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Prepared by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services,
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NEW PROCESSING TECHNIQUE HELPS RESEARCHERS USE EHRs TO STUDY BIOLOGICAL CONTRIBUTORS TO MENTAL ILLNESSES; SYMPTOM DIMENSIONS BASED ON NIMH RESEARCH DOMAIN CRITERIA DEFINITIONS LINKED TO GENES RELEVANT TO PSYCHOPATHOLOGY

Researchers have found a way to scan electronic health records (EHRs) that helps identify associations between broad dimensions of behavioral function and genes relevant to mental disorders. Use of the technique opens an enormous source of data to researchers who are interested in taking a dimensional approach to the study of mental illnesses instead of using traditional diagnostic categories. The study, funded in part by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), was published online February 26, 2018, in the journal *Biological Psychiatry*. [https://www.nimh.nih.gov/news-science-news/2018/new-processing-technique-helps-researchers-use-electronic-health-records-to-study-biological-contributors-to-mental-illnesses.shtml](https://www.nimh.nih.gov/news-science-news/2018/new-processing-technique-helps-researchers-use-electronic-health-records-to-study-biological-contributors-to-mental-illnesses.shtml)

STUDY UPENDS CONVENTIONAL VIEW OF OPIOID MECHANISM OF ACTION; NIH-FUNDED SCIENTISTS FIND NEW MOLECULAR TARGET FOR DEVELOPING SAFER PAIN MEDICATIONS.

A new discovery shows that opioids used to treat pain, such as morphine and oxycodone, produce their effects by binding to receptors inside neurons, contrary to conventional wisdom that they acted only on the same surface receptors as endogenous opioids, which are produced naturally in the brain. However, when researchers funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) used a novel molecular probe to test that common assumption, they discovered that medically used opioids also bind to receptors that are not a target for the naturally occurring opioids. [https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/study-upends-conventional-view-opioid-mechanism-action](https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/study-upends-conventional-view-opioid-mechanism-action)

SCIENTISTS UNCOVER BRAIN CIRCUITS BEHIND PUTTING UP A FIGHT OR FREEZING IN PLACE; NIH-FUNDED STUDY MAY PROVIDE CLUES TO DISORDERS INCLUDING ANXIETY AND PHOBIAS.

In a study of mice, researchers funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) describe a new circuit involved in fine-tuning the brain’s decision either to hide or confront threats. The study, published in *Nature*, was partially funded by the NIH’s *Brain Research through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies (BRAIN) Initiative*. [https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/scientists-uncover-brain-circuits-behind-putting-fight-or-freezing-place](https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/scientists-uncover-brain-circuits-behind-putting-fight-or-freezing-place)
NIH SCIENTISTS DEVELOP NOVEL TECHNIQUE TO STUDY BRAIN DISEASE

A new tool developed by NIH researchers has determined, for the first time, how two distinct sets of neurons in the mouse brain work together to control movement. The method, called spectrally resolved fiber photometry, can be used to measure the activity of these neuron groups in both healthy mice and those with brain disease. The scientists plan to use the technique to better understand what goes wrong in neurological disorders, such as Parkinson’s disease. The study appeared online in the journal *Neuron.*


IMPROVING LIFE OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN WITH HISTORY OF MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES AND TRAUMA

A new report from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) indicates that nearly half of the nation’s children birth through 17 years of age report having experienced at least one traumatic event in their lifetime. Potential traumas include abuse and neglect, incarceration of a parent or caregiver, being a victim of or witnessing community violence, being subjected to racial/ethnic prejudice, living with family members who have mental or substance use disorders, or the death of a parent or caregiver.


HHS RELEASE FACT SHEETS ON 42 CFR PART 2: CONFIDENTIALITY OF SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER RECORDS

The United States (U.S.) Department of Health and Human Services’ (HHS) Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology in collaboration with SAMHSA released two new fact sheets on *42 CFR Part 2: Confidentiality of Substance Use Disorder Patient Records (Part 2)* to assist with the application of the Part 2 provisions across different environments, including through electronic health information exchange mechanisms and in provider office settings. https://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/press-announcements/201805020200
NEW FROM NIH

HEALTHY MOMENTS RADIO BROADCAST: WHAT IS STRESS?

This National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) podcast features NIDDK Director Griffin Rodgers M.D., M.A.C.P., and NIMH Director Joshua Gordon, M.D., Ph.D., talking about different types of stress and how stress can affect health. https://www.niddk.nih.gov/health-information/healthy-moments

NIDA DIRECTOR BLOG POST: MILLION-PARTICIPANT NIH STUDY COULD YIELD IMPORTANT INSIGHTS INTO ADDICTION AND PAIN

NIDA Director Nora Volkow, M.D., discusses the potential of the NIH Precision Medicine All of Us Research Program, a massive study that will gather data from a million Americans across all demographic, regional, and health and illness spectrums. The study will benefit addiction science in many ways, for instance by yielding valuable data on the influence of substance use and substance use disorders on various medical conditions. https://www.drugabuse.gov/about-nida/noras-blog/2018/05/million-participant-nih-study-could-yield-important-insights-addiction-pain

NIDA DIRECTOR BLOG POST: THE TRUE, DEADLY SCOPE OF AMERICA’S FENTANYL PROBLEM

NIDA Director Nora Volkow, M.D., discusses a recently released analysis about the escalating numbers of people dying from overdoses involving the extremely potent synthetic opioid fentanyl and its analogues. Using mortality data from the National Vital Statistics System, the researchers were able to show that involvement of fentanyl in opioid overdose deaths rose from 14.3 percent in 2010 to 46 percent in 2016. That is nearly half of opioid-related overdoses. Fentanyl is now involved in more deaths than prescription opioids or heroin. https://www.drugabuse.gov/about-nida/noras-blog/2018/05/true-deadly-scope-americas-fentanyl-problem

NEARLY HALF OF OPIOID-RELATED OVERDOSE DEATHS INVOLVE FENTANYL

An analysis of opioid-related overdose deaths found that synthetic opioids, such as illicit fentanyl, have surpassed prescription opioids as the most common drug involved in overdose deaths in the U.S. NIDA and SAMHSA scientists authored a research letter published in the Journal of the American Medical Association which concluded that nearly half of opioid-related deaths in 2016 involved fentanyl. https://www.drugabuse.gov/news-events/news-releases/2018/05/nearly-half-opioid-related-overdose-deaths-involve-fentanyl
NEW FROM THE ALL OF US RESEARCH PROGRAM

BLOG POST: ALL OF US NEEDS ALL OF YOU

In this NIH Director's Blog post, Dr. Francis Collins highlights the All of Us Research Program’s national recruitment efforts and invites readers to join him in signing up.

https://directorsblog.nih.gov/2018/05/07/all-of-us-needs-all-of-you/

LAUNCH EVENT VIDEOS NOW ONLINE

Archived videos of the All of Us launch events are available online. Footage from all seven of the program’s national launch event sites, from Washington state to New York, are available.

https://launch.joinallofus.org/watch

BLOG POST: WE ARE AMERICA’S VETERANS

NIH Director Dr. Francis Collins blogs about Veterans being among the first to sign up and take part in NIH’s All of Us Research Program. The post links to a video that shares a few of their stories.

https://directorsblog.nih.gov/2018/05/09/all-of-us-we-are-americas-veterans/

BLOG POST: IMPORTANCE OF DIVERSITY

Medical research hasn’t always fully represented the nation’s rich diversity. This NIH Director blog post shares a video about the NIH’s All of Us Research Program’s commitment to doing things differently by enrolling individuals of many different races, ethnicities, and walks of life. The more that is known about what makes each person unique, the more customized health care can become.

https://directorsblog.nih.gov/2018/05/10/all-of-us-importance-of-diversity/

VIDEO BLOG: SHARING PHYSICAL MEASUREMENTS AND BIOSAMPLES

Participants can contribute many different types of data to the All of Us Research Program. Some participants may be asked to give physical measurements, and blood and urine samples. In this video, Eric Dishman, director of All of Us, describes how and why the program is working to invite a geographically, demographically, and medically diverse group of people to donate their measurements and samples.


VIDEO BLOG: NEW PARTICIPANT PARTNERS

A central principle of the All of Us Research Program is to include participants as partners. All of Us Director Eric Dishman welcomes the 22 program participants who recently joined the program's committees and advisory panel to support the design, implementation, and governance of the program.

VIDEO BLOG: SECURITY: PROTECTING PARTICIPANT DATA

The All of Us Research Program invests in extensive controls and the best technology possible to keep participant data safe. Eric Dishman, director of All of Us, discusses the program’s security safeguards and its commitment to protecting participant data. https://allofus.nih.gov/news-events-and-media/videos/dish-security-protecting-participant-data

NEW FROM SAMHSA

COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SERIOUS EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCES: 2016 REPORT TO CONGRESS

This report provides an overview of data from the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances program. It presents findings that indicate that systems of care provide services and promote positive outcomes for underserved children and youth within the mental health system. https://store.samhsa.gov/product/The-Comprehensive-Community-Mental-Health-Services-for-Children-with-Serious-Emotional-Disturbances/PEP18-CMHI2016

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://www.store.samhsa.gov/product/Finding-Quality-Treatment-for-Substance-Use-Disorders/PEP18-TREATMENT-LOC

PREVENTING PRESCRIPTION DRUG MISUSE: DATA RESOURCES--UPDATED

This newly updated decision-support tool provides information on data sources and measures to help practitioners understand the non-medical use of prescription drugs in their communities. https://www.samhsa.gov/capt/tools-learning-resources/preventing-prescription-drug-misuse-data-resources

VIDEO: THE ROLE OF PDMPS IN PREVENTING PRESCRIPTION OPIOID MISUSE

This video describes how Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs) allow prescribers to “do their jobs” while playing a critical role in curbing the opioid crisis. https://www.samhsa.gov/capt/tools-learning-resources/role-pdmps-preventing-prescription-opioid-misuse
VIDEO: PDMPS AS A PUBLIC HEALTH TOOL: OPPORTUNITIES AND STRATEGIES

This video discusses some of the ways prevention practitioners can use PDMP data to inform prevention efforts, recognizing that utility is sometimes limited by the laws that originally created these data systems. https://www.samhsa.gov/capt/tools-learning-resources/pdmps-public-health-tool-opportunities-strategies

VIDEO: SEEING THE WHOLE ELEPHANT: THE CRITICAL ROLE OF COLLABORATION IN ADDRESSING THE OPIOID CRISIS

This video describes how agencies from across Illinois came together to address the opioid crisis in a coordinated and comprehensive way. https://www.samhsa.gov/capt/tools-learning-resources/seeing-elephant-role-collaboration-in-addressing-opioid-crisis

NEW FROM CDC


This Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and SAMHSA analysis examined tobacco-related policies and practices in mental health and substance abuse treatment facilities in the U.S. including Puerto Rico. The analysis found that in 2016, among mental health treatment facilities, 48.9 percent reported screening patients for tobacco use, 37.6 percent offered tobacco cessation counseling, 25.2 percent offered nicotine replacement therapy (NRT), 21.5 percent offered non-nicotine tobacco cessation medications, and 48.6 percent prohibited smoking in all indoor and outdoor locations. In 2016, among substance abuse treatment facilities, 64 percent reported screening patients for tobacco use, 47.4 percent offered tobacco cessation counseling, 26.2 percent offered NRT, 20.3 percent offered non-nicotine tobacco cessation medications, and 34.5 percent had smoke-free campuses. https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/67/wr/mm6718a3.htm

NEW DATA FROM THE NATIONAL INTIMATE PARTNER AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE SURVEY

CDC released a brief report highlighting the 2015 data of the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey. Among the findings, approximately 21 percent of women and nearly three percent of men in the U.S. reported completed or attempted rape at some point in their lifetime. https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/nisvs/2015NISVSdatabrief.html
NEW FROM HHS

CURRENT GAPS AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS FOR SELF-REGULATION INTERVENTION RESEARCH

This brief from the Administration of Children and Families (ACF) addresses key gaps in interventions and intervention research identified in existing research on toxic stress, self-regulation, and self-regulation interventions. The brief highlights work needed in intervention design and development to enhance programs intended to strengthen self-regulation. A series of developmentally-specific fact sheets outlining how professionals can promote self-regulation from infancy and toddlerhood through young adulthood accompanies the brief. https://www.acf.hhs.gov/opre/resource/current-gaps-and-future-directions-for-self-regulation-intervention-research

NEW FROM THE VA

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SHORT TAKES ON SUICIDE PREVENTION: SUICIDE PREVENTION MASTER SERIES WITH DR. JERRY REED

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Rocky Mountain Mental Illness Research, Education, and Clinical Center for Suicide Prevention has released a new podcast interview with Jerry Reed, Education Development Center's senior vice president for practice leadership and Suicide, Violence, and Injury Prevention Portfolio lead. Reed shares his professional journey, background behind the development of the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention, and launch of the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention. https://www.mirecc.va.gov/visn19/education/media/podcasts/4_11_2018.asp
May is National Foster Care Month, a month set aside to acknowledge foster parents, family members, volunteers, mentors, policymakers, child welfare professionals, and other members of the community who help children and youth in foster care find permanent homes and connections. [https://www.childwelfare.gov/fostercaremonth/](https://www.childwelfare.gov/fostercaremonth/)

This year’s Older Americans Month theme “Engage at Every Age,” puts emphasis on the message that you are never too old or too young to take part in activities that benefit you physically, mentally, and emotionally. The month celebrates the many ways in which older adults make a difference in our communities. [https://oam.acl.gov](https://oam.acl.gov)

Join the HHS’ Partnership Center and the U.S Surgeon General, VADM Jerome M. Adams, M.D., M.P.H., for a webinar about the value of employment and the importance of supporting employees during the nation’s recovery from the opioid epidemic. Businesses thrive by investing in the health of their employees and communities, and the recovery of individuals and their families is strengthened by gainful employment and self-sufficiency. The presenters will also discuss workforce development and collaborative efforts between faith leaders and local business. [https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8612332034284627203](https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8612332034284627203)
WEBCAST: NATIONAL OLDER ADULT MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY

MAY 18, 2018, 10:00 AM-12:30 PM ET, ROCKVILLE, MD

SAMHSA and the Administration for Community Living, together with the National Coalition on Mental Health and Aging, are hosting this event to mark the first National Older Adult Mental Health Awareness Day. The discussion is designed to raise public awareness about the mental health of older Americans and spur action to address the needs of this population. Watch a panel of experts discuss evidence-based approaches to mental health and substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery supports for older adults, and encourage collaboration between the mental health and aging networks. The event will be live webcast, and registration is required. https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ehome/noamhad/home

WEBINAR: ADDRESSING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS OF OLDER VETERANS: IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND IN PARTNERSHIP

MAY 22, 2018, 12:00-1:00 ET

This SAMHSA Recovery to Practice webinar will offer information to help community service providers understand the special needs of older Veterans with behavioral health conditions, identify resources that older Veterans may be eligible for, and discuss recent federal initiatives to coordinate services across agencies to ensure that older Veterans remain healthy.
Registration Link

WEBCAST: REDUCING DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES IN CLINICAL SETTINGS

MAY 22, 2018, 2:00 PM ET

SAMHSA, together with Massachusetts General Hospital’s Recovery Research Institute, is offering a webcast series, The Power of Perceptions and Understanding: Changing How We Deliver Treatment and Recovery Services, for health care providers. This webcast in the series will focus on the nature and extent of discrimination toward individuals with substance use disorder. In addition, the webcast will address the challenge of reducing discriminatory practices in healthcare settings. https://www.samhsa.gov/power-perceptions-understanding
WEBINAR: WORKFORCE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION: AN OVERVIEW

MAY 24, 2018, 12:00-1:30 PM ET

This is the first webinar in a SAMHSA Addiction Technology and Transfer three-part series on workforce recruitment and retention in behavioral health, with a specific focus on the field of addictions. This initial webinar will provide an overview of recruitment and retention core concepts, characteristics, workforce subgroups, and workforce development strategies. The webinar series is relevant for supervisors, agency leaders, state-level administrators, and policy-makers. Future sessions will take a deeper dive into strategies to address these problems and will showcase some innovations. https://events-na12.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/1272396830/en/events/event/shared/1920240268/event_landing.html?sco-id=1920258315&_charset_=utf-8

WEBINAR: THE ROLES OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IN EARLY DIVERSION

MAY 24, 2018, 2:00-3:30 PM ET

A variety of early diversion strategies have proliferated in recent years as a front-end response to people experiencing mental health crises or who have substance use disorders. Behavioral health is an essential partner in early diversion strategies along with law enforcement and other first responders. This webinar, hosted by SAMHSA's GAINS Center, will focus on the frontline roles of behavioral health in responding to encounters involving people with mental and/or substance use disorders. 
https://t.e2ma.net/click/okx5m/4ce6po/sbldjd

WEBINAR: MENTAL HEALTH APPS ON YOUR SMARTPHONE: DO THEY WORK?

JUNE 5, 2018, 12:00-1:00 PM ET

Thousands of mobile applications propose to be able to reduce stress, increase happiness, address anxiety, and decrease depression. This SAMHSA Recovery to Practice webinar reviews the current state of mental health apps in light of evidence-based treatment strategies, such as cognitive-behavioral therapy, mindfulness, and problem-solving therapy that have been translated into app formats. Registration Link
WEBINAR: THE INTERSECTION OF OPIOID ABUSE, OVERDOSE, AND SUICIDE: UNDERSTANDING THE CONNECTIONS

JUNE 5, 2018, 3:00-4:30 PM ET

SAMHSA’s Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies and Suicide Prevention Resource Center are co-hosting a webinar that will explore the connections between opioid abuse, overdose, and suicide. Presenters will examine current research on the relationship between these problems, discuss opportunities for cross-sector collaboration to address them, and feature examples from the field where this work is already underway. This webinar will take place on and is the first in a two-part series. The second webinar will explore the relationship of chronic pain to opioid abuse, overdose, and suicide, and will take place on June 28, 2018. [https://captconnect.edc.org/event/10056](https://captconnect.edc.org/event/10056)

WEBINAR: SPECIALIZED HEALTH CARE HOMES FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS WITH COMPLEX BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS

JUNE 6, 2018, 12:00-1:00 PM ET

This SAMHSA Recovery to Practice webinar explores how health homes can be customized for children and young adults with serious behavioral health challenges and offers successful examples from two states: New Jersey and Oklahoma. Participants will learn why this approach is useful to young people and their families, how these programs can be successfully implemented, and what technical assistance resources are available. [Registration Link](#)

WEBINAR: UNDERSTANDING THE COMPLEX LIVES AND NEEDS OF PEOPLE WITH CO-OCcurring MENTAL ILLNESS AND INTELLECTUAL/DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

JUNE 12, 2018, 12:00-1:00 PM ET

Individuals diagnosed with co-occurring intellectual/developmental disability and mental illness have complex needs which can challenge service systems. This SAMHSA Recovery to Practice webinar will deepen and expand participant’s understanding about key issues when providing services to these individuals. The prevalence and impact of trauma will be addressed along with workforce development considerations. [Registration Link](#)
WEBINAR: VETERANS’ EXPERIENCED BARRIERS TO ENGAGEMENT IN PTSD PSYCHOTHERAPY

JUNE 12, 2018, 1:00-2:00 PM ET

This VA webinar will use qualitative interview data from Veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) to examine barriers to engagement in evidence-based psychotherapies for PTSD. The presenters will compare Veterans’ reasons for refusal of psychotherapy and reasons for dropout from psychotherapy and discuss implications for the organization of health service delivery and interventions to increase uptake of psychotherapy. [https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1694546819814382338](https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1694546819814382338)

NATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE ON EARLY CHILDHOOD 2018

JUNE 25-27, 2018, ARLINGTON, VA

The goals of the ACF National Research Conference on Early Childhood 2018 are to identify and disseminate research relevant to young children and their families, and encourage collaboration among researchers, practitioners, and policymakers to build upon the evidence base for policy and practice. The 2018 Conference will present the latest research surrounding child care, Head Start, Early Head Start, home visiting, child welfare, special education, pre-kindergarten, early elementary, and other early childhood programs. [http://nrcec.net/about.html](http://nrcec.net/about.html)

CALLS FOR PUBLIC INPUT

NIH REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI): INVITING SCIENTIFIC INTEREST IN GEROSCIENCE SUMMIT III

This RFI asks non-governmental groups (e.g., researchers, disease and aging patient advocacy organizations, professional societies, and others), to provide input into the planning for a future Geroscience Summit, designed to explore the contributions that geroscience can make to relieving the burden of chronic diseases and their impact. Responses to this RFI will help the NIH GeroScience Special Interest Group to better understand the goals of diverse non-governmental organizations, and how discussions and collaborations around the topic of geroscience can help all interested parties accelerate their research-related activities. Responses accepted through June 1, 2018. [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-AG-18-011.html](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-AG-18-011.html)
INFANT AND EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH GRANT PROGRAM
https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-18-018

MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT – PRESCRIPTION AND OPIOID ADDICTION

MENTAL HEALTH TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER CENTER COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

EVIDENCE-BASED TELE-BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NETWORK PROGRAM

RURAL HEALTH INTEGRATION MODELS FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN TO THRIVE

IMPROVING REENTRY FOR ADULTS WITH CO-OCCURRING SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL ILLNESS
https://www.bja.gov/funding/CSAMI18.pdf

FAMILY DRUG COURT RESEARCH AND EVALUATION PROGRAM
https://www.ojjdp.gov/funding/FundingDetail.asp?fi=461

ADULT DRUG COURT DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM FY 2018 COMPETITIVE GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT

IDENTIFICATION AND MANAGEMENT OF BEHAVIORAL SYMPTOMS AND MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS IN INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES (CLINICAL TRIAL OPTIONAL)
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. 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.

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