



NRI NEWSLETTER

The NRI Newsletter is a bi-monthly publication that brings together news and events relevant to stakeholders of the public behavioral health system.

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NRI SPOTLIGHT

[High Mortality Rate Found in Youth Newly Diagnosed With Psychosis](#)

According to [a study](#) published by *Schizophrenia Bulletin* young patients who have been diagnosed with first-episode psychosis (FEP) are much more likely to die within a year of diagnosis than their age-matched peers—in fact, at least 24 times greater. This finding connects with the mortality work that NRI has been doing since 2003 with the collaboration in the [Sixteen State Study on Mental Health Performance Measure](#). [Read more](#).

STATE NEWS

Three Arizona State Prisons Plan to Add Employment Centers to Help Soon-To-Be Released Inmates Find Jobs

The Arizona Department of Economic Security has partnered with the Arizona Department of Corrections to fulfill the Governor's initiative of adding employment centers in prisons because employing ex-prisoners goes a long and officials plan to launch an employment program inside three state prisons that will have employment specialists from ARIZONA@WORK connecting inmates with background-friendly employers. [Read more](#).

Report Finds Improvements in Florida's Children's Access to Medicaid/CHIP

Florida saw a 7.1 percentage point increase in eligible children enrolled in the Florida Medicaid and CHIP between 2013 and 2015. This represents the sixth highest state increase in the nation, and is well above the national average increase. [Read the press release](#).

Indiana adds Medicaid work requirement to waiver request

Indiana posted an amendment to its Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) 2.0 Waiver Extension Application to add work requirements for Medicaid beneficiaries. [Read more](#).

New York Office of Mental Health Releases Statewide Comprehensive Five-Year Plan

The New York Office of Mental Health (OMH) has released its Statewide Comprehensive Five-Year Plan for 2016-2020. The Comprehensive Plan includes a review of consumers, services and programs, and gross expenditures within the New York State public mental health system. [Read the full plan](#).

Mental Health Annual Report 2014

This report presents results from the Mental Health Client-Level Data and Mental Health Treatment Episode Set for individuals receiving mental health treatment services in 2014 as well as selected data collection trends for such individuals from 2011 to 2014. [Read the full report.](#)

Deaths from Alzheimer's Disease – United States, 1999–2014

This CDC report found that age-adjusted rates of Alzheimer's mortality significantly increased in 41 states and the District of Columbia from 1999 to 2014. Significant increases in Alzheimer's deaths coupled with an increase in the number of persons with Alzheimer's dying at home suggest that the burden on caregivers has increased even more than the increase in the number of deaths. Caregivers might benefit from interventions such as education, respite care, and case management that can lessen the potential burden of caregiving and can improve the care received by persons with Alzheimer's. [Read more.](#)

Early Signs of Post-TBI Aggression, Depression May Predict Long-Term Challenges

A study published in the *Journal of Neuropsychiatry and Clinical Neurosciences* shows that the presence of aggression and new-onset depression within the first three months of a traumatic brain injury (TBI) may predict how likely it is a person will continue to experience post-TBI aggression over the course of the year. [Read more.](#)

Recovery-Oriented Cognitive Therapy Benefits Patients With Schizophrenia

A study published in *Psychiatric Services in Advance* shows that recovery-oriented cognitive therapy (CT-R)—a therapeutic approach that emphasizes a patient's personal treatment goals—can lead to enduring improvements in low-functioning individuals with schizophrenia. [Read more.](#)

Suicide Risk Remains Elevated for Years After Discharge From Psychiatric Hospital

A report published in *JAMA Psychiatry* suggests that suicide risk is markedly elevated in all patients after psychiatric hospital discharge, even those with no reported history of suicidal thoughts. [Read more.](#)

FREE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

June is PTSD Awareness Month

June has been designated as PTSD Awareness Month by the VA's National Center for PTSD. Join VA efforts to spread the word about PTSD and effective treatments during PTSD Awareness Month. VA materials are available, which describe PTSD Awareness Month and offer suggestions to raise awareness in communities across the country. [Learn more.](#)

JUNE 19: State Solutions Webinar Series Continues

The Annapolis Coalition on the Behavioral Health Workforce's quarterly State Solutions in Workforce webinar series, which launched in Fall 2016, continues highlighting innovative practices by the states in developing a behavioral health workforce. To register or to be placed on the invitation list, email [Valerie Kolock](#) at SAMHSA.

JUNE 19: Early Childhood Evaluation: Improving Policy, Systems, and Services

SAMHSA presents a learning community session that focuses on how to design an evaluation to improve early childhood SOC's, and how to translate evaluation findings to effectively describe positive impacts and return on investment to policy makers and other partners. [Register here.](#)

JUNE 20: Responding to the 2017 SCA Comprehensive Community-Based Adult Reentry Grant Solicitation

In this webinar, officials from the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance and the National Reentry Resource Center will review the Comprehensive Community-Based Adult Reentry grant

program and application process. [Register here.](#)

JUNE 21: System of Care Expansion Leadership Learning Community: Governance Structures

This webinar will feature state, tribal and local Systems of Care grantees who will share their governance structures, roles and responsibilities highlighting lessons learned and successful uses of governance structures to advance expansion and sustainability efforts. [Register here.](#)

JUNE 22 and 23: State of the Art: Research, Models, Promising Practices and Sustaining Integrated Care

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) presents a web-based event that will highlight models of integrated care, key findings from the research community, examples of diverse grantee practices regarding service delivery, presentations by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services agencies, and a wide range of resources to support efforts to build integrated systems of care. [Learn more.](#)

JUNE 27: The Importance of Care Coordination: Real-World Considerations for Managing Individuals with Schizophrenia

This webinar focuses on care coordination for people living with Schizophrenia. By examining real-world pilot projects, participants may be able to garner insights on models of care coordination that may be relevant to plan challenges for the management of people with Schizophrenia. [Register here.](#)

Webinar Series: Trauma-Informed Innovations in Crisis Services

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) National Center for Trauma-Informed Care and Alternatives to Seclusion and Restraint (NCTIC) presents the Webinar Series: "Trauma-Informed Innovations in Crisis Services." The series runs from April – September 2017 on the 4th Monday of each month, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. ET. [See the schedule.](#)

FUNDING & AWARDS

State Pilot Grant Program for Treatment for Pregnant and Postpartum Women

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2017 Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016, State Pilot Grant Program for Treatment for Pregnant and Postpartum Women (Short Title: PPW-PLT). [Learn More.](#)

HHS Announces More Than \$70 Million in Grants to Address the Opioid Crisis

Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price, M.D., announced the availability of over \$70 million over multiple years to help communities and healthcare providers prevent opioid overdose deaths and provide treatment for opioid use disorder, of which \$28 million will be dedicated for medication-assisted treatment (MAT). [Learn more.](#)

NIMH Grantee Wins One of Science's Most Coveted Prizes

National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) grantee Karl Deisseroth, M.D., Ph.D., of Stanford University, has been awarded one of science's most generous prizes, the Fresenius Prize. In bestowing the honor, the Else Kroner Fresenius Foundation cited Deisseroth's development of optogenetics, hydrogel-tissue techniques, such as CLARITY, and "circuit-level insight into depression" – all made possible by NIMH grants to Deisseroth since 2004. [Read more.](#)

SAMHSA is Accepting Applications for up to \$39.5 million in Grants to Prevent Suicide

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is accepting applications for Cooperative Agreements to Implement Zero Suicide in Health Systems. The purpose of these cooperative agreements is to implement suicide prevention and intervention programs, for individuals who are 25 years of age or older, that are designed raise awareness of suicide, establish referral processes and

improve care and outcomes for such individuals who are at risk for suicide. Grantees will implement the Zero Suicide model throughout their health systems. The Zero Suicide model is a comprehensive, multi-setting approach to suicide prevention in health systems. [Read more.](#)

Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act: Building Communities of Recovery

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2017 Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act: Building Communities of Recovery (Short Title: BCOR). The purpose of this program is to mobilize resources within and outside of the recovery community to increase the prevalence and quality of long-term recovery support from substance abuse and addiction. [Learn more.](#)

Targeted Capacity Expansion: Medication Assisted Treatment - Prescription Drug and Opioid Addiction

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2017 Targeted Capacity Expansion: Medication Assisted Treatment - Prescription Drug and Opioid Addiction (MAT-PDOA) grants. The purpose of this program is to expand/enhance access to medication-assisted treatment (MAT) services for persons with an opioid use disorder seeking or receiving MAT. [Learn more.](#)

SAMHSA Funding Opportunity Announcement: Cooperative Agreements to Implement Zero Suicide in Health Systems

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2017 Cooperative Agreements to Implement Zero Suicide in Health Systems. [Read more.](#)

Intensive Longitudinal Analysis of Health Behaviors: Leveraging New Technologies to Understand Health Behaviors (U01)

The purpose of the Longitudinal Health Behaviors initiative is to establish a cooperative agreement network of 5 U01 projects and 1 U24 Research Coordinating Center (RCC), to collaboratively study factors that influence key health behaviors in the dynamic environment of individuals, using intensive longitudinal data collection and analytic methods. The network will also assess how study results can be leveraged to introduce innovations into longstanding behavioral theories to advance the field of theory-driven behavior change interventions. [Learn more.](#)

NRI DAY AT NASMHPD ANNUAL MEETING

NRI, in collaboration with the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD), is hosting a meeting of State Mental Health Agency Commissioners and Senior Agency Staff on Monday July 31, 2017. This is a "closed door" meeting, so only a limited number of sponsors will be allowed to attend. [Learn more about sponsorships.](#)

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HELPFUL RESOURCES

Linking Older Adults With Medication, Alcohol, and Mental Health Resources

This toolkit developed by SAMHSA helps service providers for the aging learn more about mental illness and substance use disorders in older adults, including focus on alcohol and medication use. It provides tools such as a program coordinator's guide, suggested curricula, and handouts. [Download for free.](#)

Advancing Best Practices in Behavioral Health for Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Boys and Men

This report describes selected best practices in behavioral health for Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander boys and young men. [Download for free.](#)

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