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Prepared by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services,
National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Mental Health
NIH RELEASES FIRST DATASET FROM UNPRECEDENTED STUDY OF ADOLESCENT BRAIN DEVELOPMENT; MORE THAN 7,500 CHILDREN RECRUITED FOR STUDY TO DATE; DATA AVAILABLE FOR FIRST 4,500

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) released to the scientific community an unparalleled dataset from the Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development (ABCD) study. To date, more than 7,500 youth and their families have been recruited for the study, well over half the participant goal. Approximately 30 terabytes of data (about three times the size of the Library of Congress collection), obtained from the first 4,500 participants, will be available to scientists worldwide to conduct research on the many factors that influence brain, cognitive, social, and emotional development. The ABCD study is the largest long-term study of brain development and child health in the United States (U.S.).


STUDY OF FIRST-GRADERS SHOWS FASD PREVALENT IN U.S. COMMUNITIES; NIH-FUNDED RESEARCH EXAMINED OVER 6,000 CHILDREN TO DETERMINE PREVALENCE OF FASD RANGED FROM 1.1 TO 5 PERCENT

A study of more than 6,000 first-graders across four U.S. communities has found that a significant number of the children have fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD), with conservative rates ranging from one to five percent in community samples. The new findings represent more accurate prevalence estimates of FASD among general U.S. communities than prior research. Previous FASD estimates were based on smaller study populations and did not reflect the overall U.S. population. The study was funded by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.


COMPOUND PREVENTS NEUROLOGICAL DAMAGE, SHOWS COGNITIVE BENEFITS IN MOUSE MODEL OF ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE; MOUSE NICOTINAMIDE RIBOSIDE STUDY SHOWS POTENTIAL FOR HUMAN RESEARCH

The supplement nicotinamide riboside – a form of vitamin B3 – prevented neurological damage and improved cognitive and physical function in a new mouse model of Alzheimer’s disease (AD). The results of the study, conducted by researchers at the National Institute on Aging, suggest a potential new target for treating AD. The findings appear in the February 5, 2018 issue of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

NEW TREATMENT GUIDANCE ISSUED FOR PREGNANT AND PARENTING MOTHERS WITH OPIOID USE DISORDER AND THEIR INFANTS

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) released a new resource for providers called, *Clinical Guidance for Treating Pregnant and Parenting Women with Opioid Use Disorder and Their Infants*. The *Clinical Guidance* offers standard approaches to a range of real-world scenarios faced by health care professionals working with mothers and infants. For each scenario, the guidance offers clinical action steps and supporting evidence. The action steps reflect the best available treatment, including medication-assisted treatment, for the mother and infant, and appropriate types of social supports and follow-up services. The guidance, which consists of 16 fact sheets on prenatal, infant, and maternal postnatal care, contains four elements: clinical scenario, clinical action steps, supporting evidence and clinical considerations, and web resources. Detailed, evidence-based treatment options for pregnant women with opioid use disorder, including pharmacotherapy with methadone, buprenorphine, and buprenorphine/naloxone, are described.


CHILD ABUSE, NEGLECT DATA RELEASED

New federal data on child abuse and neglect was released by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ (HHS) Administration for Children and Families (ACF), which analyzes data collected by state child protective services (CPS) agencies. The report shows an increase from Fiscal Year 2014 to 2015 in three key metrics: numbers of referrals to CPS agencies alleging maltreatment (4.7 percent), number of referrals that CPS agencies accepted for investigation or alternative response (3.4 percent), and number of children who were the subject of an investigation or alternative response (3.0 percent).

NEW FROM NIH

NIH NEWS IN HEALTH: THE PROBLEM THAT PILES UP: WHEN HOARDING IS A DISORDER

This NIH article describes the signs of a hoarding disorder as well as research seeking to understand the disorder. https://newsinhealth.nih.gov/2018/02/problem-piles-up

NIH NEWS IN HEALTH: THE POWER OF PETS: HEALTH BENEFITS OF HUMAN-ANIMAL INTERACTIONS

This NIH article describes research exploring how different types of pets can affect one’s mental and physical health. https://newsinhealth.nih.gov/2018/02/power-pets

STRESSFUL EXPERIENCES AFFECT LIKELIHOOD OF REMISSION OF DRUG DEPENDENCE, CONTINUED DRUG USE, AND RELAPSE

This study, funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), showed that stressful life events are associated with reductions in a person’s chances of becoming or remaining abstinent from drugs for at least three years. The study suggests that coping with stress and negative affect play an important role in relapse prevention for addictive behaviors. https://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/nida-notes/2018/02/stressful-experiences-affect-likelihood-remission-drug-dependence-continued-drug-use-relapse

DRUGS AND HEALTH BLOG: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO “MISUSE” OPIOIDS?

This NIDA blog post describes what “misusing” opioids means. “Misuse” includes taking an opioid that was prescribed for someone else, taking a higher dose of an opioid than prescribed, and taking an opioid to get high. https://teens.drugabuse.gov/blog/post/what-does-it-mean-misuse-opioids

DRUGS AND HEALTH BLOG: OUT OF CONTROL: OPIOIDS AND THE BRAIN

Prescription opioids can be relatively safe and effective at reducing pain—when they are used as prescribed by a doctor. Opioids become unsafe when they are misused, and that can lead to addiction. This post describes why opioids are so addictive. https://teens.drugabuse.gov/blog/post/out-control-opioids-and-brain

PODCAST: NICHD LAUNCHES PREGSOURCE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PREGNANCY

This Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development podcast discusses a new research project aimed at gathering information about pregnancy – directly from the source – pregnant women. Called PregSource, this project uses a crowdsourcing approach to gain a comprehensive understanding of pregnancy, information that may help researchers improve maternal care. https://www.nichd.nih.gov/news/releases/020718-pregsource-podcast
NEW FROM SAMHSA

PREVENTING SUICIDE IN PRIMARY CARE: A NEWLY UPDATED TOOLKIT

This newly updated toolkit from SAMHSA’s Suicide Prevention Resource Center can be used by all types of primary care providers to implement state-of-the-art suicide prevention practices and overcome barriers to treating suicidal patients in the primary care setting. The kit includes assessment guidelines, safety plans, billing tips, sample protocols, and more. First developed in 2009, the toolkit has been updated to align with Zero Suicide, a nationally recognized framework for providing safer and more comprehensive suicide care in health and behavioral health care settings. [http://www.sprc.org/news/preventing-suicide-primary-care-newly-updated-toolkit](http://www.sprc.org/news/preventing-suicide-primary-care-newly-updated-toolkit)

FINDING QUALITY TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

This fact sheet serves as a guide for individuals seeking behavioral health treatment. It provides three necessary steps to complete prior to utilizing a treatment center and the five signs of a quality treatment center, which include a review of the accreditation, medication, evidence-based practices, position on the role of families, and support networks. [https://store.samhsa.gov/product/PEP18-TREATMENT-LOC](https://store.samhsa.gov/product/PEP18-TREATMENT-LOC)

NEW FROM CDC


This data brief from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides the most recent national estimates of depression among adults. During 2013–2016, 8.1 percent of American adults had depression in a given two-week period. As observed in other studies, depression was almost twice as common among women as among men. Depression prevalence did not differ by age. Non-Hispanic Asian adults had the lowest prevalence of depression, a finding noted in other studies. Depression prevalence did not vary significantly among the other race and Hispanic-origin groups studied. The proportion of adults with depression increased with decreasing family income level. About 80 percent of adults with depression reported at least some difficulty with work, home, or social activities due to their depression symptoms. [https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/products/databriefs/db303.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/products/databriefs/db303.htm)

SURVEILLANCE FOR VIOLENT DEATHS IN 18 STATES, 2014

This report summarizes data from CDC’s National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) regarding violent deaths from 18 U.S. states for 2014. Results are reported by sex, age group, race/ethnicity, marital status, location of injury, method of injury, circumstances of injury, and other selected characteristics. For 2014, a total of 22,098 fatal incidents involving 22,618 deaths were captured by NVDRS in the 18 states included in this report. The majority of deaths were suicides (65.6 percent), followed by homicides (22.5 percent), deaths of undetermined intent (10 percent), deaths involving legal intervention (1.3 percent), and unintentional firearm deaths (less than one percent). [https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/67/ss/ss6702a1.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/67/ss/ss6702a1.htm)
**HHS BLOG POSTS**

**EMBRACING EVIDENCE AS A CENTRAL STRATEGY TO TACKLING CHILDHOOD MENTAL ILLNESS**

This blog post from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) highlights the agency’s ongoing efforts to support evidence-based treatment approaches for children with mental illnesses. Four evidence reviews authored by AHRQ-funded scientific teams assess the evidence on topics such as the use of antipsychotic drugs in the treatment of children and treatments for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. [https://www.ahrq.gov/news/blog/ahrqviews/evidence-childhood-mental-illness.html](https://www.ahrq.gov/news/blog/ahrqviews/evidence-childhood-mental-illness.html)

**CHOOSE KINDNESS AND SPORTSMANSHIP, NOT BULLYING**

Participating in sports can be a great way to develop strength and skill, learn teamwork, and build strong friendships. Bullying has no place in sports. This StopBullying.gov blog post outlines steps that coaches and schools can take to prevent bullying in sports and elsewhere. [https://www.stopbullying.gov/blog/2018/02/07/choose-kindness-and-sportsmanship-not-bullying.html](https://www.stopbullying.gov/blog/2018/02/07/choose-kindness-and-sportsmanship-not-bullying.html)

**COLLABORATION IS KEY TO ADDRESSING YOUTH RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE**

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month is a national effort to raise awareness about healthy relationships and dating abuse among teens and 20-somethings. This ACF blog post describes its programs working to end the many forms of violence that affect youth, decrease the likelihood of future violence, and increase the health and wellbeing of those being served. [https://www.acf.hhs.gov/blog/2018/02/collaboration-is-key-to-addressing-youth-relationship-violence](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/blog/2018/02/collaboration-is-key-to-addressing-youth-relationship-violence)

**DHS AND DOJ ARE WORKING TO ENHANCE RESPONSES TO INCIDENTS INVOLVING INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS**

The 21st Century Cures Act includes a provision for the Government Accountability Office to review the practices that federal first responders, tactical units, and corrections officers at the Departments of Homeland Security (DHS) and Justice (DOJ) are trained to use in responding to incidents involving individuals with mental illness. This report, a result of that review, addresses challenges that federal law enforcement officers and agents face; applicable training, policies, and guidance; and existing leading practices, relevant tools, and efforts to leverage information. [https://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-18-229](https://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-18-229)
NEW FROM REAL WARRIORS

DISPELLING MYTHS ABOUT PTSD

This Real Warriors article identifies resources for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) treatment and support, and dispels myths about PTSD. https://www.realwarriors.net/active/treatment/ptsd-myths

SUICIDE PREVENTION TOOLS FOR WARRIORS FACT SHEET

This fact sheet provides tools and resources for service members to use if they or someone they know is in crisis. Tools include a warning signs checklist and a how-to graphic on getting help.
Order hard copy: https://www.realwarriors.net/materials/order
HEALTH OBSERVANCE: TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

FEBRUARY 2018

Dating violence occurs between two people in a close relationship. The nature of dating violence can be physical, emotional, or sexual, and includes stalking. During Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, individuals and communities can work together to inform youth and the adults in their lives about the signs of unhealthy relationships and where to go if help is needed. https://www.acf.hhs.gov/blog/2018/02/teen-dating-violence-1-in-10-is-too-many

TWITTER CHAT: SEASONAL AFFECTIVE DISORDER

FEBRUARY 20, 2018, 1:30-2:30 PM ET

NIMH and the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH) are co-hosting a Twitter chat to discuss Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). This chat will cover SAD signs and symptoms, risk factors, and treatments and therapies. Use #NIMHChats to follow the chat and post questions. https://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/science-news/2018/nimh-twitter-chat-on-seasonal-affective-disorder.shtml

WEBINAR: EXPANDING OPTIONS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF ADULTS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS

FEBRUARY 21, 2018, 3:00-4:30 PM ET

This webinar, hosted by SAMHSA’s GAINS Center, will provide an overview of promising practices and strategies being tested around transporting people in crisis or showing symptoms of mental illness. Examples will include approaches implemented by private mobile crisis agencies, use of community paramedics and emergency medical services vehicles, and other approaches. Where possible, panelists will discuss the legislative and financial aspects they have addressed in developing their transportation program. https://praincevents.webex.com/mw3200/mywebex/default.do?nomen=true&siteurl=praincevents&service=6&rnd=0.23029344223704873&main_url=https%3A%2F%2Fpraincevents.webex.com%2Fec3200%2Feventcenter%2FEventAction.do%3FtheAction%3Ddetail%26%26%26EMK%3D4832534b0000004c9591eb084cfc0b2b1625eae7a3cd3948a673bd1bb612e3accdd8442c0c510d8%26%26siteurl%3Dpraincevents%26confViewID%3D86123331867147595%26encryptTicket%3DSDJTSwAAAAAS__ypo8-4gKVHe-oZhnjXKNTaOh7eM7gdbGfNyxBT-g2%26
WEBINAR: CRIMINAL JUSTICE, THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, AND PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES

FEBRUARY 26, 2018, 2:30-4:00 PM ET

This SAMHSA-sponsored webinar will discuss how mental health, criminal justice, and correctional programs can work together to meet Americans with Disabilities Act obligations and ensure an array of services that reduce the likelihood that people with mental illnesses will enter the criminal justice system.  

TWITTER CHAT: HIGH RISK GROUPS FOR BULLYING

FEBRUARY 27, 2018, 3:00-4:00 PM ET

StopBullying.gov will respond to questions on why some groups are at higher risk, what prevention steps to take, and how to respond if you see someone experience bullying. Follow the chat with the hashtag, #HighRisk4Bullying.  
https://twitter.com/stopbullyinggov

WEBINAR: MENTAL HEALTH AND DRUG COURTS: WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

FEBRUARY 28, 2018, 2:00-3:30 PM ET

This SAMHSA-supported webinar will present experts from research, practice, and criminal justice to explain how mental health and drug courts operate, and the latest findings on their effectiveness in addressing the needs of individuals and families when someone with mental health and/or substance use problems finds themselves involved with the criminal justice system.  
https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8088942507286092289

RARE DISEASE DAY AT NIH 2018

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

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
2018 NIH Alzheimer's Research Summit

MARCH 1-2, 2018, BETHESDA, MD AND VIDEOCAST

The NIH Alzheimer's Disease Research Summits are key strategic planning meetings tied to the implementation of the first goal of the National Plan to Address Alzheimer's: to treat and prevent AD by 2025. They bring together a multi-stakeholder community, including government, industry, academia, private foundations, and patient advocates, to formulate an integrated, translational research agenda that will enable the development of effective therapies (disease modifying and palliative) across the disease continuum for the cognitive and neuropsychiatric symptoms of AD. Participants can attend the NIH Alzheimer's Disease Summit in person or watch via live videocast.


NIMH Webinar: Depression and TMS

MARCH 21, 2018, 3:00 PM ET

Join NIMH staff scientist Bruce Luber, Ph.D. for a webinar on depression and transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS). Dr. Luber will discuss depression as a brain disorder, and participants will learn about the old and new approaches to understanding depression, including diagnosis using symptoms versus abnormal brain networks. In addition, the webinar will cover neurostimulation tools, from electroconvulsive therapy (ECT) to TMS; modulating brain dysfunction and enhancing neuroplasticity in depression through TMS; pairing psychotherapy with neurostimulation; and the latest research at NIMH on TMS and depression.

https://nih.webex.com/nih/onstage/g.php?MTID=eff799dabe2866fad19e61ff5a67e14a (Note the registration link at the bottom of the page and under “Event status.”)

University Technical Grant Writing Workshop

MARCH 22-23, 2018, XAVIER UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA – NEW ORLEANS, LA

The HHS Office of Minority Health Resource Center offers a series of University Vision, Design and Capacity (UVDC) technical grant writing workshops to provide university and health professionals with strategies to make grant proposals more competitive. These hands-on, two-day workshops are for junior faculty and staff and college/university health professionals who are interested in community-based participatory research, committed to working with underserved populations, and want to build their institution’s capacity to compete and receive competitive grant awards.

https://www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov/omh/browse.aspx?lvl=3&lvlid=100
WEBINAR: SUICIDE PREVENTION IN LATER LIFE: CONNECTING AND CONTRIBUTING

MARCH 26, 2018, 2:00-3:30 PM ET

This SAMHSA-sponsored webinar will highlight the importance of suicide prevention in later life, with an emphasis on increasing social connectedness as a means for prevention. It will cover basic epidemiology of late-life suicide and how a contemporary theory of suicide can inform prevention efforts by highlighting potential mechanisms. The webinar will feature four strategies for increasing social connectedness in later life that have been examined in studies by the presenter—peer companionship, volunteering, psychotherapy, and web-based social skills training. https://events-na3.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/986655080/en/events/event/shared/1700946820/event_landing.html?sco-id=2051179697

HEALTH OBSERVANCE: NATIONAL MINORITY HEALTH MONTH

APRIL 2018

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, the HHS 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

UNIVERSITY TECHNICAL GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP

APRIL 5-6, 2018, MEHARRY MEDICAL COLLEGE – NASHVILLE, TN

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CALLS FOR PUBLIC INPUT

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

COMMENTS SOUGHT FOR AHRQ EFFECTIVE HEALTH CARE PROGRAM REPORTS

The AHRQ’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 on key questions for the following reports:

TREATMENT FOR CHILDHOOD DEPRESSION (COMMENTS ACCEPTED THROUGH FEBRUARY 21, 2018) https://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/topic/childhood-depression/key-questions


The Program is also interested in receiving supplemental evidence and data for the following review:

ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON OPIOIDS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

The National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) at the Administration for Community Living is seeking input related to the opioid public health emergency and people with disabilities. People with disabilities often experience chronic pain and, as a result, sometimes use opioids to address their pain. NIDILRR is interested in understanding: 1) whether people with disabilities have been diagnosed and are being treated for an opioid use disorder, and 2) are clinics or community organizations observing a sizeable population of people with disabilities seeking treatment for opioid use disorder? If so, are current treatment strategies adequate and, if applicable, how are organizations adapting treatment strategies for people with disabilities? Comments accepted through February 20, 2018.


FUNDING INFORMATION

TIME-SENSITIVE RESEARCH ON HEALTH RISK AND RESILIENCE AFTER HURRICANES IRMA AND MARIA IN PUERTO RICO AND THE US VIRGIN ISLANDS (R21 CLINICAL TRIAL NOT ALLOWED)
https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=300549

NIMH BIOBEHAVIORAL RESEARCH AWARDS FOR INNOVATIVE NEW SCIENTISTS (NIMH BRAINS) (R01 CLINICAL TRIAL OPTIONAL)

MECHANISTIC INVESTIGATIONS OF PSYCHOSOCIAL STRESS EFFECTS ON OPIOID USE PATTERNS
https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAS-18-624.html (R01- Clinical Trial Optional)

YOUTH HOMELESSNESS DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM
https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=300136

TRIBAL-RESEARCHER CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIPS FOR EARLY DIVERSION
https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-18-005

CLINICAL SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS FUNDING
https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-18-020

EVALUATION OF POLICIES FOR THE PRIMARY PREVENTION OF MULTIPLE FORMS OF VIOLENCE
https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=297311

RESEARCH AND EVALUATION ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN: SEXUAL VIOLENCE, INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE, STALKING, AND TEEN DATING VIOLENCE
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 increase the public’s access to science-based mental health information through partnerships with national and state organizations. For more information about the program, please visit: http://www.nimh.nih.gov/outreach/partnership-program/index.shtml. To subscribe to receive the Update every two weeks, go to: http://www.nimh.nih.gov/outreach/partnership-program/news-and-updates-from-the-program.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.