

National Institute of Mental Health Outreach Partnership Program

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Science and Service News Updates

Benefits of Antidepressants May Outweigh Risks for Kids

The benefits of antidepressant medications likely outweigh their risks to children and adolescents with major depression and anxiety disorders, according to a new comprehensive review of pediatric trials conducted between 1988 and 2006. The study, partially funded by NIMH, was published in the April 18, 2007, issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Science Update: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/press/ssri-risksbenefits.cfm>

NIMH: Scientists Switch Neurons On and Off Using Light—Technique is Valuable New Tool in Brain Research

Researchers have invented a genetically-engineered way to turn the electrical impulses of brain cells on and off with pulses of blue and yellow light — in synch with the split-second pace of real time neuronal activity. The novel technique borrows genes from light-responsive algae and bacteria to unravel the intricate workings of brain circuits with extreme precision. Initial tests in intact mouse circuits and tiny living worms promise new hope for understanding — and eventually treating — psychiatric and neurological disorders. The NIMH-funded research team reported on their findings in the April 5, 2007 *Nature*.

Science Update, which includes a link to a video file of the researcher discussing this new tool: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/press/lightswitchneurons.cfm>

NIMH: Gene Knockout Unleashes Manic Mouse

Mice engineered to lack a specific gene showed behaviors similar to human mania in a study funded in part by NIMH; they were hyperactive, slept less, appeared less depressed and anxious, and craved sugar, cocaine and pleasure stimulation. The rodents' behavior was more normal after lithium treatment or restoration of a functioning CLOCK protein, which the knocked-out gene codes for. The researchers reported on mouse model of human mania in the March 23, 2007 online edition of the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

Science Update: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/press/manicmouse.cfm>

NIDA Survey Shows Lack of Substance Abuse Treatment Options for Offenders—Fewer than 10% of Drug-Abusing Offenders Get the Treatment They Need

Substance abuse treatment services for offenders are not widely available in all phases of the correctional system, according to the first set of findings from a national survey funded by NIDA. The National Criminal Justice Treatment Practices Survey (NCJTPTS) provides a picture of existing treatment programs across all correctional settings, including prison, jails, probation and parole offices, and local community correction agencies for juvenile and adult offenders. The survey findings, published in a special issue of the *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*, question the capability of the adult and/or juvenile correctional system to effectively address drug abuse and associated criminal behavior among offenders.

Press Release: <http://www.nih.gov/news/pr/apr2007/nida-02a.htm>

NIDA-Supported Study Shows Significant Association between Smoking, Mental Disorders in Pregnant Women, Alert to Healthcare Providers: Research Supports the Benefit of Screening for Mental Disorders in Pregnant Women Unable to Quit Smoking

New research has identified an association between mental disorders and nicotine dependence among pregnant women in the United States, not unlike what has been reported in the general population. The presence of these mental disorders in nicotine addicted pregnant women may make quitting smoking more difficult. Researchers found that 21.7 percent of the pregnant women in the study used cigarettes and among those women, 57.2 percent were nicotine dependent. These results indicate that in the United States an estimated 12.4 percent of pregnant women are addicted to cigarettes. Women with nicotine dependence were more likely to meet criteria for at least one mental disorder compared to those that did not use cigarettes during pregnancy. Significant associations were found for dysthymia (a chronic depressive condition), major depressive disorder, and panic disorder. Published in the April 2007 issue of *Obstetrics and Gynecology*, this study was supported in part by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA).

Press Release: <http://www.nih.gov/news/pr/apr2007/nida-03.htm>

AHRQ: One in Four Hospital Patients Is Admitted With a Mental Health or Substance Abuse Disorder

Almost one-fourth of all stays in U.S. community hospitals for patients age 18 and older—7.6 million of nearly 32 million stays—involved depressive, bipolar, schizophrenia and other mental health disorders or substance use related disorders in 2004, according to a new report by the Department of Health and Human Services' Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). This study presents the first documentation of the full impact of mental health and substance abuse disorders on U.S. community hospitals.

Press Release: <http://www.ahrq.gov/news/press/pr2007/hcup10pr.htm>

Full Report: <http://www.ahrq.gov/data/hcup/factbk10/>

ED Announces New Regulations to More Accurately Assess Students with Disabilities

U.S. Department of Education (ED) announced new regulations under No Child Left Behind allowing states to test certain students with disabilities using an alternate assessment that more appropriately aligns with students needs and yields more meaningful results for schools and parents. The new regulations provide states and schools with greater flexibility by allowing them to more accurately evaluate these students academic progress and tailor instruction based on individual needs.

<http://www.ed.gov/news/pressreleases/2007/04/04042007.html>

Resources: Publications, Toolkits, Other Resources

Substance Abuse Grant Funding Report Available

The Office of National Drug Control Policy's *Inventory of State Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Activities and Expenditures* describes how states spend the funds allocated to them by the SAMHSA's Block Grant Program for substance abuse prevention and treatment services. It also discusses the ways in which states allocate their own funding for these services.

<http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/publications/inventory/>

SAMHSA: New Reports from the Office of Applied Studies

Hispanic Female Admissions in Substance Abuse Treatment, 2005

This study reports that female Hispanic admissions comprise about 10 percent of the female substance abuse treatment admissions reported to SAMHSA's 2005 Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS). Hispanic female admissions were less likely than non-Hispanic female substance abuse treatment admissions to report alcohol as their primary drug of abuse. <http://oas.samhsa.gov/2k7/latinaTX/latinas.cfm>

Patterns and Trends in Nonmedical Prescription Pain Reliever Use: 2002 to 2005

SAMHSA's 2002-2005 National Surveys on Drug Use and Health indicates that the nonmedical use of prescription pain relievers (analgesics) among persons aged 12 or older did not differ significantly among the years between 2002 and 2005. The number of persons who used prescription pain relievers nonmedically for the first time in the past year of the survey also did not differ significantly - - with 2.3 million persons initiating use in 2002, 2.4 million in 2003, 2.4 million in 2004 and 2.2 million in 2005. Combined data from 2002 to 2005 were used to examine the patterns of nonmedical prescription pain reliever use in general and the nonmedical use specifically of oxycodone and hydrocodone products.

<http://oas.samhsa.gov/2k7/pain/pain.cfm>

ACF: Child Maltreatment 2005

The Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families (ACF) released its annual report on child maltreatment. The Child Maltreatment 2005 report findings reveal that during the Federal fiscal year 2005, an estimated 899,000 children in the 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico were determined to be victims of abuse or neglect.

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/cm05/index.htm>

Calls for Applications

Alternatives 2007: Call for Papers and Scholarships Available

St. Louis, Missouri, October 10-14, 2007

Alternatives 2007, the national mental health conference organized by and for mental health consumers and survivors is organized by the National Mental Health Consumer Self-Help Clearinghouse with support from SAMHSA/CMHS. This year's conference, *Spanning the Recovery Movement: Consumer Control and Choice*, will be held in St. Louis, Missouri from October 10-14, 2007.

The deadline for presentation applications is April 30, 2007. The Call for Papers is available: <http://www.alternatives2007.org/>

Scholarship applications are being accepted until May 25, 2007. Download an application: <http://www.alternatives2007.org/registration.html>

Calendar of Events

Conference Call: Screening and Assessment -- What Are the Next Steps?

April 19, 2007, 1:00-2:30PM ET

This conference call produced by SAMHSA's National Technical Assistance Center for Children's Mental Health will highlight several steps in the early identification process for young children who may have emotional/ behavioral delays. One state will share the screening process it is using across agencies and another state will discuss the use of DC 0-3R instead of the DSM for assessment. Participants will also hear about the relationship between CAPTA (Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act), Part C and mental health as opportunities for building effective early identification and intervention. http://gucchd.georgetown.edu/programs/ta_center/tacalls2007.html

Teleconference: Addressing the Trauma Treatment Needs of Children Who Are Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing and the Hearing Children of Deaf Parents

April 26, 2007, 2:00-3:30 PM ET

This call is a part of SAMHSA's National Child Traumatic Stress Network Culture and Trauma Teleconference Series.

http://www.ncetsnet.org/nccts/nav.do?pid=ctr_top_train_tele_culsched

Webcast: Helping Families Find Recovery

May 2, 2007

This Center for Substance Abuse Treatment webcast will examine how foster care programs, family drug courts, mutual support groups, community-based organizations, and other services are helping families walk the road to recovery together.

<http://ncadi.samhsa.gov/multimedia/webcasts/w.aspx?ID=491>

Health Observance: National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day*May 8, 2007*

The second annual National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day allows SAMHSA, and the initiatives and communities it supports, to promote positive youth development, resilience, recovery, and the transformation of mental health services delivery for children and youth with serious mental health needs and their families. Awareness Day raises awareness of effective programs for children's mental health needs, demonstrates how children's mental health initiatives promote positive youth development, recovery and resilience, and shows how children with mental health needs thrive in their communities. More information about participating in this day is available at the Awareness Day website along with frequently asked questions and planning tools and materials in English and Spanish.

<http://systemsofcare.samhsa.gov/nationalawareness/materials.aspx>

Conference: Drug Abuse and Risky Behaviors—The Evolving Dynamics of HIV/AIDS*Bethesda, MD: May 8-9, 2007*

This National Institute on Drug Abuse meeting will provide a broad understanding of the multiple ways that drug abuse and addiction affect HIV/AIDS and how research can inform public health policy. Presentations will focus on the successes, research challenges, and opportunities for addressing the evolving HIV/AIDS pandemic.

<http://conferences.masimax.com/riskybehaviors/index.cfm>

Regional Consumer/Survivor Meeting*Chicago, Illinois, May 10, 2007*

The Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) is sponsoring this regional meeting to: 1) identify needs, issues, and concerns of people with mental illnesses; 2) gather input and suggestions for CMHS activities; and 3) facilitate networking to foster mental health systems transformation. Limited-seating is available for the one-day meeting and will be on a first-to-register basis. There will be representatives from Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin participating in the meeting.

<http://mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/consumersurvivor/listserv/040407.asp>

Webcast: The Financial and Medical Benefits of Treatment for Health Care Providers and Insurers*June 6, 2007*

This Center for Substance Abuse Treatment webcast will examine the insurance and health care benefits and options for individuals seeking treatment or individuals already in recovery from addiction to drugs and/or alcohol. In addition, the show will examine the cost benefits to health care providers and insurers of investing in treatment for substance abuse and mental health disorders, and will provide tips for screening, diagnosing, treating, or referring a patient with a substance use disorder.

<http://ncadi.samhsa.gov/multimedia/webcasts/w.aspx?ID=492>

NIMH Annual International Research Conference on the Role of Families in Preventing and Adapting to HIV/AIDS

San Francisco, California, July 25-27, 2007

This NIMH conference is designed to present research findings on family processes and HIV disease. This year's conference theme is "Responding to the Social Context of HIV Risk: The Role of Families and Support Networks."

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/scientificmeetings/hivaids2007.cfm>

Funding Information

SAMHSA to Fund 15 National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative Grants

SAMHSA is soliciting applications pending the availability of FY 2007 funds for two categories of grants under the National Child Traumatic Stress (NCTSI) Initiative. The NCTSI Initiative is composed of categories of centers designed to address child trauma issues by creating a national network of grantees who work collaboratively to develop and promote effective community practices for children and adolescents exposed to a wide array of traumatic events:

- Treatment and Service Adaptation (TSA) Center grants, Category II under this initiative, will provide expertise on specific types of traumatic events, population groups and service systems as well as support the specialized adaptation of effective treatment and service approaches for communities across the country.
- Community Treatment and Services (CTS) Center grants, Category III under the NCTS initiative, will implement and evaluate effective treatment and services in community settings and youth-serving service systems as well as collaborate with other network centers on clinical issues, service approaches, policy, financing and training issues.

Applications are due: May 15, 2007 for TSA grants and May 18, 2007 for CTS grants

More information: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/0704110629.aspx>

Programmatic Funding Opportunities

USDA Rural Development Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grant Program

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppId=13475&mode=VIEW>

Hispanic Health Services Research Grant Program

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppId=13349&mode=VIEW>

Research Funding Opportunities

(PAs and RFAs to share with scientific advisors)

NIH Program Announcements (PAs)

[Full listing of NIH PAs at <http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/index.html>]

Development of Assays for High-Throughput Drug Screening (R01)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-320.html>

HIV Treatment Adherence Research (R01)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-338.html>

HIV Treatment Adherence Research (R03)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-339.html>

HIV Treatment Adherence Research (R21)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-340.html>

HIV Treatment Adherence Research (R34)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-341.html>

Innovations in Biomedical Computational Science and Technology (R01)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-344.html>

NIH Request for Applications (RFAs)

[Full listing of NIH RFAs at <http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/index.html>]

Prevention of Trauma Related Adjustment and Mental Disorders in High-Risk Occupations (R01)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-08-010.html>

Prevention of Trauma Related Adjustment and Mental Disorders in High-Risk Occupations (R34)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-08-011.html>

Institutional Clinical and Translational Science Award (U54)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-07-007.html>

Assay Development for High Throughput Molecular Screening (R21)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-07-008.html>

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