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## **NIMH-FUNDED STUDY TO TRACK THE EFFECTS OF TRAUMA**

By carefully tracking 5,000 people after they have experienced a traumatic event, a just-launched study funded by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) aims to provide a finely detailed map of the array of factors that play a role in the development of mental disorders that occur in the wake of trauma. Information coming out of the study should provide a much deeper understanding of the mechanisms that give rise to post-traumatic disorders as well as a clearer basis for predicting who will be affected and how best to target treatment.

**Press Release:** <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/science-news/2016/nimh-funded-study-to-track-the-effects-of-trauma.shtml>

## **FEDERAL PARITY TASK FORCE TAKES STEPS TO STRENGTHEN INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS**

The White House announced that the federal Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Parity Task Force (Task Force) released its final report. In the final report, the Task Force included a series of actions and recommendations to help ensure better implementation of parity; help consumers, providers, and plans understand how parity works; and ensure appropriate oversight and enforcement of parity protections. These steps are based on input the Task Force received through a series of listening sessions held between March and October, and through the more than 1,100 public comments the Task Force received from individuals with mental health and substance use disorders, families, their providers, advocates, and other stakeholders.

**Release:** <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/10/27/fact-sheet-mental-health-and-substance-use-disorder-parity-task-force>

## **NIMH'S FRANCIS MCMAHON, M.D., AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS COLVIN PRIZE; FOUR NIMH GRANTEES ALSO RECOGNIZED BY BRAIN & BEHAVIOR RESEARCH FOUNDATION**

NIMH is pleased to announce that Francis McMahon, M.D., has been named a recipient of the Brain and Behavior Research Foundation's 2016 Colvin Prize for Outstanding Achievement in Mood Disorders Research. Dr. McMahon is Chief of the Human Genetics Branch at NIMH. He came to the Institute in 2002 to establish a new genetics unit within the Intramural Research Program. Dr. McMahon's mission at NIMH has been the identification of genes that contribute to the risk for mood and anxiety disorders so that better methods of diagnosis and treatment can be developed.

**Science Update:** <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/science-news/2016/nimhs-francis-mcmahon-md-awarded-prestigious-colvin-prize.shtml>

## **SCIENTISTS PROPOSE NEUROSCIENCE FRAMEWORK FOR DIAGNOSING ADDICTIONS**

Scientists at the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), propose using an assessment tool to diagnose addictive disorders that considers addiction-related behaviors, brain imaging, and genetic data. According to a new review article, the Addictions Neuroclinical Assessment would facilitate future understanding of the origin of addiction at a biological level and could ultimately lead to more effective individualized treatments for addictions.

**Press Release:** <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/scientists-propose-neuroscience-framework-diagnosing-addictions>

## **IHS ANNOUNCES NEW METHAMPHETAMINE AND SUICIDE PREVENTION INITIATIVE GENERATION-INDIGENOUS AWARDS**

The Indian Health Service (IHS) announced 42 Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative funding awards to Tribes, Tribal organizations, Urban Indian organizations, and IHS federal government programs together totaling more than \$7 million for one year. Awardees will focus on increasing positive youth development, fostering resilience, and promoting family engagement among Native youth up to and including age 24 in American Indian and Alaska Native communities. These awards will provide more access to health services by growing the number of behavioral health providers who specialize in working with children, adolescents, and families with the overall goal of preventing suicide and substance use.

**Press Release:** <https://www.ihs.gov/newsroom/pressreleases/2016pressreleases/ihs-announces-new-methamphetamine-and-suicide-prevention-initiative-generation-indigenous-awards>

## **TESTOSTERONE AND OTHER ANABOLIC ANDROGENIC STEROIDS: FDA STATEMENT - RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH ABUSE AND DEPENDENCE**

The Food and Drug Administration approved class-wide labeling changes for all prescription testosterone products, adding a new warning and updating the Abuse and Dependence section to include new safety information from published literature and case reports regarding the risks associated with abuse and dependence of testosterone and other anabolic androgenic steroids (AAS). Abuse of testosterone, usually at doses higher than those typically prescribed and usually in conjunction with other AAS, is associated with serious safety risks affecting the heart, brain, liver, and endocrine system. Reported serious adverse outcomes include heart attack, heart failure, stroke, depression, hostility, aggression, liver toxicity, and male infertility. Individuals abusing high doses of testosterone also have reported withdrawal symptoms such as depression, fatigue, irritability, loss of appetite, decreased libido, and insomnia. The new warning will alert prescribers to the abuse potential of testosterone and the serious adverse outcomes, especially those related to heart and mental health that have been reported in association with testosterone and AAS abuse.

**Release:**

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/SafetyAlertsforHumanMedicalProducts/ucm526151.htm>

## STRUCTURE OF PRIMARY CANNABINOID RECEPTOR IS REVEALED; FINDINGS GIVE INSIGHT INTO DESIGNING SAFE AND EFFECTIVE CANNABINOID MEDICATIONS.

New research is providing a more detailed view into the structure of the human cannabinoid (CB1) receptor. These findings provide key insights into how natural and synthetic cannabinoids, including tetrahydrocannabinol—a primary chemical in marijuana—bind at the CB1 receptor to produce their effects. The research was funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA).

**Press Release:** <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/structure-primary-cannabinoid-receptor-revealed>

## DEA AND DISCOVERY EDUCATION LAUNCH NEW MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAM

To combat America's rapidly growing opioid and heroin epidemic, the United States (U.S.) Drug Enforcement Administration and Discovery Education announced a new joint nationwide education initiative called *Operation Prevention*. Designed for middle and high school students, educators, and parents, *Operation Prevention* is an effort to educate students about the science behind drug addiction and its impact, with resources that help initiate lifesaving conversations in the home and classroom. The no-cost initiative offers standards-aligned classroom resources, including digital lesson plans and a parent toolkit that offers information on the warning signs of substance misuse disorder, and a guide to prevention and intervention.

**Press Release:** <https://www.dea.gov/divisions/hq/2016/hq102516.shtml>

## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE LAUNCHES CHANGING MINDS CAMPAIGN TO HELP CHILDREN EXPOSED TO VIOLENCE

The White House and the Department of Justice (DOJ) launched a national campaign to raise awareness, teach skills, and inspire public action to address children's exposure to violence. The campaign, called *Changing Minds*, is a collaboration led by DOJ's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OOJDP), Futures Without Violence, and the Ad Council, created pro bono by the advertising agency Wunderman. *Changing Minds* features short films, digital assets, and print content intended to reach adults who interact with children and youth in grades kindergarten to 12. It will engage teachers, coaches, counselors, doctors, nurses, law enforcement officers, and other frontline professionals and caregivers, guiding them on ways they can help kids recover from trauma.

**Press Release:** <http://ojp.gov/newsroom/pressreleases/2016/ojppr10192016.pdf>

## NEW FROM NIH

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### NIH RESEARCH MATTERS: ANXIETY MOLECULES AFFECT MALE AND FEMALE MICE DIFFERENTLY

Researchers found that neurons activated by the “social hormone” oxytocin lessen anxiety in male mice, but not females. The study provides insight into sex-related differences in the brain and suggests new possibilities for treating anxiety disorders. <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/nih-research-matters/anxiety-molecules-affect-male-female-mice-differently>

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### MESSAGES SHORE UP SUPPORT FOR MAKING LIFESAVING ANTI-OVERDOSE MEDICATION WIDELY AVAILABLE

Public health messages can increase public approval for making naloxone legally available to friends and relatives of opioid users to administer if an overdose occurs. The most effective messaging combined facts about opioid overdose and the medication with a narrative to elicit sympathy for survivors of overdose victims. <https://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/nida-notes/2016/10/messages-shore-up-support-making-life-saving-anti-overdose-medication-widely-available>

## NEW FROM SAMHSA

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### CONSUMER GUIDE TO DISCLOSURE RIGHTS: MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER BENEFITS

As part of the Parity Task Force, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the Department of Labor have released this guide to help consumers, their representatives, and providers understand what type of information to ask for when inquiring about a plan's compliance with parity and to explain the various federal disclosure laws that also require disclosure of information related to parity. <http://store.samhsa.gov/product/Consumer-Guide-To-Disclosure-Rights-Making-The-Most-Of-Your-Mental-Health-and-Substance-Use-Disorder-Benefits/All-New-Products/SMA16-4992>

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### IN BRIEF: CHRONIC SUBSTANCE USER AND COGNITIVE EFFECTS ON THE BRAIN: AN INTRODUCTION

This report provides information for clinicians who may encounter clients with cognitive deficits related to chronic substance use disorder. It highlights ways in which chronic substance use may affect the brain. <http://store.samhsa.gov/product/In-Brief-Chronic-Substance-User-and-Cognitive-Effects-on-the-Brain-An-Introduction/All-New-Products/SMA16-4973>

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#### GROWING OLDER: PROVIDING INTEGRATED CARE FOR AN AGING POPULATION

This resource guides clinicians on the best approaches for providing integrated care to older adults suffering from substance use disorder and mental illness. It explains the importance of assessing clients for cognitive deficits and adapting behavioral interventions to help clients gain maximum benefit from treatment.

<http://store.samhsa.gov/product/Growing-Older-Providing-Integrated-Care-for-An-Aging-Population/All-New-Products/SMA16-4982>

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#### GUIDANCE DOCUMENT FOR SUPPORTING WOMEN IN CO-ED SETTINGS

This resource guides clinicians on the best practices for treating women suffering from substance use disorder in co-ed treatment and recovery settings. It highlights the importance of gender differences, cultural sensitivity, and developing healthy relationships. <http://store.samhsa.gov/product/SMA16-4979>

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#### PREVENTING AND RESPONDING TO SUICIDE CLUSTERS IN AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE COMMUNITIES REPORT

This resource highlights the effects of suicide clusters on American Indian and Alaska Native communities. It discusses effective prevention strategies and explores resources communities can use to decrease the prevalence of suicide clusters. <http://store.samhsa.gov/product/SMA16-4969>

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#### RACIAL INJUSTICE AND TRAUMA: AFRICAN AMERICANS IN THE U.S.

This SAMHSA National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) position statement is a call to action for the Network to collectively integrate specific activities within the work of the NCTSN, including: 1) increase knowledge about the impact of race-based traumatic stress that affects many African American children, their families, and the communities in which they live; 2) in collaboration with experts in historical trauma related to African American history, develop and disseminate resources that child trauma professionals can use to identify, assess, and address historical trauma and racism in the context of high quality, trauma-informed, culturally responsive care; and 3) become a national leader in raising awareness about historical trauma related to African Americans, the impact of current-day racial injustice, and the implication of such history and experiences on trauma-informed health and mental health care. <http://www.nctsn.org/about-us/nctsn-position-statements>

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#### SELECTED COMMUNITY-LEVEL APPROACHES TO DISASTER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

This resource examines community-level approaches to disaster behavioral health across the U.S. and through all stages of disaster preparedness, response, and recovery. While not meant to be comprehensive, the issue zeroes in on approaches that exemplify the benefits of a community-level approach, looking at research on how they are structured and how effective they are.

[http://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/programs\\_campaigns/dtac/srb-community-approaches.pdf](http://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/programs_campaigns/dtac/srb-community-approaches.pdf)

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## PREVENTING SUICIDE AMONG MEN IN THE MIDDLE YEARS: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS

This Suicide Prevention Resource Center report includes a review of the research on suicide among men ages 35 to 64, recommendations that provide guidance for state and community suicide prevention programs on addressing suicide in this population, and an annotated list of programs and resources.

[http://www.sprc.org/sites/default/files/resource-program/SPRC\\_MiMYReportFinal\\_0.pdf](http://www.sprc.org/sites/default/files/resource-program/SPRC_MiMYReportFinal_0.pdf)

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## INCREASING CULTURAL COMPETENCE TO REDUCE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISPARITIES

This collection of tools includes tip sheets and hands-on worksheets to help prevention practitioners better understand the important relationship between cultural competence and reducing disparities.

<http://www.samhsa.gov/capt/tools-learning-resources/tools-capt-increasing-cultural-competence-reduce-behavioral-health>

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## MATx MOBILE APP TO SUPPORT MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT OF OPIOID USE DISORDER

MATx empowers healthcare practitioners to provide effective, evidence-based care for opioid use disorder. This free mobile app supports practitioners who currently provide medication-assisted treatment as well as those who plan to do so in the future.

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USSAMHSA/bulletins/16d04d0>

## STOP BULLYING.GOV BLOG POSTS

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### THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF CYBERBULLYING AND WHAT WE CAN DO TO PREVENT IT

This blog post describes cyberbullying and its effects. Cyberbullying should not be seen as any less of a threat as traditional bullying. Since most cyberbullying is inflicted upon a child without the presence of adult supervision, the consequences can be far reaching. Cyberbullying will evolve as new technology is used and adapted, and so should methods to not only react against cyberbullying, but also to be proactive and stop cyberbullying before it happens. <https://www.stopbullying.gov/blog/2016/10/27/law-enforcements-reminder-negative-effects-cyberbullying-and-what-we-can-do-prevent-it>

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### THE IMPACT OF COMMUNITY IN NAVAJO LIFE

For the Navajo people, the concept of K'E, or kinship, is one of the most fundamental lessons taught to every child. This begins with the child learning their four inherited clans, which connects them to extended families within the tribal nation. The child is then taught what to call those with whom they share a clan—strangers may acquire titles such as mother or brother through this system—and the specific set of mutual responsibilities that accompany these terms. To demonstrate the importance of having a positive, inclusive community during National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month, StopBullying.Gov is honored to share the experiences of Sam Slater, a member of the Navajo Nation.

<https://www.stopbullying.gov/blog/2016/10/25/impact-community-navajo-life>

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## SCHOOL BULLYING AND LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER STUDENTS

Bullying is a big problem for many children and teens, and especially for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students. This post outlines the available data, and how schools can address bullying through policy. <https://www.stopbullying.gov/blog/2016/10/17/school-bullying-and-lesbian-gay-and-bisexual-high-school-students>

## NEW FROM ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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### BLOG POST: BRAIN SCIENCE RESEARCH: IMPLICATIONS FOR HUMAN SERVICES DELIVERY

This blog post summarizes how the Administration for Children and Families has sought to bring together the best research concerning trauma, toxic stress, two-generation/whole-family strategies, executive functioning and self-regulation, behavioral science, and a set of related areas to strengthen the effectiveness of human services programs. <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/blog/2016/10/brain-science-research-implications-for-human-services-delivery>

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### PODCAST: WORKING WITH THE CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM AND INCARCERATED PARENTS

When professionals work, interact, and exchange information with parents who are incarcerated and who have children involved in the child welfare system, they must also work with the correctional system and detention facilities. Navigating the protocols and procedures within a state's correctional system can be challenging and confusing, especially to professionals unaware of the restrictions on visitations and correspondence with inmates. This podcast features a conversation between representatives of the Federal Bureau of Prisons and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services familiar with the relationship between the child welfare and correctional systems. Listen to gain insight on how to facilitate communication and develop and execute case plans, and how to plan and prepare children for visiting their incarcerated parent. <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/resource/child-welfare-podcast-incarcerated-parents>

## DCOE: SIX MOBILE APPS TO HELP YOU FIGHT DEPRESSION

This Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury blog post describes mobile apps developed by the National Center for Telehealth and Technology, within the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), to fight depression. [http://www.dcoe.mil/blog/16-10-19/6\\_Mobile\\_Apps\\_to\\_Help\\_You\\_Fight\\_Depression.aspx](http://www.dcoe.mil/blog/16-10-19/6_Mobile_Apps_to_Help_You_Fight_Depression.aspx)



## NEW FROM DOJ

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### POLICE-MENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATION TOOLKIT

By engaging in a national dialogue with key stakeholders throughout the law enforcement and mental health fields, the Bureau of Justice Assistance has gathered the best practices and resources to help officers respond appropriately and safely to people with mental illness. This toolkit will serve as the comprehensive, go-to source for information related to these important collaboration efforts. <https://pmhctoolkit.bja.gov/>

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### THE FUTURE OF YOUTH JUSTICE: A COMMUNITY-BASED ALTERNATIVE TO THE YOUTH PRISON MODEL

This report provides recommendations for creating community-based alternatives to the youth prison model. It examines experiences from several states that have pursued alternative models. It finds that community-based approaches can reduce recidivism, control costs, and promote public safety.

<http://ojp.gov/newsroom/pressreleases/2016/ojp10212016.pdf>

## EVENTS

### WEBINAR: TOOLKITS AND RESOURCES TO PREPARE FOR OPEN ENROLLMENT IN THE HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE

NOVEMBER 3, 2016, 2:00 PM ET

Open enrollment in the Health Insurance Marketplace will open on November 1. Toolkits are available to help faith and community leaders share information on how to sign up for health insurance, why to buy health insurance, and where to find local help. This Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services webinar will describe these available resources. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8506972419723078660>

### WEBINAR: MEDICAL RESEARCH SCHOLARS PROGRAM

NOVEMBER 4, 2016, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM ET

The NIH Medical Research Scholars Program (MRSP) is hosting this webinar to discuss the application process with students and faculty. The MRSP is a year-long research enrichment program designed to attract creative, research-oriented medical, dental, and veterinary students to the NIH intramural campus in Bethesda, MD. The MRSP is designed for U.S. citizens and permanent residents currently enrolled in an accredited medical, dental, or veterinary program who have completed their core clinical rotations. This does not exclude students with strong research interests from applying prior to having completed their clinical rotations. MRSP is now accepting applications for the 2017-2018 MRSP class. The application deadline is January 13, 2017. <http://www.cc.nih.gov/training/mrsp/index.html>

## WEBINAR: ADOLESCENT SUBSTANCE USE SCREENING TOOLS FOR USE IN PRIMARY CARE

NOVEMBER 9, 2016, 1:00-2:00 PM ET

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This Addiction Technology Transfer Center webinar from the SAMHSA-NIDA Blending Initiative on new approaches in evidence-based prevention and substance use disorder treatment for youth looks at adolescent substance use screening tools in primary care settings. The webinar will discuss two validated, web-based screening tools—*Brief Screener for Tobacco, Alcohol, and other Drugs* and *Screening to Brief Intervention*—for use with adolescent patients at primary care settings, available at no cost from the NIDA website. Having tools that indicate clinically relevant risk categories of adolescent substance use allows clinicians to address substance use and refer youths for additional intervention when necessary.

<http://www.attcnetwork.org/projects/teentxiq.aspx>

## WEBINAR: SEXTORTION: AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

NOVEMBER 9, 2016, 3:00-4:30 PM ET

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This OJJDP webinar will define sextortion, discuss current research, offer prevention tips, and raise awareness about the dangers of this online activity. Presenters will provide real case examples from federal and state law enforcement. The webinar also will give educators, counselors, and law enforcement preventative tools to help youth avoid online predators.

[https://events-na8.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/1110525827/en/events/event/shared/default\\_template\\_si\\_mple/event\\_landing.html?sco-id=2007520016](https://events-na8.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/1110525827/en/events/event/shared/default_template_si_mple/event_landing.html?sco-id=2007520016)

## WEBINAR: TEAM-BASED PRIMARY CARE AND SUICIDE PREVENTION IN THE VA: PERSPECTIVES FROM THE FRONT LINES

NOVEMBER 14, 2016, 3:00-4:00 PM ET

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The Veterans Health Administration primary care-based suicide screening efforts have improved over the last decade although suicide attempt and completion rates have not changed significantly. Patient Aligned Care Teams integrate behavioral health services into primary care settings and also have access to a local suicide prevention coordinator at the facility level to help with screening, assessment, and management of actively or potentially suicidal patients. This presentation will share results from a mixed methods research study that explored primary care stakeholders' perceptions of: 1) the barriers and facilitators to implementing suicide prevention procedures; and 2) attitudes and beliefs, autonomy support, and competence with respect to implementing suicide prevention procedure.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9164603518304518147>

## THE DELAWARE PROJECT – ABCT – RDOC WEBINAR SERIES

NOVEMBER 17, 2016, 2:00-3:30 PM ET

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The NIMH Research Domain Criteria (RDoC) Unit, the Delaware Project, and the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies (ABCT) will host a collaborative webinar series that will focus on the science-to-service pipeline in psychology and psychiatry, beginning in November 2016. The first webinar in this series will highlight the role of fear and anxiety in disorders such as phobias and depression. Presenters will discuss these topics from various perspectives, including basic laboratory research, treatment in clinics, and graduate school instruction for clinicians. The goal of these webinars is to provide an opportunity for individuals in these various spaces to meet, discuss, and brainstorm pathways and solutions to connect these sectors and provide a unified vision to move the field forward. <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/research-priorities/scientific-meetings/2016/the-delaware-project-abct-rdoc-webinar-series.shtml>

## WEBINAR: HEALTH DISPARITIES AMONG VETERANS WITH SMI – FINDINGS AND INTERVENTION FRAMEWORK

NOVEMBER 17, 2016, 3:00-4:00 PM ET

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Veterans with serious mental illness (SMI) have substantially poorer health outcomes compared to individuals without mental illness. The VA has expended considerable effort to improve and address gaps in care for this population. This webinar will focus on a retrospective cohort study using fiscal year 2012 data to examine health disparities between SMI and non-SMI Veteran populations, and a recent report that reviews mental health inequalities and social determinants associated with poor mental health and examples of interventions to combat these inequalities.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4136290553897707779>

## WEBINAR: RESOURCES, INNOVATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIP: SUPPORTING THE WELLNESS OF MILITARY CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

NOVEMBER 22, 2016, 1:30-3:00 PM ET

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This SAMHSA Service Members, Veterans, and their Families Technical Assistance Center webinar will provide an overview of the research on military and Veteran children and tips for supporting military families. Presenters also will discuss strategies to build partnerships and develop targeted messaging to better engage and support military and Veteran families. Sesame Street, a leader in creating effective resources for supporting the wellness and resilience of young children, will be featured. Several of Sesame Workshop's new and most effective tools and resources will be highlighted, including their latest mobile app and resources for military and Veteran children. Participants will be able to download the mobile app, a variety of links, and innovative tools and resources to aid parents, caregivers, educators, and providers in providing the needed support to the children of our service members and Veterans.

<https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1122609>

## RFI: GUIDANCE FOR OPPORTUNITIES IN SUICIDE RESEARCH USING EXISTING DATASETS

This NIMH Request for Information seeks input to identify existing datasets as a means to provide support for aggregation and analysis of larger data sets that will shed light on pathophysiology of suicidal behavior, and to learn of efficient strategies for linking health care data with mortality, and seeks information on incentives needed to accomplish the task. Comments accepted through December 2, 2016.

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-MH-16-027.html>

## SAMHSA'S GAINS CENTER SEEKS EXPERIENCED TRAINERS TO PARTICIPATE IN TRAUMA-INFORMED RESPONSES TRAIN-THE-TRAINER EVENT FOR INDIVIDUALS

This year, the GAINS Center is soliciting applications from experienced trainers who are interested in developing their capacity to provide trauma-informed training in their local agencies/communities via the GAINS Center's *How Being Trauma-Informed Improves Criminal Justice System Responses* training program. Selected applicants will learn to facilitate the training via a centralized Train-The-Trainer event and subsequently deliver the training program in their local communities across the country. Applications accepted through November 17, 2016. <http://www.prainc.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/2017-GAINS-Individual-Trauma-Trainer-Solicitation.doc>

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE NATIONAL USE-OF-FORCE DATA COLLECTION PROGRAM

To provide a better understanding of the incidents of use of force by law enforcement, the Uniform Crime Reporting Program is proposing a new data collection for law enforcement agencies to provide information on incidents where use of force by a law enforcement officer has led to the death or serious bodily injury of a person as well as when a law enforcement officer discharges a firearm at or in the direction of a person. The Federal Bureau of Investigation seeks comments from all interested parties, including local, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement, civil rights organizations, and other community stakeholders. Comments accepted through December 5, 2016. <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/10/05/2016-24173/agency-information-collection-activities-proposed-ecollection-ecomments-requested-a-newly-approved>

## SHARE FEEDBACK ON THE NEW CONSUMER PORTAL PROTOTYPE: MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION INSURANCE HELP

In October 2016, the President's Parity Task Force issued a final report that outlined recommendations and took some initial steps to implement the recommendations to further advance parity in behavioral health insurance benefits. One of the findings of the Task Force was how complicated it can be to find the right entry point for assistance with mental health and substance use disorders and knowing how to exercise parity rights. The Task Force recommended developing a consumer portal web prototype to help consumers get to the correct resource to help them solve their insurance coverage issue, file a complaint, and submit an appeal. This consumer portal web prototype – *Mental Health and Addiction Insurance Help* – is being released as an initial step to help consumers navigate parity and connect them with the appropriate federal or state point of contact. As consumers begin to use the new consumer portal prototype, input from the public is welcome. The Task Force is interested in responses to questions such as is the portal prototype easy to use and understand, and is this a useful first step to help increase knowledge of parity rights?

<http://www.hhs.gov/mental-health-and-addiction-insurance-help/feedback/index.html>

## COMMENTS SOUGHT FOR AHRQ EFFECTIVE HEALTH CARE PROGRAM REPORT

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's 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:

DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER (ADHD) IN CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS (Comments accepted through November 14, 2016)

<https://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/research-available-for-comment/comment-draft-reports/?pageaction=displaydraftcommentform&topicid=616&productid=2325&documenttype=draftReport>

## NATIONAL RECRUITMENT: JOIN NIH DEPRESSION RESEARCH STUDIES

Does depression impede your daily life? Are you currently feeling sad and hopeless, experiencing worthlessness and guilt, and have a lack of interest in everyday activities you once enjoyed? NIH studies are investigating the brain and experimental medications (such as ketamine and diazoxide) to rapidly reduce depressive symptoms. Research includes: depressed adults ages 18 to 70, outpatient visits or inpatient stays of up to 12 weeks at the NIH Clinical Center in Bethesda, MD. Call 1-877-MIND-NIH, TTY: 1-866-411-1010, Email: moodresearch@mail.nih.gov.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/labs-at-nimh/join-a-study/trials/adult-studies/depression-evaluations-for-medication-and-brain-imaging-studies.shtml>

### TWITTER

Join an NIMH Study. Depression research evaluates adults 18-70, the brain, and novel medications to rapidly reduce symptoms. <http://goo.gl/Se1io5>

## INFOGRAPHIC: WHY DO RESEARCHERS DO DIFFERENT KINDS OF CLINICAL STUDIES?

This one-page guide from NIH describes different kinds of clinical studies. It explains why researchers might use them and highlights each type's strengths and weaknesses. The guide could be used to describe the results of a study to the public, or the design of a trial to a potential participant.

<https://www.nih.gov/sites/default/files/health-info/clinical-trials/infographic-why-researchers-different-kinds-clinical-studies.pdf>

## VIDEO: WHAT IS CLINICAL RESEARCH?

Clinical research occurs in many formats and can involve anyone. In this NIH video, learn how one can participate and contribute to medical advances. <https://www.nih.gov/health-information/nih-clinical-research-trials-you/what-is-clinical-research>

## FUNDING INFORMATION

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS FOR ADOLESCENT AND TRANSITIONAL AGED YOUTH TREATMENT IMPLEMENTATION

<http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/ti-17-002>

BD2K SUPPORT FOR MEETINGS OF DATA SCIENCE RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-16-020.html>

BRAIN INITIATIVE: RESEARCH CAREER ENHANCEMENT AWARD FOR INVESTIGATORS TO BUILD SKILLS IN A CROSS-DISCIPLINARY AREA

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DA-17-022.html>

USE OF TECHNOLOGY TO ENHANCE PATIENT OUTCOMES AND PREVENT ILLNESS

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-17-009.html> (R21)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-17-010.html> (R01)

BRAIN INITIATIVE: RESEARCH ON THE ETHICAL IMPLICATIONS OF ADVANCEMENTS IN NEUROTECHNOLOGY AND BRAIN SCIENCE

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=289651>

BRAIN INITIATIVE: DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT GENERATION HUMAN BRAIN IMAGING TOOLS AND TECHNOLOGIES

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=289656>

ADDRESSING UNMET NEEDS IN PERSONS WITH DEMENTIA TO DECREASE BEHAVIORAL SYMPTOMS AND IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=289577> (R01)

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=289578> (R21)



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