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## **MOLECULAR SECRETS REVEALED: ANTIPSYCHOTIC DOCKED IN ITS RECEPTOR; DISCOVERY MAY LEAD TO SAFER, MORE TARGETED DRUGS**

Antipsychotic drugs – which transformed mental health care following their chance discovery in the mid-20th Century – may finally be poised for a long-overdue makeover incorporating structure-based design. Scientists funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) have achieved a landmark of psychiatric neuropharmacology: deciphering the molecular structure of a widely prescribed antipsychotic docked in its key receptor. They are hopeful that this discovery may hold secrets to designing better treatments for schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and other mental illnesses.

**Press Release:** <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/science-news/2018/molecular-secrets-revealed-antipsychotic-docked-in-its-receptor.shtml>

## **MENTAL ILLNESSES BY THE NUMBERS: REDESIGNED WEB SECTION ADDS INTERACTIVE TOOLS, SHARING FEATURES**

The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) has launched a redesigned “Statistics” section on its website that features interactive data visualization tools and sharing capabilities. The section also features improved organization, navigation, and accessibility. The goal of this section is to help people understand the impact of mental illnesses.

**Science Update:** <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/science-news/2018/mental-illnesses-by-the-numbers.shtml>

## **MEMORY GENE GOES VIRAL: NIH-FUNDED RESEARCH REVEALS NOVEL METHOD FOR TRANSFERRING GENETIC MATERIAL BETWEEN NEURONS**

Two independent teams of scientists from the University of Utah and the University of Massachusetts Medical School have discovered that a gene crucial for learning, called Arc, can send its genetic material from one neuron to another by employing a strategy commonly used by viruses. The NIH-funded studies, both published in *Cell*, unveil a new way that nervous system cells interact.

**Press Release:** <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/science-news/2018/memory-gene-goes-viral.shtml>

## **WORKING GROUP ON CHILD ENROLLMENT HIGHLIGHTS SCIENTIFIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL OF US RESEARCH PROGRAM**

In July, the *All of Us* Research Program established a working group of its advisory panel to help inform the program's plans for enrollment of children. The Child Enrollment Scientific Vision Working Group has now completed its report, outlining key scientific opportunities that may be enabled by the inclusion of children from diverse backgrounds in the program. The report outlines four key themes that encompass a variety of scientific opportunities relevant to child health, including the role that multiple contributors to health such as biology, behavior, and social and physical environments; primary prevention and resilience; the importance of the family context; and the life course and intergenerational perspective.

**Press Release:** <https://allofus.nih.gov/news-events-and-media/announcements/working-group-child-enrollment-highlights-scientific>

## **NIH STUDY SHOWS STEEP INCREASE IN RATE OF ALCOHOL-RELATED ED VISITS; INCREASES WERE LARGER AMONG FEMALES THAN MALES, PROVIDING MORE EVIDENCE OF NARROWING GENDER GAPS IN ALCOHOL-RELATED HARMS IN THE U.S.**

The rate of alcohol-related visits to United States (U.S.) emergency departments (EDs) increased by nearly 50 percent between 2006 and 2014, especially among females and drinkers who are middle-aged or older, according to a new study conducted by researchers at the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA). The study findings are available online in the journal, *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*.

**Press Release:** <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/nih-study-shows-steep-increase-rate-alcohol-related-er-visits>

## **SAMHSA ANNOUNCES NEW EFFORTS TO ADVANCE EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES FOR OPIOID USE AND SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS**

On January 17, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced major efforts to advance evidence-based practices in the behavioral health field. In conjunction with the Presidential Public Health Emergency Declaration on October 27, 2017, SAMHSA announced a new Technical Assistance (TA) effort to focus on the specific needs of states and local jurisdictions to address the opioid crisis in their areas. This week, SAMHSA released \$12 million in funding to the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry to begin the effort to utilize local expertise to provide TA and training on evidence-based practices to combat the nation's opioid crisis. SAMHSA has also released a new funding opportunity to develop a national Center of Excellence dedicated to the implementation of evidence-based practices to treat individuals living with serious mental illness (SMI).

**Press Release:** <https://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/press-announcements/201801170130>

## **SCIENCE UPDATE: FOLIC ACID, MULTIVITAMINS BEFORE AND DURING PREGNANCY MAY REDUCE AUTISM RISK, SUGGESTS NIH-FUNDED STUDY**

Children born to women who took either folic acid, or a daily multivitamin before or during pregnancy were less likely to have a child diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder compared to children whose mothers did not take any prenatal vitamins, according to researchers funded in part by NIH. The findings are the latest in a body of research suggesting that folic acid and multivitamins before and during pregnancy may reduce autism risk. The study, appearing in *JAMA Psychiatry*, was led by Stephen Levine of the University of Haifa in Israel and included researchers in the U.S., Canada, and Sweden. NIH funding was provided by the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and NIMH.

**Press Release:** <https://www.nichd.nih.gov/news/releases/011518-autism-risk>

## **GRADUATES OF EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM SHOW GREATER EDUCATIONAL GAINS AS ADULTS; NIH-FUNDED STUDY OBSERVES HIGHER ATTAINMENT OF COLLEGE DEGREES**

Students who participated in an intensive childhood education program from preschool to third grade were more likely to achieve an academic degree beyond high school compared to a similar group that received other intervention services as children, according to an NIH-funded study.

**Press Release:** <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/graduates-early-childhood-program-show-greater-educational-gains-adults>

## **VA'S NATIONAL PTSD BRAIN BANK COLLABORATES WITH PINK CONCUSSIONS GROUP; WOMEN VETERANS URGED TO DONATE BRAINS FOR RESEARCH**

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced a collaboration between its National Center for PTSD and the nonprofit organization PINK Concussions, encouraging women to donate their brains for the purpose of research on the effects of traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

**Press Release:** <https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=4000>

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## NEW FROM NIMH

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### DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE: EXCELLENT SCIENCE

NIMH leadership has defined a set of principles to help compare the quality of research proposals across the full breadth of the Institute's portfolio. In his latest Director's Message, NIMH Director Dr. Joshua Gordon explains how these principles can help ensure that NIMH prioritizes excellent science while assuring portfolio balance across timeframes.

<https://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/director/messages/2018/excellent-science.shtml>

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### ARCHIVED WEBCAST: ADOLESCENT SUICIDE PREVENTION: RECOGNIZING TEENS AT RISK AND RESPONDING EFFECTIVELY

NIMH's recent webcast on adolescent suicide prevention is now archived. The presentations highlighted techniques for early detection and intervention among young people at risk for depression.

<https://videocast.nih.gov/launch.asp?23670>

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### LATEST ISSUE OF *INSIDE NIMH* AVAILABLE

*Inside NIMH* provides an update on policies and activities relating to the conduct and support of mental health research, research training, and other programs of the Institute.

<https://www.nimh.nih.gov/research-priorities/inside-nimh/2018-winter-inside-nimh.shtml>

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### NIMH ALLIANCE FOR RESEARCH PROGRESS MEETING: MEETING SUMMARY

In September 2017, NIMH convened a meeting of the Alliance for Research Progress, a group of leaders from national mental health-related organizations representing and advocating for individuals with mental illnesses and their families. This meeting included discussions about scientific solutions to the opioid crisis, and treatments for obsessive compulsive disorder and depression. A summary is available.

<https://www.nimh.nih.gov/outreach/alliance/alliance-report-september-2017/index.shtml>

## NEW FROM NIH

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### NIDA: HOSPITAL BEST PRACTICES LINKED TO MODEST CHANGES IN PRESCRIPTION OPIOID DISPENSING

In 2012, Washington state mandated seven hospital best practice strategies in an effort to reduce the number of preventable Medicaid ED visits and redirect care to the most appropriate setting. Some of these mandates were thought to affect ED opioid prescribing and provide a template for other states to use when addressing the opioid overdose crisis. The authors of this study, funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), assessed whether the Washington state hospital mandates had any impact on Medicaid beneficiary opioid dispensing rates after an ED visit. The authors conclude that hospital best practice mandates were associated with small reductions in opioid dispensing following an ED visit. The effect size was not larger for patients with prior risk or chronic opioid use, indicating that additional work is needed to reduce opioid prescribing to these patients. <https://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/latest-science/hospital-best-practices-linked-to-modest-changes-in-prescription-opioid-dispensing>

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### NIDA: A FAMILY-ORIENTED INTERVENTION MAY REDUCE THE EFFECTS OF POVERTY ON BRAIN DEVELOPMENT

This NIDA-funded study found that childhood poverty was associated with reduced volumes of limbic brain regions in adulthood. In addition, the reduced limbic volumes were associated with depression and smoking in adulthood; however, participation in Safe African American Families, a parenting-focused drug use prevention program, ameliorated those associations. <https://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/nida-notes/2018/01/family-oriented-intervention-may-reduce-effects-poverty-brain-development>

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### NIH DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE: GOT A GREAT RESEARCH IDEA? "ALL OF US" WANTS TO HEAR IT!

NIH Director Francis Collins blogs about the *All of Us* Research Program's call for research ideas. This historic effort will enroll one million or more people in the U.S. to share information about their health, habits, and what it's like where they live. This information will be part of a resource that scientists can use to accelerate research and improve health. The program is reaching out to prospective researchers, community organizations, and citizen scientists to get their input about research questions that *All of Us* could help answer. Possible topics include risks of disease, factors that promote wellness, and research on human behavior, prevention, exercise, genetics, environmental health effects, health disparities, and more. <https://directorsblog.nih.gov/2018/01/11/got-a-great-research-idea-all-of-us-wants-to-hear-it/>

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### NIMHD: YUP'IK COMMUNITIES TURN TO INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE TO PREVENT RISK FOR YOUTH SUICIDE AND ALCOHOL ABUSE

Culture plays a substantial role in reducing disparities among American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) populations. Experts acknowledge culture's critical importance to intervention success and sustainability, yet many questions remain about the mechanisms that produce this protective effect. This post from the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities shares how researchers at the Center for Alaska Native Health Research have been collaborating with Yup'ik communities to address challenges facing Alaskan youth. <https://nimhd.nih.gov/news-events/features/community-health/yupik-community.html>

## NEW FROM SAMHSA

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### BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS: USING YOUTH SUICIDE-RELATED SURVEILLANCE DATA FROM STATE SYSTEMS

SAMHSA's Suicide Prevention Resource Center released this new report, which explores the opportunities and barriers that state Garrett Lee Smith (GLS) grantees face in accessing and using suicide surveillance data from juvenile justice, child welfare, and public behavioral health systems. An accompanying technical report details the research included in the paper. A series of worksheets is also included to help state GLS grantees start or continue a dialogue on accessing and using suicide-related data from these three youth-serving state systems. <http://www.sprc.org/resources-programs/breaking-down-barriers-using-youth-suicide-related-surveillance-data-state>

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### NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION IMPLEMENTATION ASSESSMENT REPORT

This report is an assessment of the implementation of the revised 2012 National Strategy for Suicide Prevention. The report attempts to provide a snapshot of recent efforts to implement the goals and objectives of the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention and makes suggestions for increasing the effectiveness of these implementation efforts. <https://store.samhsa.gov/product/SMA17-5051>

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### 2018 NATIONAL PREVENTION WEEK PLANNING GUIDE AND RESOURCE CALENDAR

This planning guide and resource calendar equips communities with tools for developing National Prevention Week events in 2018. It includes a list of health observances, event planning strategies, and SAMHSA resources. <https://store.samhsa.gov/product/PEP18-NPWCALENDAR>

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### GETTING THE RIGHT HELP FOR OPIOID DEPENDENCE OR WITHDRAWAL

The Federal Trade Commission, in partnership with SAMHSA, has developed a new fact sheet to help those in need of treatment for opioid dependence or withdrawal. The new fact sheet provides information on how to obtain proper and safe help for the treatment of opioid dependence or withdrawal.

**In English:** <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0223-getting-right-help-opioid-dependence-or-withdrawal>

**In Spanish:** <https://www.consumidor.ftc.gov/articulos/s0223-como-obtener-la-ayuda-correcta-para-tratar-la-dependencia-o-abstinencia-de-opiaceos>

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### MISSOURI PROGRAM EXPANDS NALOXONE TRAINING AND DISTRIBUTION IN EASTERN MISSOURI

Find out how the Missouri Opioid-Heroin Overdose Prevention and Education program's training and distribution approach is getting naloxone into the hands of law enforcement and substance misuse treatment providers. <https://www.samhsa.gov/capt/tools-learning-resources/MO-HOPE-Expands-Naloxone-Training-Distribution-Eastern-Missouri>

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## PREVENTING THE CONSEQUENCES OF OPIOID OVERDOSE: UNDERSTANDING NALOXONE ACCESS LAWS

Naloxone access laws make naloxone easier to obtain by expanding how the medication can be distributed beyond traditional prescriptions. This document describes the aims of naloxone access laws and the various forms they can take. <https://www.samhsa.gov/capt/tools-capt-learning-resources/preventing-consequences-opioid-overdose-naloxone-access>

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## PREVENTION CONVERSATIONS: ADDRESSING HEALTH DISPARITIES

Watch Partnerships for Success 2014 Coordinator Dawn Thomas describe approaches prevention practitioners are using in Ohio to reduce health disparities across the state. Videos include:

REDUCING HEALTH DISPARITIES IN OHIO: IMPLEMENTING A "WRAP-AROUND" APPROACH

<https://www.samhsa.gov/capt/tools-learning-resources/reducing-health-disparities-ohio-implementing-%E2%80%9Cwrap-around%E2%80%9D-approach>

PREVENTION IN OHIO: THE IMPORTANCE OF BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

<https://www.samhsa.gov/capt/tools-learning-resources/prevention-ohio-importance-building-relationships>

## NEW FROM HEALTHY PEOPLE 2020

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### BLOG POST: REDUCING PRESCRIPTION OPIOID MISUSE IN NORTH CAROLINA

This Healthy People 2020 blog post describes the work of Project Lazarus, a community-based response to prescription opioid overdose in Wilkes County, North Carolina (NC). Its approach relies on raising public awareness, coordinating action through coalitions, and collecting strong data. The project's activities have been so successful that other counties in NC and across the country are using the Project Lazarus model to reduce prescription opioid misuse in their own communities.

<https://health.gov/news/blog/2018/01/reducing-prescription-opioid-misuse-north-carolina/>

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### NEW INJURY AND VIOLENCE INFOGRAPHIC

This infographic shows progress toward the Healthy People 2020 Leading Health Indicator on Injury and Violence, which addresses homicide, suicide, and injury.

<https://health.gov/news/announcements/2018/01/check-new-injury-violence-infographic-healthy-people-2020/>



## NEW FROM AHRQ

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### ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER: DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT IN CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

This new review from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality updates a previous review by comparing strategies to diagnose, treat, and monitor children and adolescents with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). <https://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/opics/adhd-update/systematic-review-2018>

## NEW FROM CDC

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### SHORT SLEEP DURATION AMONG MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS — U.S., 2015

This Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report provides state-level estimates of short sleep duration among middle school and high school students using age-specific recommendations from the American Academy of Sleep Medicine. A majority of both middle school and high school students in states and large urban school districts included in this report get less than the recommended amount of sleep, putting them at an increased risk for several chronic conditions.

<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/67/wr/mm6703a1.htm>

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### DISPARITIES IN PRECONCEPTION HEALTH INDICATORS, 2013–2014

Preconception health is a broad term that encompasses the overall health of nonpregnant women during their reproductive years. Improvement of both birth outcomes and the woman's health occurs when preconception health is optimized. Improving preconception health before and between pregnancies is critical for reducing maternal and infant mortality, and pregnancy-related complications. The National Preconception Health and Health Care Initiative's Surveillance and Research work group suggests 10 prioritized indicators that states can use to monitor programs or activities for improving the preconception health status of women of reproductive age. This report includes estimates for nine of these preconception health indicators, including depression. <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/67/ss/ss6701a1.htm>

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### ADHD MEDICATION PRESCRIPTION CLAIMS AMONG PRIVATELY INSURED WOMEN AGED 15–44 YEARS — U.S., 2003–2015

ADHD medication use has increased among pregnant women in the U.S., and consensus about its safety during pregnancy is lacking. Given that half of U.S. pregnancies are unintended, ADHD medication use among reproductive-aged women might result in early pregnancy exposure, a critical period for fetal development. The percentage of privately insured reproductive-aged women who filled a prescription for an ADHD medication increased 344 percent from 2003 to 2015. ADHD medication prescriptions increased across all age groups and geographic regions, and the increase was confined to stimulant medications.

<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/67/wr/mm6702a3.htm>

## NEW FROM ACF

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### COMBATING TRAFFICKING: NATIVE YOUTH TOOLKIT ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The Administration for Native Americans, in partnership with the Office of Trafficking in Persons, recently released this new toolkit to combat the trafficking of Native youth by educating them on what human trafficking is – putting a name to the thing that they may have seen or experienced. This toolkit was informed by more than 100 Native youth in sessions at the United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc. conferences held in 2015 and 2016. In conversations with Native American youth, it was learned that though they may know someone who has been trafficked or even been trafficked themselves, they didn't understand what to call it, or what to do about it. <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/blog/2018/01/combating-trafficking-native-youth-toolkit-on-human-trafficking>

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### THE RISK AND PREVENTION OF MALTREATMENT OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Children with disabilities are at least three times more likely to be abused or neglected than their peers without disabilities, and they are more likely to be seriously injured or harmed by maltreatment. This bulletin describes the scope of the problem, risk factors, and strategies for prevention. It examines the problem in terms of statistics and research; covers critical issues encountered when assessing a child with a disability for maltreatment; and provides information about promising prevention, collaboration, and training approaches. <https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/prevenres/focus/>

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### MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING: A PRIMER FOR CHILD WELFARE PROFESSIONALS

Motivational interviewing is a method professionals can utilize to support families who may be ambivalent or hesitant about support from the child welfare system. This factsheet provides child welfare professionals with an overview of motivational interviewing, describes circumstances when it could be applied, and highlights the basics of the method. <https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/motivational-interviewing/>

## NEW FROM THE VA

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### PODCAST: ROCKY MOUNTAIN SHORT TAKES ON SUICIDE PREVENTION

The VA Rocky Mountain Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Center for Suicide Prevention has released a new podcast interview on lethal means safety. The podcast discusses the fundamentals of lethal means safety, why it is important, and how to ensure that conversations about lethal means safety are Veteran-centered. [https://www.mirecc.va.gov/visn19/education/media/podcasts/1\\_17\\_2018.asp](https://www.mirecc.va.gov/visn19/education/media/podcasts/1_17_2018.asp)

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### MEDICATIONS FOR PTSD EXPLAINED

This issue of the National Center for PTSD e-newsletter describes medication options for PTSD, how medications work, and which medications might help with anxiety or insomnia. <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USVHA/bulletins/1d6f3e8>

### SAMHSA'S 14TH ANNUAL PREVENTION DAY

FEBRUARY 5, 2018, NATIONAL HARBOR, MD

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This event will feature presentations, training sessions, technical assistance, and resources to support prevention practitioners, community leaders, researchers, and consumers in successfully addressing emerging substance misuse prevention issues. <https://www.samhsa.gov/capt/news-announcements/conferences-trainings/samhsa%E2%80%99s-14th-annual-prevention-day>

### WEBINAR: BEST PRACTICES IN PEER SUPPORT TRAINING

FEBRUARY 5, 2018, 3:30-5:00 PM ET

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This SAMHSA-sponsored webinar addresses best practices in peer support training. Peer support is an essential part of recovery-focused services and systems, and with the launch of the first advanced National Certified Peer Specialist Certification, individuals across the country can become certified, explore new career paths, and contribute to a growing mental health workforce. During this webinar, two national leaders in peer support training will share about the history, fundamentals, and best practices in training, and how to join the growing network of trained and certified peer support specialists.

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USSAMHSA/bulletins/1d6bd99>

### WEBINAR: SUCCESSFULLY EMPLOYING PEER SPECIALISTS: A FRAMEWORK AND TOOLS

FEBRUARY 6, 2018, 2:30-4:00 PM ET

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This SAMHSA-sponsored webinar addresses successfully employing peer specialists. This training is especially designed for provider managers and supervisors, and will offer a framework for and specific tools on successfully employing peer specialists. The presenter will clarify the peer specialist role and discuss recruiting, hiring, and training peers, and educating and supporting non-peer staff. Presenters will also discuss using reasonable accommodations, Americans With Disabilities Act, and Employee Assistance Programs to address job difficulties and support good performance.

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USSAMHSA/bulletins/1d6bd99>

## WEBINAR: THE IMPACT OF ALCOHOL ON WOMEN'S HEALTH

FEBRUARY 8, 2018, 2:00-3:30 PM ET

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Health care providers working in community-based primary care and behavioral health organizations that are building integrated care capacity can identify at-risk alcohol use among women, and provide brief interventions, education, and referral to treatment, if indicated, to help them cut down or quit alcohol. Join this SAMHSA-Health Resources and Services Administration Center for Integrated Health Solutions webinar to learn about the impact of alcohol and other drugs on women's health and best practices to identify and intervene for substance use among women.

[https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1176559&tp\\_key=f7013a501b](https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1176559&tp_key=f7013a501b)

## RARE DISEASE DAY AT NIH 2018

MARCH 1, 2018, 8:30 AM-4:00 PM ET, BETHESDA, MD AND WEBCAST

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Rare diseases affect an estimated 25 million people in the U.S. The National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences and the NIH Clinical Center are hosting this event to raise awareness about these disorders, the people they affect, and current research collaborations. The event will feature interactive panel discussions, posters, exhibits, and tours of the NIH Clinical Center. Admission is free and open to the public. Participants can share their thoughts, photos, and experiences during the day via social media using the hashtag #RDDNIH. The event also will be webcast. <https://ncats.nih.gov/rdd>

## HEALTH OBSERVANCE: NATIONAL MINORITY HEALTH MONTH

APRIL 2018

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The theme for the 2018 National Minority Health Month is "Partnering for Health Equity." Partnerships at the national, state, tribal, and local levels are vital to the work of reducing health disparities and advancing health equity. During National Minority Health Month, beginning April 1, 2018, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health will join with partners, health advocates, and organizations in highlighting the role of partnerships in improving the health of people and communities across the country. <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USOPHSOMH/bulletins/1d5cf12>

## HAVE A RESEARCH QUESTION THAT THE NIH *ALL OF US* RESEARCH PROGRAM COULD ADDRESS? DEADLINE FOR IDEAS EXTENDED TO FEBRUARY 23

The NIH *All of Us* Research Program invites you to submit your ideas of important research questions the program could answer. Are there important questions that this cohort could address in the areas of the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of mental illnesses? The input will help the program identify new features to add to the *All of Us* platform to support research across a range of health topics and advance precision medicine. The deadline for input is February 23, 2018. <https://allofus.nih.gov/news-events-and-media/announcements/all-us-research-program-seeks-input-research-priorities>

## SAMHSA IS SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2018 VOICE AWARDS

SAMHSA's Voice Awards program honors consumer, peer, and family leaders who are improving the lives of people with mental illnesses and substance use disorders in communities across the country. The awards program also recognizes television and film productions that educate the public about behavioral health, and showcase that recovery is real and possible through treatment and recovery supports. SAMHSA's 2018 Voice Awards will pay special attention to individuals and entertainment productions that are raising awareness about serious mental illness and opioid use disorders. All nominations are due by March 16, 2018. <https://www.samhsa.gov/voice-awards/submit-nominations>

## THE 2018 OPERATION PREVENTION VIDEO CHALLENGE IS ACCEPTING ENTRIES

*Operation Prevention*, an initiative of the Drug Enforcement Administration and Discovery Education, aims to combat the growing epidemic of prescription opioid misuse and heroin use by educating students about the science behind addiction and its impacts on the brain and body. The Operation Prevention Video Challenge encourages students to send a message to their peers about prescription opioid misuse by creating a 30- to 60-second original public service announcement. Encourage teens in your communities to start brainstorming today. The Challenge closes on March 20, 2018. <https://www.operationprevention.com/video-challenge>

## NATIONWIDE RECRUITMENT—NIH RESEARCH: DEPRESSION IN TEENAGERS

Join a research study seeking to find causes and treatments of depression in teenagers. The study is recruiting participants ages 11-17 who are depressed and have a pediatrician or medical provider. The study begins with an outpatient evaluation (clinical assessment, interviews, and questionnaires). Outpatient study visits include a clinical assessment, research tasks, and brain imaging, up to age 25. Eligible participants may receive treatment of evidence-based cognitive-behavioral therapy and, if indicated, standard medicines. Enrollment is from across the U.S. Transportation expenses to NIH in Bethesda, MD are reimbursed. There is no cost to participate; compensation is provided.

Call 1-301-827-1350 [TTY: 1-866-411-1010] or Email [depressedkids@mail.nih.gov](mailto:depressedkids@mail.nih.gov).

[www.nimh.nih.gov/TeenDepressionStudy](http://www.nimh.nih.gov/TeenDepressionStudy)

Department of Health & Human Services, National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Mental Health, Protocol Number: 18-M-0037

## FUNDING INFORMATION

CLINICAL SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS FUNDING

<https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-18-020>

TREATMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS, SERIOUS EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE OR CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

<https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-18-014>

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIPS FOR EARLY DIVERSION

<https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-18-005>

YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION INTERVENTIONS THAT INCORPORATE RACISM/DISCRIMINATION PREVENTION

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MD-18-005.html>

STRENGTHENING PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEMS AND SERVICES THROUGH NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS TO IMPROVE AND PROTECT THE NATION'S HEALTH

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=300318>

ADOLESCENT AND YOUNG ADULT HEALTH NATIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=295241>

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR RESPONSE TO PUBLIC HEALTH OR HEALTHCARE CRISES

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=298696>

COMPLEX TECHNOLOGIES AND THERAPEUTICS DEVELOPMENT FOR MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH AND PRACTICE

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-566.html> (R43/R44 Clinical Trial Optional)

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-18-579.html> (R41/R42 - Clinical Trial Optional)



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