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SCIENCE AND SERVICE NEWS UPDATES

COMPUTER-BASED TREATMENT EASES ANXIETY SYMPTOMS IN CHILDREN: SMALL CLINICAL TRIAL SUPPORTS LARGER SCALE TESTING

A computer-based training method that teaches a person with anxiety to shift attention away from threatening images reduced symptoms of anxiety in a small clinical trial in children with the condition. The results of this first randomized clinical trial of the therapy in children with anxiety suggest that the approach warrants more extensive testing as a promising therapy. Researchers at Tel Aviv University in Israel carried out this clinical trial that resulted from a three-year collaboration with scientists at the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) and the University of Maryland, College Park.

Science Update: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2012/computer-based-treatment-eases-anxiety-symptoms-in-children.shtml>

LINKED BRAIN CENTERS MATURE IN SYNC: IMAGING REVEALS UNDERLYING UNITY BETWEEN BRAIN STRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT

Long-term neuroimaging studies show for the first time that areas of the brain that are wired together structurally and functionally also tend to mature in tandem over the course of development. The finding adds a new dimension to a picture that is emerging of how structure, function, and development of the brain are intertwined.

Science Update: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2012/linked-brain-centers-mature-in-sync.shtml>

NIH-FUNDED STUDY DEFINES TREATMENT WINDOW FOR HIV-POSITIVE CHILDREN INFECTED AT BIRTH

HIV-positive children older than one year who were treated after showing moderate HIV-related symptoms did not experience greater cognitive or behavior problems compared to peers treated when signs of their infection were still mild, according to a study funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). But both groups of HIV-positive children lagged behind HIV-negative children in these areas, suggesting that the first year of life may present a critical treatment window for minimizing impairments in brain development due to HIV.

Press Release: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2012/nih-funded-study-defines-treatment-window-for-hiv-positive-children-infected-at-birth.shtml>

EEOC ISSUES REVISED PUBLICATIONS ON EMPLOYMENT OF VETERANS WITH DISABILITIES

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) issued two revised publications addressing veterans with disabilities and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): *Veterans and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): A Guide for Employers* and *Understanding Your Employment Rights Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): A Guide for Veterans*. The revised guides reflect changes to the law stemming from the ADA Amendments Act of 2008, which make it easier for veterans with a wide range of impairments – including those that are often not well understood – such as traumatic brain injuries (TBI) and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), to get needed reasonable accommodations that will enable them to work successfully.

Press Release: <http://www.eeoc.gov/eeoc/newsroom/release/2-28-12.cfm>

SAMHSA, MACARTHUR COLLABORATE TO IMPROVE HOW JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM RESPONDS TO THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS OF YOUTH

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation are collaborating on a \$1 million effort targeting the behavioral health needs of youth in contact with the juvenile justice system. The project is aimed at diverting youth with behavioral health conditions from the juvenile justice system to community-based programs and services.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1203082519.aspx>

CONFUSED BY GENETIC TESTS? NIH'S NEW ONLINE TOOL MAY HELP

The Genetic Testing Registry (GTR), a free online tool launched by the NIH will make it easier to navigate the rapidly changing landscape of genetic tests. Genetic tests currently exist for about 2,500 diseases, and the field continues to grow at an astonishing rate. To keep pace, GTR will be updated frequently, using data voluntarily submitted by genetic test providers. Such information will include the purpose of each genetic test and its limitations; the name and location of the test provider; whether it is a clinical or research test; what methods are used; and what is measured. GTR will contain no confidential information about people who receive genetic tests or individual test results. Genetic tests that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has cleared or approved as safe and effective are identified in the GTR. However, most laboratory developed tests currently do not require FDA premarket review. Genetic test providers will be solely responsible for the content and quality of the data they submit to GTR.

Press Release: <http://www.nih.gov/news/health/feb2012/od-29.htm>

GTR: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gtr/>

RESOURCES: PUBLICATIONS, TOOLKITS, OTHER RESOURCES

NEW ON NIMH WEBSITE

DIRECTOR'S BLOG: JOIN THE REVOLUTION

In observance of Brain Awareness Week, NIMH Director Thomas Insel discusses the state of science and math education in the U.S. and the need for scientific literacy.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/director/2012/join-the-revolution.shtml>

VIDEO: NATIONAL DATABASE FOR AUTISM RESEARCH – HELPING ACCELERATE SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY IN AUTISM RESEARCH

Watch researchers, advocates, and parents of children with autism talk about the importance of participating in autism research and how the National Database for Autism Research is helping to accelerate scientific discovery. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/media/video/national-database-for-autism-research.shtml>

DIRECTOR'S BLOG: RESEARCH DOMAIN CRITERIA (RDOC)

NIMH Director Thomas Insel describes the RDoC project, an experimental approach to classifying mental disorders that aims to provide a framework for scientists seeking to understand the connections between symptoms and the biology underlying them. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/director/2012/research-domain-criteria-rdoc.shtml>

NEW SAMHSA RESOURCES

VIDEO: BRINGING FAMILIES TOGETHER: MODELS OF HOPE AND RECOVERY

Discover how communities are strengthening linkages among child welfare, mental health services, substance use treatment, and the court systems to improve outcomes for children and families. This video features the *10-Element Framework: Elements of System Linkages*, developed by SAMHSA's National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare to help states and tribal and local communities overcome barriers and identify strategies to facilitate effective partnerships between mental health services, substance use treatment, child welfare, and family courts. <http://www.ncsacw.samhsa.gov/improving/improving-video.aspx>

GUIDE TO SAMHSA'S RESOURCES

This guide describes the many resources SAMHSA offers in its efforts to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities. It describes the agency's call center and help lines; publications and resources; e-mail updates; and quarterly newsletter.

<http://store.samhsa.gov/product/Your-Guide-to-SAMHSA-s-Resources/PEP12-RESOURCEGUIDE>

NEW SUICIDE PREVENTION RESOURCE CENTER WEBSITE

The newly designed Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC) website makes its services more accessible, includes many updates to the previous content, and continues to offer a collection of resources, publications, and information on suicide prevention. The new SPRC website features redesigned content, including easier to navigate state pages describing suicide prevention programs, contacts, and events in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories. <http://www.sprc.org/news-events/pressroom/suicide-prevention-resource-center-sprc-unveils-new-website>

NATIONAL CHILD TRAUMATIC STRESS NETWORK NEWSLETTER: CULTURE AND TRAUMA

This special Issue of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) newsletter is devoted entirely to the relationship between culture and trauma. It describes the work being done across the NCTSN by members with informed perspectives on the cultural dimensions of trauma at multiple levels: the individual, including both the client and practitioner, the organization or system, and the broader community.

<http://www.nctsn.org/resources/audiences/professionals/nctsn-newsletter>

NEW SPANISH TOOLS TO SUPPORT RECOVERY MONTH

E-CARDS TO SHOW SUPPORT OF RECOVERY

There are now Spanish Recovery Month e-Cards to send to family and friends to show support and appreciation of their recovery. Users can choose different messages to honor a recovery anniversary, offer congratulations on a person's recovery success, show gratitude for support, or offer support for someone seeking recovery. <http://www.recoverymonth.gov/Home/ECards/ChooseDesign.aspx>

INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE WIDGET

The Recovery Month Spanish Inspirational Quote widget allows native Spanish speakers to view a new inspirational quote each day and share it with others. <http://www.recoverymonth.gov/Multimedia/Quote-Widget.aspx>

AHRQ RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT RATES FOR DEPRESSION IN OLDER ADULTS HAVE GROWN OVER TIME, WITH MEDICATION EDGING OUT THERAPY

Depression, quite common in the elderly, can lead to reduced life expectancy, hospitalization, and even suicide. Both drugs and psychotherapy are effective in treating depression, although their combined use has been shown to be more effective than either one alone. A new study found that depression diagnosis and treatment rates have increased over time. In addition, drugs have become the preferred method of treatment over psychotherapy. The study was supported in part by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). <http://www.ahrq.gov/research/mar12/0312RA33.htm>

MORE PATIENTS ARE BEING PRESCRIBED ANTIDEPRESSANTS BY NON-PSYCHIATRISTS AND WITHOUT A PSYCHIATRIC DIAGNOSIS

Antidepressants now account for the third most commonly prescribed class of medication in the United States. Fueling this growth are non-psychiatrist providers who prescribe them without a psychiatric diagnosis. A new study found that the proportion of patient visits to these physicians where antidepressants were prescribed without a psychiatric diagnosis grew from 59.5 percent in 1996 to 72.7 percent in 2007. <http://www.ahrq.gov/research/mar12/0312RA34.htm>

ADHERENCE TO BIPOLAR MEDICATIONS MAY ALSO PROMOTE ADHERENCE TO ANTIRETROVIRAL THERAPY

Individuals with bipolar disorder and other severe mental illnesses are more likely to have higher rates of HIV infection compared to the general population. Individuals with bipolar disorder usually require long-term treatment with various psychotropic medications. Patients with bipolar disorder, who adhere to their bipolar medications, are also more likely to adhere to their antiretroviral treatment for HIV infection, suggests a new study using prescription refill data. <http://www.ahrq.gov/research/mar12/0312RA35.htm>

AHRQ STUDY: EFFICACY AND SAFETY OF SCREENING FOR POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION

This research protocol outlines the objectives and framework for an AHRQ Effective Healthcare systematic review on the efficacy and safety of screening for postpartum depression.

<http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/search-for-guides-reviews-and-reports/?pageaction=displayproduct&productid=997>

NEW FROM THE ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

NEW CHILD WELFARE OUTCOMES REPORT

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has released *Child Welfare Outcomes 2006–2009: Report to Congress*, the 10th in a series of reports designed to inform Congress, the states, and the public about state performance on delivering child welfare services. The report provides information about state performance on seven national child welfare outcomes related to the safety, permanency, and well-being of children involved in the child welfare system. <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/cwo06-09/index.htm>

NEWSLETTER: SPOTLIGHT ON AGING OUT OF FOSTER CARE

This issue of the Administration for Children and Families' newsletter focuses on aging out of foster care. Articles highlight the National Youth in Transition Database program and the fifth wave of data from the *Midwest Evaluation of the Adult Functioning of Former Foster Youth: Outcomes at Age 26*. <http://cbexpress.acf.hhs.gov/index.cfm?event=website.viewSection§ionid=2&issueid=133>

NIAAA NEWSLETTER: UNDERAGE DRINKING

This issue of a National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) newsletter focuses on the topic of underage drinking. <http://www.spectrum.niaaa.nih.gov/>

BACK TO BASICS: THE BIOLOGY OF AGING

Biology of Aging: Research Today for a Healthier Tomorrow, a new publication from the National Institute on Aging, explores questions such as what is aging, is aging in the genes, and does stress really shorten one's life. Learn about major findings into the basic biology of aging and preview future areas of investigation. <http://www.nia.nih.gov/health/publication/biology-aging>

HIV INFECTION AND HIV-ASSOCIATED BEHAVIORS AMONG INJECTING DRUG USERS — 20 CITIES, UNITED STATES, 2009

To monitor HIV-associated behaviors and HIV prevalence among injecting drug users (IDU), the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National HIV Behavioral Surveillance System conducts interviews and HIV testing in selected metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs). This report summarizes data from 10,073 IDUs interviewed and tested in 20 MSAs in 2009, which indicated that 9 percent of the participants had HIV infection, and 45 percent were unaware of their infection. <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6108a1.htm>

NEW RESOURCES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

DATA ON MULTIPLE TYPES OF VICTIMIZATION

A recent study found that children and youth witnessing or experiencing one type of victimization are at much greater risk for experiencing other types of victimization—a problem known as polyvictimization. The study, funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, used data from the National Survey of Children's Exposure to Violence and the Developmental Victimization Survey to examine children who experienced physical assault, child maltreatment, sexual abuse, or bullying as well as those who witnessed violence at home, in school, or in the community.

<https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/235504.pdf>

PUBLICATION ADDRESSES MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING IN CORRECTIONS

Motivational Interviewing in Corrections: A Comprehensive Guide to Implementing MI in Corrections discusses how to implement motivational interviewing (MI) in correctional settings. This guide describes MI, provides information on the process of learning MI skills, and addresses issues related to agency or systemwide implementation. <http://static.nicic.gov/Library/025556.pdf>

SCHOOL CRIME AND SAFETY DETAILED

Indicators of School Crime and Safety, 2011 presents data on crime and safety at school from the perspectives of students, teachers, and principals. A joint effort by the Bureau of Justice Statistics and the National Center for Education Statistics, this annual report examines crime occurring in school as well as on the way to and from school. <https://www.ncjrs.gov/BJsreleases/iscs11.htm>

NEW ON REAL WARRIORS WEBSITE

The Real Warriors campaign launched a new video profile of Navy Chaplain (Lt. Cmdr.) Steve Dundas. During Chaplain Dundas' deployment to Iraq, he experienced combat first-hand while providing support to service members. He returned home feeling depressed, angry, and disconnected from his faith, but with the support of his command, he received care for PTSD and learned tools and tips for coping with invisible wounds. <http://www.realwarriors.net/multimedia/profiles/dundas.php>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BULLYING PREVENTION TWITTER LIVE CHAT

MARCH 20, 2012, 3:00-4:00 PM ET

Experts from the CDC and the Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Education's Office of Safe and Healthy Students, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, and the Anti-Defamation League will present a Twitter Live Chat about bullying prevention. Learn from experts about the importance of bullying prevention, the value of programs, policies, and practices based upon the best available evidence, and resources available to assist parents and schools in their prevention and intervention efforts. The main twitter feed to follow during the chat is <http://twitter.com/CDCInjury#VetoViolence>

WEBINAR: IDENTIFY CONCUSSION/MTBI IN SERVICE MEMBERS

MARCH 22, 2012, 1:00-2:30PM ET

This Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DCoE) webinar will discuss the impact of mild traumatic brain injury (mTBI) in service members, describe screening programs implemented across the Defense Department, and address some of the challenges associated with screening. <http://www.dcoe.health.mil/Training/MonthlyWebinars.aspx>

WEBINAR: DEMONSTRATION OF A WEB-ENHANCED PARENTING PROGRAM FOR MILITARY FAMILIES: AFTER DEPLOYMENT, ADAPTIVE PARENTING TOOLS/ADAPT

MARCH 27, 2012, 12:00PM ET

This NCTSN webinar in the Military and Civilian Partnerships series will provide a live demonstration of a web-based parenting program developed to support military parents in improving parenting skills throughout the deployment cycle.

http://learn.nctsn.org/calendar/view.php?view=day&cal_d=27&cal_m=3&cal_y=2012

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS—SIXTH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HEALTH COMMUNICATION, MARKETING, AND MEDIA

ATLANTA, GEORGIA, AUGUST 7-9, 2012

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MARCH 27, 2012

The National Public Health Information Coalition, SAMHSA, and CDC are pleased to announce the sixth annual National Conference on Health Communication, Marketing, and Media. This conference brings together individuals representing academia, public health researchers, and practitioners from federal and state government and the private sector, and provides a forum for collegial dialogue within and across these disciplines. The conference planning committee invites abstracts for both oral and poster presentations in addition to panel sessions focusing on the areas of health communication, social marketing, media, partnerships, public health policy communication, and other topic areas that relate to the multidisciplinary nature of this conference. A wide diversity of submissions is encouraged, addressing specific issues and approaches that range from research and evaluation, and theory/model development to practice/program-based foci. <http://www.cdc.gov/NCHCMM/>

WEBINAR: ORGANIZATIONAL SECONDARY TRAUMATIC STRESS

MARCH 30, 2012, 1:00 PM ET

This NCTSN webinar in the Secondary Traumatic Stress Speaker Series will address the impact of Secondary Traumatic Stress (STS) in organizational settings, including risk management and workforce development. Learn strategies to reduce the impact of STS via training, assessment, case-load management, self-care practices, and supervision.

http://learn.nctsn.org/calendar/view.php?view=day&cal_d=30&cal_m=03&cal_y=2012

2012 NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

APRIL 2012

Visit the 2012 National Child Abuse Prevention Month web section to prepare for Prevention Month in April. *Preventing Child Maltreatment and Promoting Well-Being: Network for Action 2012 Resource Guide* is now available to help plan activities. <http://www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/preventionmonth>

WEBINAR: OVERVIEW OF THE MILITARY SUICIDE RESEARCH CONSORTIUM'S EFFORTS TO IMPROVE ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT OF AT-RISK PERSONNEL AND VETERANS

APRIL 3, 2012, 1:00 PM ET

This NCTSN webinar in the Military and Civilian Partnerships series will provide an overview of the Military Suicide Research Consortium, describe the application of the interpersonal-psychological theory of suicide as it applies to members of the military, and present recommendations on screening and assessment from the Army's suicide work group.

http://learn.nctsn.org/calendar/view.php?view=day&cal_d=3&cal_m=4&cal_y=2012

WEBINAR: ADDRESSING TRANSITION ISSUES FOR YOUNG FOSTER CHILDREN

APRIL 5, 2012, 12:00 PM ET

This NCTSN webinar in the Zero to Six Child Welfare Speaker Series will discuss the many transitions experienced by young traumatized children in the child welfare system and the challenges that they pose for young children. Whether responding to the transition from the biological parents' home to a foster home, from foster home to foster home, or the changes brought on by reunification, those working with young children in the child welfare system will benefit from gaining an understanding of the many effects of these transitions as well as methods for appropriate facilitation of transitions.

http://learn.nctsn.org/calendar/view.php?view=day&cal_d=3&cal_m=4&cal_y=2012

WEBINAR: SCREENING AND ASSESSMENT FOR TRAUMA IN THE CHILD WELFARE SETTING SPEAKER SERIES: AN OVERVIEW

APRIL 26, 2012, 12:00 PM ET

In the first webinar in a series of five presentations on Screening and Assessment for Trauma in the Child Welfare Setting, presenters will describe the prevalence and impact of trauma on children in the child welfare system and the rationale for trauma screening and assessment. They will define screening and assessment, exploring the potential overlap and confusion in the use of these terms, in an effort to create a common language for the discussion. They will describe some common tools for trauma screening and assessment and introduce child-welfare specific measures that will be detailed in a future presentation.

<http://learn.nctsn.org/>

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY: COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

MAY 9, 2012

SAMHSA is piloting Community Conversations as a strategy to increase momentum and support important work already being done in the field to help children, youth, and families thrive. The Awareness Day Community Conversations are designed to increase adults' knowledge about trauma and resilience among young people, as well as inspire adults to help these young people by becoming Heroes of Hope. One important component of these conversations is to bring in those who have not previously been exposed to children's mental health issues and to ultimately increase interest in children's behavioral health issues across the country. Tools to help host a Community Conversation:

http://www.samhsa.gov/children/cc_home.asp

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY: NATIONAL EVENT

WASHINGTON, DC, MAY 9, 2012, 7:30-9:30 PM

Across the country on May 9, communities will be coming together for community conversations about the impact of trauma on children and youth and ways that caring adults, "Heroes of Hope," can help them enhance resilience. Join SAMHSA, more than 115 collaborating Federal programs and national organizations, youth and families, and a Special Recognition Award winner in celebrating children and youth who have demonstrated resilience from trauma, as well as the extraordinary people who are their Heroes of Hope. The event in Washington, DC, will focus on resilience in child welfare, juvenile justice, and education systems, as well as helping military families to be resilient. The Awareness Day national event complements activities occurring across the country, such as community events, youth rallies, social media campaigns, and activities with children. <http://www.samhsa.gov/children>

WEBINAR: WORKFORCE IN CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH: CORE COMPONENTS TO ENSURE QUALITY

MAY 17, 2012, 1:00-2:30 PM ET

This National Technical Assistance Center for Children's Mental Health webinar will explore the status of core workforce strategies or components used by states to ensure quality in children's mental health and present recommendations for increasing progress in this area.

<http://gucchdtcenter.georgetown.edu/resources/2012calls.html>

NATIONAL PREVENTION WEEK

MAY 20-26, 2012

SAMHSA's National Prevention Week 2012 will help bring communities together through local events and celebrations that focus on the prevention of substance use and abuse and the promotion of mental, emotional, and behavioral well-being. These local events will be part of a new national movement to raise awareness around these important behavioral health issues. Each weekday during National Prevention Week 2012 will focus on an important behavioral health issue:

- Monday, May 21 – Prevention of underage drinking;
- Tuesday, May 22 – Prevention of illicit drug use and prescription drug misuse and abuse;
- Wednesday, May 23 – Prevention of alcohol abuse;
- Thursday, May 24 – Prevention of suicide; and
- Friday, May 25 – Promotion of mental, emotional, and behavioral well-being.

<http://blog.samhsa.gov/2012/03/07/helpcelebratepreventionweek2012/>

CALLS FOR PUBLIC INPUT

COMMENTS SOUGHT FOR AHRQ EFFECTIVE HEALTH CARE PROGRAM REPORTS

The AHRQ Effective Health Care Program encourages the public to participate in the development of its research projects. The Program uses these comments to help focus its research and ensure that the final comparative effectiveness reviews answer the most important questions that clinicians, patients, consumers, and policymakers have about a given treatment, test, or procedure. The Program is currently seeking comments for:

FUTURE RESEARCH NEEDS FOR FIRST- AND SECOND-GENERATION ANTIPSYCHOTICS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS (COMMENTS DUE MARCH 19, 2012)

<http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/search-for-guides-reviews-and-reports/?pageaction=displayproduct&productid=967>

NOTICE OF RESPONSE DATE EXTENSION FOR REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: UPDATING THE NIH RESEARCH PLAN ON FRAGILE X SYNDROME AND ASSOCIATED DISORDERS

The NIH Fragile X Research Coordinating Group invites all interested stakeholders to comment on the current NIH *Research Plan on Fragile X Syndrome and Associated Disorders*. This Notice informs potential responders to this Request for Information (RFI) that the response date for submitting information has been extended. The new response date is March 26, 2012. <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-HD-12-015.html>

A CALL TO IDENTIFY KEY METHODOLOGICAL ROADBLOCKS AND PROPOSE NEW PARADIGMS IN SUICIDE PREVENTION RESEARCH

The NIMH, National Institute on Drug Abuse, and NIAAA are seeking input to identify the types of research tools needed to support rapid advancement in suicide prevention research. Specifically, this request asks interested parties to provide input on the following topics: a) the key methodological roadblocks that currently exist in suicide prevention research, and b) new paradigms and theoretical models with the potential to spark innovative research. A methodological roadblock is defined as a critical, unresolved challenge that is clearly limiting progress along an important suicide prevention research pathway. New research paradigms and theoretical models are novel ways of thinking about suicidal behavior and avenues for its prevention. This RFI is issued as an invitation to interested parties to contribute these specific methodological challenges and new conceptual paradigms for inclusion in a compendium of ways to facilitate suicide prevention research progress. Responses are being accepted through April 27, 2012. <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-MH-12-017.html>

SAMHSA NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR 2012 VOICE AWARDS

SAMHSA is now accepting nominations for its 2012 Voice Awards. The Awards honor leaders in the field of behavioral health, as well as leaders in the entertainment industry, who play a vital role in educating the public about the real and uplifting experiences of people in recovery. All consumer/peer leader nominations must be submitted by March 30, 2012, and all entertainment nominations must be submitted by April 27, 2012, to be considered. <http://www.voiceawards.samhsa.gov>

INPUT INTO THE SCIENTIFIC STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE PROPOSED NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SUBSTANCE USE AND ADDICTION DISORDERS

NIH is soliciting input into the Scientific Strategic Plan for the proposed new Institute, the National Institute of Substance Use and Addiction Disorders. This new Institute would result from the proposed reorganization of substance use, abuse, and addiction-related research at the NIH. Responses are being accepted until May 11, 2012. <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-12-045.html>

FUNDING INFORMATION

PATIENT-CENTERED OUTCOMES RESEARCH DISSEMINATION

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HS-12-006.html>

HARNESSING ADVANCED HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES TO DRIVE MENTAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENT

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-13-060.html> (R01)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-13-061.html> (R23)

LONGITUDINAL DATA ON TEEN DATING VIOLENCE: POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

<http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000984.pdf>

DETERMINING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN STRESS AND UNEXPLAINED IN-CUSTODY DEATHS

<https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000990.pdf>

DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSLATION OF MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES TO REDUCE HEALTH DISPARITIES (R43/R44)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-EB-12-001.html>

PARTNERSHIPS FOR SUSTAINABLE RESEARCH AND DISSEMINATION OF EVIDENCE-BASED MEDICINE (R24)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HS-12-005.html>

FY2012 DRUG FREE COMMUNITIES MENTORING REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/ondcp/potential-applicants-mentoring-program>



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 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 about the program please visit: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/outreach/partners>. To subscribe to receive the **Update** every two weeks, go to: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/outreach/partnership-program/subscribe-to-the-update.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.