09SecondChanceReentrySol.pdf>

SAMHSA: National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative National Center for Child Traumatic Stress

http://samhsa.gov/Grants/2009/sm_09_006.aspx

SAMHSA: Cooperative Agreements for Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health

http://samhsa.gov/Grants/2009/sm_09_009.aspx

SAMHSA: Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity for Juvenile Drug Courts

<http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/0903302858.aspx>

SAMHSA: FY 2009 Offender Reentry Program Grants

<http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/0903303220.aspx>

SAMHSA: FY 2009 Family Centered Substance Abuse Treatment Grants for Adolescents and Their Families

http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/2009/ti_09_002.aspx

Research Funding Opportunities

Selected NIH Request for Applications (RFAs)

[Full listing of NIH RFAs at

http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/guide/search_results.htm?year=active&scope=rfa]

Recovery Act Limited Competition: Research to Address the Heterogeneity in Autism Spectrum Disorders

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-09-170.html> (R01)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-09-171.html> (Collaborative R01)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-09-172.html> (R21)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-09-173.html> (R34 and Collaborative R34)

Recovery Act Limited Competition for NIH Grants: Research and Research Infrastructure Grand Opportunities (RC2)

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