

# National Institute of Mental Health Outreach Partnership Program

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## **Science and Service News Updates**

### **NIMH: Economic Analysis Estimates Cost of Providing Comprehensive Mental Health Care Following Disasters—Study Clarifies Public Health Value of Large-Scale Mental Health Recovery Efforts**

Making evidence-based mental health services accessible to everyone in a disaster-stricken area would have substantial public health benefits, according to a statistical model developed by NIMH-funded researchers. Rough estimates of cost show such comprehensive care would be within the range of other accepted medical practices. However, given the considerable costs and resources required, further studies are needed to determine whether such efforts are advisable and, if so, to what degree. The study was published in the August 2009 issue of the *Archives of General Psychiatry*.

Science Update: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2009/economic-analysis-estimates-cost-of-providing-comprehensive-mental-health-care-following-disasters.shtml>

### **New NIH Tool Makes Funding Data, Research Results and Products Searchable**

Comprehensive funding information for NIH grants and contracts is now available on the NIH Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tool (RePORT) thanks to a new, user-friendly system called the RePORT Expenditures and Results, or RePORTER. RePORTER combines NIH project databases and funding records, PubMed abstracts, full-text articles from PubMed Central, and information from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office with a robust search engine, allowing users to locate descriptions and funding details on NIH-funded projects along with research results that cite the NIH support.

Press Release: <http://www.nih.gov/news/health/sep2009/od-04.htm>

### **NIDA: Innovative Community-Based Prevention System Dramatically Reduces Risky Behavior in 10-14 Year Olds; Communities That Care System Lowers Rates of Substance Abuse and Delinquent Behavior in Seven States**

A randomized trial of Communities That Care (CTC), an evidence-based substance-use community-focused prevention system, showed significant reductions in the initiation of alcohol use, tobacco use, binge drinking, and delinquent behavior among middle schoolers as they progressed from the fifth through the eighth grades. The four-year trial, called the Community Youth Development Study, began in 2003 and has been supported by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). The positive results, published in the September 7 *Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine*, demonstrate that community-based coalitions using customized evidence-based approaches can prevent the early initiation of substance abuse and delinquent behavior among youth.

Press Release: <http://www.nih.gov/news/health/sep2009/nida-07.htm>

### **NIA: Scientists Identify Two Gene Variants Associated with Alzheimer's Risk—Largest-Ever Genome Study of Alzheimer's Suggests CLU, PICALM Gene Variants May Play a Role in Disease**

In the largest genome-wide association study reported to date involving Alzheimer's disease, scientists have identified two new possible genetic risk factors for late-onset Alzheimer's, the most common form of the disease. The study, which pooled DNA samples from a number of European and U.S. groups, not only associated variations in the sequence of the CLU and PICALM genes with increased risk, but also found another 13 gene variants that merit further investigation, according to findings presented in the September 6, 2009, online issue of *Nature Genetics*. Involving more than 16,000 DNA samples, one feature of this research was its use of publicly shared DNA samples and databases, including several supported by the National Institute on Aging (NIA).

Press Release: <http://www.nia.nih.gov/NewsAndEvents/PressReleases/20090908GWAS.htm>

### **SAMHSA New National Survey Reveals Significant Decline in the Misuse of Prescription Drugs—Sharp Decline Also Continues for Methamphetamine Use**

The misuse of prescription drugs decreased significantly between 2007 and 2008 among those aged 12 and older, including among adolescents, according to 2008 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH). However, the national survey showed that the overall level of current illicit drug use has remained level at about 8 percent. The annual NSDUH report which was issued by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) at the start of the 20th annual National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month also indicated that progress has been made in curbing other types of the illicit drug use. For example, past month methamphetamine use among those aged 12 and older dropped sharply from approximately 529,000 people in 2007 to 314,000 in 2008. Similarly, the level of current cocaine use among the population aged 12 and older has decreased from 1.0 percent in 2006 to 0.7 percent in 2008.

Press Release: [http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/090910NSDUH\)5111.aspx](http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/090910NSDUH)5111.aspx)

Full report: <http://oas.samhsa.gov/nsduh/2k8nsduh/2k8Results.cfm>

## **Resources: Publications, Toolkits, Other Resources**

### **Latest NIDA News Scan Available**

The latest news update from NIDA includes research summaries of latest NIDA research-funded studies. This issue's findings: disparities, variability found in methadone maintenance dosing patterns; marijuana prevention campaigns may have undesired effects on marijuana use; few United States high schools use evidence-based drug prevention curricula; and aging population of steroid abusers may face underrecognized health problems

<http://www.nih.gov/news/health/sep2009/NS-63.pdf>

### **SAMHSA: New Resources to Support Addiction Treatment**

*Archived Webcast: Recovery in the Workplace: Treatment Benefits Both Employees and Employers*

This Center for Substance Abuse Treatment webcast looks at the critical role that an employer plays in the success of an individual's recovery from substance use disorders. This webcast looks at examples of companies investing in their employees, what it means to nurture a "drug-free workplace," and what the recently passed Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Act of 2008 means for employers.

<http://www.recoverymonth.gov/Multimedia/Road-to-Recovery-Television-Series.aspx>

*The Facts About Buprenorphine for Treatment of Opioid Addiction*

This 12-page booklet provides basic information about the use of buprenorphine in medication-assisted treatment for opioid addiction. It describes how buprenorphine works, the proper use of the medication, and common side effects. It also explains how buprenorphine fits into the overall recovery process. The booklet is directed at patients entering medication-assisted treatment for opioid addiction, and it may be useful to patients' family members and friends.

[http://kap.samhsa.gov/products/brochures/pdfs/buprenorphine\\_facts.pdf](http://kap.samhsa.gov/products/brochures/pdfs/buprenorphine_facts.pdf)

*Medication-Assisted Treatment for Opioid Addiction: Facts for Families and Friends*

This 16-page booklet provides basic information about medication-assisted treatment for opioid addiction. It describes medication options, the proper use of the medications, and common side effects. It also explains how medication fits into the overall recovery process. The booklet is directed at families and friends of patients entering medication-assisted treatment for opioid addiction.

[http://kap.samhsa.gov/products/brochures/pdfs/med\\_assisted\\_tx\\_facts.pdf](http://kap.samhsa.gov/products/brochures/pdfs/med_assisted_tx_facts.pdf)

*The Facts About Naltrexone for Treatment of Opioid Addiction*

This 12-page booklet provides basic information about the use of naltrexone in medication-assisted treatment for opioid addiction. It describes how naltrexone works, the proper use of the medication, and common side effects. It also explains how naltrexone fits into the overall recovery process. The booklet is directed at patients entering medication-assisted treatment for opioid addiction, and it may be useful to patients' family members and friends.

[http://kap.samhsa.gov/products/brochures/pdfs/naltrexone\\_facts.pdf](http://kap.samhsa.gov/products/brochures/pdfs/naltrexone_facts.pdf)

*Implementing Change in Substance Abuse Treatment Programs*

This manual provides guidance to clinical supervisors and administrators on implementing best practices in substance abuse treatment programs. Through a step-by-step description, it explains how to plan, implement, and evaluate evidence-based practices and programs

<http://kap.samhsa.gov/products/manuals/pdfs/TAP31.pdf>

**New SAMHSA Reports**

*Services Provided by Substance Abuse Treatment Facilities in the United States*

Using data from the 2007 National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment this report summarizes the services provided by substance abuse treatment facilities in the United States. In 2007, 13,648 substance abuse treatment facilities responded. Facilities were asked about the provision of 44 services, grouped into six categories: assessment and pre-treatment, counseling, testing, pharmacotherapies, transitional, and ancillary.

<http://oas.samhsa.gov/2k9/214/214Services2k9.htm>

*School System Referrals to Substance Abuse Treatment*

Adolescents and children referred to substance abuse treatment by the educational system were more likely than those referred by the criminal justice system to report primary alcohol abuse, but less likely to report primary marijuana abuse. Schools were more likely than the criminal justice system to refer children and adolescents to substance abuse treatment for the first time.

<http://oas.samhsa.gov/2k9/218/218SchoolRef2k9.cfm>

### *TEDS 2006 Discharge Report*

The Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS) report on Discharges from Substance Abuse Treatment Services provides results on the approximately 1.5 million treatment discharges occurring in 2006 at reporting state-licensed treatment facilities across the country. The report provides information on treatment completion, length of stay in treatment, and demographic and substance abuse characteristics of discharges from alcohol or drug treatment in facilities that reported to individual State administrative data systems. The 2006 TEDS Discharge Report is the latest in a series of yearly reports that not only provides overall figures for the 42 states that report discharge data to TEDS (an increase from previous years), but also breaks this information down into a wide variety of programmatic and demographic criteria that can help provide greater perspective on the experiences of those who have undergone substance abuse treatment.

<http://oas.samhsa.gov/2k9/TEDSD2k6/TEDSD2k6.cfm>

### **Department of Education Activities Supporting Youth in Transition**

Over the last four decades, the transition of youths with disabilities from school to productive adulthood has received high priority from the Department of Education's Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS). It awards discretionary and formula grants to states, and execute regulatory and policy guidance in an effort to have a successful impact on education and employment outcomes for youths with disabilities. This report, *Transition Activities in OSERS*, describes past, present and upcoming OSERS transition activities, such as projects supporting youths with disabilities served by state agencies, written products offering technical assistance and OSERS-sponsored conferences facilitating the exchange of information among transition partners.

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/transition-activities.pdf>

### **Calendar of Events**

#### **Teleconference: Safe Schools/Healthy Students: A Unique Federal Initiative to Promote Safe and Healthy Environments in School Settings**

*September 17, 2009 1:00-2:30PM ET*

SAMHSA's National Technical Assistance Center for Children's Mental Health is providing this call to introduce participants to the promising strategies underway in states and communities implementing the Safe Schools/Healthy Students (SS/HS) program initiative. The SS/HS Initiative seeks to develop practical knowledge about what works best to promote safe and healthy environments in which America's children can learn and develop. It is a unique, Federal initiative designed to prevent violence and substance abuse among our Nation's youth, schools, and communities and is a collaborative grant program supported by three Federal agencies-the U.S. Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, and Justice.

<http://gucchd.georgetown.edu/training/78174.html>

**Teleconference: IT Strategies to Promote Social Inclusion**

*September 24, 2009, 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM ET*

SAMHSA's Resource Center to Promote Acceptance, Dignity and Social Inclusion Associated is providing this call to: 1) define how individuals in recovery can use online components to create supportive communities; 2) discuss the various types of online components such as social networking and other media mechanisms bridge geographical and social gaps that can lead to isolation; and 3) provide strategies on how to create online recovery tools. Please note: Registration for this teleconference will close at 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on Monday, September 21, 2009.

<http://www.promoteacceptance.samhsa.gov/teleconferences/registration/default.aspx>

**Fifth Annual NIH Director's Pioneer Award Symposium**

*September 24-25, 2009, Bethesda, Maryland*

This event will feature research talks by the first graduating class of Pioneer Award recipients as well as by the class of 2008. Other highlights include a keynote address on inventiveness by the Smithsonian's Arthur Molella, poster sessions, a roundtable discussion on the interplay between technology development and hypothesis-driven research, and announcement of the 2009 Pioneer and New Innovator awardees. The NIH Director's Pioneer and New Innovator Award programs--key components of the NIH Roadmap for Medical Research--support exceptionally creative scientists who take highly innovative, and potentially transformative, approaches to major challenges in biomedical or behavioral research. The symposium is free and open to the public, and registration is not required.

<http://nihroadmap.nih.gov/pioneer/symposium2009>

**2010 National GAINS Center Conference**

*Call for Presentations Deadline Extended: October 2, 2009*

*March 17-19, 2010, Orlando, Florida*

The CMHS National GAINS Center is now accepting proposals for presentations at the 2010 National GAINS Center Conference that promote the conference theme, *Including Justice-Involved People with Mental Illness in Health Care Reform*.

<http://gainscenter.samhsa.gov/html/conference/>

**3rd Annual Julius Axelrod Lecture**

*October 18, 2009, 6:45–9:00 PM, Chicago, Illinois*

NIMH, NIDA, and the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) will co-sponsor a lecture celebrating the career of Dr. Julius Axelrod, one of the founders of modern neuropharmacology. An early career investigator poster session to honor the dedication of Dr. Axelrod to neuropharmacology research and to the mentoring of young investigators will follow the keynote presentation.

<http://dev.seiservices.com/nida/axelrod2009/Index.asp>

**Health Observance: 4th Annual Drug-Free Work Week**

*October 19-25, 2009*

This public awareness campaign, held each October, emphasizes the importance of drug-free workplace programs to help prevent workplace alcohol and drug use, and encourage workers with alcohol and drug problems to seek help. A variety of Drug-Free Work Week materials and specific ideas for how organizations of all types can get involved in the campaign are available on the Department of Labor's Drug-Free Work Week Web site.

<http://www.dol.gov/drugfreeworkweek>

## **Calls for Public Input**

### **Comments Sought on VA PTSD Compensation Rules**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is taking steps to assist Veterans seeking compensation for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). The VA is publishing a proposed regulation in the *Federal Register* to make it easier for a Veteran to claim service connection for PTSD by reducing the evidence needed if the stressor claimed by a Veteran is related to fear of hostile military or terrorist activity. A final regulation will be published after consideration of all comments received. Comments on this proposed rule must be received by October 23, 2009.

Press release: <http://www1.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=1751>

Proposed rule: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-20339.pdf>

### **National Summit on Disability Policy 2010: ADA 1990–2010 Retrospective and Future Policy Directions: A comprehensive dialogue to shape the national disability agenda**

Hosted by the National Council on Disability (NCD), this Summit to be held in July 2010 commemorates the 20th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) with a reception, an ADA retrospective and a series of working meetings. The results of the meetings will help shape disability policy and programs for the next decade. NCD is seeking people with disabilities, individuals representing grassroots organizations and others to help shape disability policies and programs for the next decade.

Deadline for submitting application to attend the summit is October 15, 2009.

<http://www.neweditions.net/ncd2010/eventinfo.html>

## **Programmatic Funding**

### **HRSA: Traumatic Brain Injury States Grant Program, Implementation Partnership Grants**

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=BPpqKnKcTt31KG54ZkTdshHc8qk41JTfCggvN15qTXfwQ3GpKQvd!-1264077408?oppId=49388&mode=VIEW>

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

### **2010 NIH Directors Pioneer Award Program (DP1)**

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-09-010.html>

### **2010 NIH Directors New Innovator Award Program (DP2)**

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-09-011.html>

### **Institutional Clinical and Translational Science Award (U54)**

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-09-019.html>

**Limited Competition for the Pediatric HIV/AIDS Cohort Study (U01)**

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HD-09-006.html>

**Selected NIH Program Announcements**

[Full listing of NIH PAs at

[http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/search\\_results.htm?year=active&scope=pa](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/search_results.htm?year=active&scope=pa)]

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