

National Institute of Mental Health Outreach Partnership Program

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Science and Service News Updates

NIMH: Citalopram No Better Than Placebo Treatment for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders

Citalopram, a medication commonly prescribed to children with autism spectrum disorders (ASD), was no more effective than a placebo at reducing repetitive behaviors, according to researchers funded by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) and other NIH institutes. The study was published in the June 2009 issue of *Archives of General Psychiatry*.

Press Release: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2009/citalopram-no-better-than-placebo-treatment-for-children-with-autism-spectrum-disorders.shtml>

NIH Radio Story: <http://www.nih.gov/news/radio/jun2009/index.htm>

NIMH: Re-shaping Negative Thoughts Shields At-Risk Teens from Depression—Cognitive Prevention Program Trumps Usual Care in “Real World” Trial

At-risk teens exposed to a program that teaches them to counteract their unrealistic and overly negative thoughts experienced significantly less depression than their peers who received usual care, NIMH-funded researchers have found. However, the cognitive behavioral prevention program failed to similarly help adolescents prone to the mood disorder if their parents were currently depressed. NIMH grantees report on the findings of their multi-site clinical trial in the June 3, 2009 issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Science Update; <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2009/re-shaping-negative-thoughts-shields-at-risk-teens-from-depression.shtml>

SAMHSA: New National Report Shows Substantial Disparities in the Levels of Substance Abuse and Mental Illness Problems Experienced Among the States—Some States Have Levels Twice as High as Other States in Certain Categories of Problems, but All States Face Daunting Substance Abuse and Mental Illness Challenges

A new report providing state-by-state analyses of substance abuse and mental illness patterns reveals that there are wide variations in the levels of problems like illicit drug use found among the states, but that every state suffers from these problems. For example, Tennessee had the nation’s highest rate of people aged 18 and older experiencing a major depressive episode in the past year (9.8 percent) while Hawaii had the lowest (5.0 percent).

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/0906042748.aspx>

The full report: <http://oas.samhsa.gov/2k7state/TOC.cfm>

CDC: Three in Every One Thousand U.S. Children Diagnosed with Tourette Syndrome

The first-ever national estimate among a nationally representative sample of U.S. children revealed that 3 out of every 1000 children between the age of 6 and 17 in the United States have been diagnosed with Tourette Syndrome (TS), according to a study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released in the *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*. The study found that a TS diagnosis is three times more common in boys than in girls, and approximately twice as common in children between 12-17 years as those aged 6-12 years. Among children with TS, 27% were reported as having moderate or severe TS and 79% of children had also been diagnosed with at least one additional mental health or neurodevelopmental condition.

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5821a1.htm?s_cid=mm5821a1_e

Resources: Publications, Toolkits, Other Resources

New NIMH Video Describes Depression, Importance of Treatment

A new 4-minute video from the National Institute of Mental Health provides an overview for the general public on the symptoms, impact, and treatment of depression. The video is available for viewing by individuals or can be used by community groups or in health care offices to inform viewers about depression and its consequences, and the critical importance of seeking treatment. Included with the video is a "How to Use" fact sheet that outlines key points in the video, audiences it can be used for, and suggestions for how to use it in a public setting.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2009/new-nimh-video-describes-depression-importance-of-treatment.shtml>

NIH Research Matters: Common Medication Ineffective for Children with Autism

The medication citalopram is often prescribed for children with autism to reduce repetitive behaviors. But now a new clinical study shows that the drug is no more effective than a placebo and leads to more adverse effects.

http://www.nih.gov/news/research_matters/index.htm

AHRQ Report: Mental Disorders, Asthma, and Trauma Injuries Topped the List of Most Costly Medical Conditions in Children In 2006

Over \$98 billion was spent to treat medical problems in children age 17 and under in 2006, according to data from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). Treating mental disorders in children topped the list at a cost of \$8.9 billion. These findings are from the 2006 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, a detailed source of information on the use of health services by Americans, frequency and cost of use, and source of payment.

<http://www.ahrq.gov/research/jun09/0609RA46.htm>

NIDA NewScan

NIDA's latest NewScan a summary of recent addiction news is now available. The findings in this issue include a study on how stress hormone levels are altered in maltreated foster children.

<http://www.drugabuse.gov/newsroom/09/NS-06.html>

SAMHSA: New Reports

Ensuring U.S. Health Reform Includes Prevention and Treatment of Mental and Substance Use Disorders — A Framework for Discussion

SAMHSA reached out to hundreds of stakeholder and consumer groups and dozens of Nationally and internationally recognized experts in the fields of mental health and addictions to solicit insight and recommendations on the most critical issues related to mental and substance use disorders facing the American population today, with an emphasis on identifying opportunities to ensure that imminent health reform efforts include prevention and treatment for these disorders. Their thoughtful input was used as the basis to develop the set of nine Core Consensus Principles that underpin this document.

<http://www.samhsa.gov/Healthreform/index.aspx>

Suicide Prevention Resource Center: Interfaith Suicide Prevention Dialogue Summary

The Suicide Prevention Resource Center has released a summary of an interfaith dialogue including participants from Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, and Muslim faith communities. The report includes a consensus statement on suicide and suicide prevention, various faith community perspectives on suicide, and priority opportunities for interfaith initiatives.

<http://library.sprc.org/item.php?id=636>

Parental Involvement in Preventing Youth Substance Use

Findings from the 2007 National Survey on Drug Use and Health suggest that the majority of parents clearly express their disapproval of youth substance use and are actively engaged in the day-to-day life of their children. However, the data also indicate that both parental involvement and perceived disapproval of youth substance use both are more prevalent for younger than for older youths.

<http://oas.samhsa.gov/2k9/159/ParentInvolvement.cfm>

CDC: Parent Training Programs: Insight for Practitioners

CDC behavioral scientists recently conducted a meta-analysis of the current research literature on parent training programs to identify components associated with more effective and less effective programs. The report summarizes the findings of this meta-analysis and provides practitioners who work with parents and families guidance in making evidence-based program decisions to improve parenting skills and prevent child maltreatment.

http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/pub/parenting_meta-analysis.html

HHS Releases New Report on Health Disparities—Minorities, Low Income Americans More Likely to Be Sick, Less Likely to Get Care

The U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) released a new report on health disparities in America and participated in a White House Health Care Stakeholder Discussion on the importance of reform that reduces disparities that exist in our current health care system.

<http://www.healthreform.gov/reports/healthdisparities/index.html>

AHRQ: Research Summaries

Clinician Interviews are the Best Method to Determine Whether Patients with Kidney Failure are Also Depressed

A new study finds that patients with end-stage renal disease (ESRD) who suffer from depression end up in the hospital or die more frequently than ESRD patients who are not depressed. To determine if patients at a Veterans Health Affairs unit in Durham, North Carolina, were depressed, researchers had them complete questionnaires on depression and also had a clinician conduct interviews with the patients. The results of the clinician interview more accurately diagnosed depression and predicted whether patients would be hospitalized or die during the year following the study.

<http://www.ahrq.gov/research/jun09/0609RA9.htm>

Caregivers of Individuals with Alzheimer's Dementia are More Likely to Visit Emergency Departments or be Hospitalized when Depressed

According to a new study, 24 percent of those caring for persons with Alzheimer's dementia will end up visiting emergency departments (ED) or be admitted to the hospital. In addition, the use of these acute care services is associated with being depressed.

<http://www.ahrq.gov/research/jun09/0609RA11.htm>

Substance Abuse is Linked to Readmissions for Mood Disorders

When people with mood disorders are hospitalized for treatment, between 20 and 50 percent of them return to the hospital within a year. Researchers at the Rutgers University Center for Education and Research on Therapeutics analyzed Medicaid claims data from five States and found that nearly a quarter of people with major depression, bipolar disorder, or both conditions were hospitalized from 1999 to 2000. Thirty-six percent of those who were hospitalized also had received diagnoses of alcohol or drug abuse.

<http://www.ahrq.gov/research/jun09/0609RA31.htm>

Calendar of Events

Teleconference: Suicide Prevention and the Role of the Social Determinants of Health

June 25, 2009, 2:00 – 3:30 PM ET

SAMHSA's Resource Center to Promote Acceptance, Dignity and Social Inclusion Associated with Mental Health invites you to register for this free teleconference training that will: 1) Discuss the impact of economic turmoil on mental health and suicidal thoughts and behavior and the strategies and coping techniques that may be used to manage that impact.; 2) Share effective public health strategies in working with the network of community-based organizations and groups to provide increased levels of wellness programs and support to those who are severely affected by the economy.; and 3) Share effective strategies for building resiliency, and promoting social inclusion and wellness among at-risk populations.

<http://www.promoteacceptance.samhsa.gov/teleconferences/>

Screening and Brief Intervention Training for Trauma Care Providers

June 24, 2009, Atlanta, Georgia

This trauma center training in screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment is co-sponsored by the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Providing screening and brief interventions for trauma patients showing evidence of alcohol problems has been found to reduce subsequent alcohol use and related problems. Such screening is widely recommended, but is not currently practiced by the majority of trauma centers in the United States.

<http://sbirt.samhsa.gov/trauma.htm>

The Future of Telehealth: Essential Tools and Technologies for Clinical Research and Care

June 25–26, 2009 Bethesda, MD

The National Center for Research Resources (NCRR) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), in collaboration with Internet2 and the American Telemedicine Association presents this two-day event that will bring together stakeholders from government agencies, academic institutions, health care organizations and technology companies to: 1) review the state of telehealth science and technology; 2) identify gaps in knowledge that can be addressed through targeted research and evaluation initiatives; and 3) explore ways to leverage evolving information and communication technologies to advance the field.

<http://www.ncrr.nih.gov/Telehealth/>

Webcast: Treatment and the Justice System: Preventing Problems and Ensuring Recovery

July 1, 2009

This Center for Substance Abuse Treatment program will showcase how treatment and recovery services both within and outside the justice system transform lives and families, create safer communities, and serve as an effective crime prevention tool.

<http://www.recoverymonth.gov/2009/multimedia/w.aspx?ID=599>

Broadcast: The Mentally Ill in Jail: Whose Problem Is It Anyway?

July 15, 2009 12:00 - 3:00 PM ET

The National Institute of Corrections will host a live 3-hour satellite/Internet broadcast to provide an overview of opportunities that can help an organization prepare to work with persons suffering from mental illness in jails.

<http://www.nicic.org/Training/SIB071509>

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 NIMH’s Division of Services and Intervention Research 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.

<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, and to leverage the new media environment to address the needs of people with or at risk for substance use and mental disorders. Registration information: <http://www.cdc.gov/healthmarketing/NCHCMM2009/>

AHRQ's 2009 Annual Conference: Research to Reform: Achieving Health System Change

September 13-16, 2009, Bethesda, Maryland

This free conference is designed to bring participants together with leading health care research and policy experts in sessions on issues including quality and safety, delivery of services and improving Americans' health status.

<http://www.ahrq.gov/about/annlconf09.htm>

Calls for Public Input

Public Comments Sought on Regulations for Financial Conflicts of Interest in Federally-Funded Research

The National Institutes of Health is seeking comments from the public on possible changes to the federal regulations regarding Responsibility of Applicants for Promoting Objectivity in Research for which Public Health Service (PHS) Funding Is Sought (42 C.F.R. Part 50, Subpart F) and Responsible Prospective Contractors (45 C.F.R. Part 94). The Advance Notice of Proposed Rule Making (ANPRM) was motivated by NIH's ongoing commitment to enhance effective oversight and regulatory compliance. Through the ANPRM, NIH invites public comment on all aspects of the regulation, with particular interest in potential for expanding the scope of the regulation and disclosure interests; the definition of "Significant Financial Interest" identification and management of conflicts by institutions; assuring institutional compliance; requiring institutions to provide additional information to the PHS; and broadening the regulations to address institutional conflicts of interest.

Comments must be received by July 7, 2009.

More information: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-10666.pdf>

Funding Information

Center for Mental Health Services Application for Financial Support: Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA): 2009 National Conference and Chapter Leadership Forum

The Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), in the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), is planning on providing financial support to consumers of mental health services who would like to participate in the annual conference and chapter leadership forum sponsored by the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance. The purpose of the scholarships is to foster transformation of mental health care to focus on recovery.

Application deadline: July 10, 2009

http://list.nih.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A2=ind0906&L=cmhs_adca_eneews&T=0&P=223

Recovery Act Funding Available to Bolster Health Care in Needy Communities, Relieve Providers' Student Debt

HHS announced the availability of nearly \$200 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to support student loan repayments for primary care medical, dental and mental health clinicians who want to work at National Health Service Corps (NHSC) sites. In exchange for the loan repayments, clinicians serve for two years with the Corps. The new funds are expected to double the number of Corps clinicians and make 3,300 awards to clinicians that serve in health centers, rural health clinics and other health care facilities that care for uninsured and underserved people.

<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2009pres/06/20090605a.html>

SAMHSA Seeks Applicants to Recognize Seclusion and Restraint Reduction Efforts

To be considered for the Alternatives to Seclusion and Restraint Recognition Program, an organization must have been involved with a successful initiative to prevent/reduce the use and duration of coercive interventions (e.g., restraint; seclusion; emergency medication) for a period of at least three years. As a part of its mission to build resilience and facilitate recovery, SAMHSA has set forth a vision to reduce and ultimately eliminate the use of seclusion and restraint (SR) practices for all age groups in behavioral health care settings. To recognize the many hospitals and residential programs that have worked hard to achieve goals consistent with this commitment, SAMHSA has partnered with the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMPHD) to develop an Alternatives to Seclusion and Restraint Recognition Program.

http://list.nih.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A2=ind0906&L=cmhs_adca_enews&D=0&T=0&P=1303

Programmatic Funding Opportunities

None.

Research Funding Opportunities

Selected NIH Requests 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: Biomedical Research, Development, and Growth to Spur the Acceleration of New Technologies (BRDG-SPAN) Pilot Program (RC3)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-OD-09-008.html>

Recovery Act Limited Competition: Small Business Catalyst Awards for Accelerating Innovative Research (R43)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-OD-09-009.html>

The National Drug Abuse Treatment Clinical Trials Network (U10)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DA-10-009.html>

Selected NIH Program Announcements

[Full listing of NIH PAs at

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

Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards for Individual Predoctoral MD/PhD and Other Dual Doctoral Degree Fellows (F30)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-207.html>

Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards for Individual Predoctoral Fellows (F31)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-208.html>

Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards for Individual Predoctoral Fellowships (F31) to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-209.html>

Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards (NRSA) for Individual Postdoctoral Fellows (F32)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-210.html>



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The **Outreach Partnership Program** is a nationwide outreach initiative of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) with support from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and in cooperation with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) that enlists state and national organizations in a partnership to help close the gap between mental health research and clinical practice, inform the public about mental illnesses, and reduce the stigma and discrimination associated with mental illness. For more information on the NIMH Outreach Program please visit <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/outreach/partners>.

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