



NRI NEWSLETTER

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

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SPOTLIGHT

Webinar Recaps: Olmstead Communities of Practice

In March, NRI and AHP organized and facilitated two webinars for SAMHSA's Olmstead Communities of Practice. The purpose of the Olmstead COP is to bring together behavioral health stakeholders to discuss challenges, opportunities, and lessons learned related to improving community integration for individuals with mental illnesses.

The first webinar, held on March 20th, discussed implementing ACT in rural areas and the implications this has for model fidelity.

The second webinar, held on March 27th, brought together experts from the Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law and the State of Delaware to discuss using ADA and Olmstead principles to divert people with mental illness from the criminal justice system.

[Recordings and slides for each of these webinars are available on the NRI website.](#)

STATE & FEDERAL NEWS

Congress Increases Mental Health Block Grant Funding for Fiscal Year 2018 by 30 Percent

The Fiscal Year 2018 omnibus funding measure passed March 22 by the House of Representatives, 256-167, and by the Senate, 65-32, before government funding was to expire today, increases funding for the Mental Health Block Grant by \$160 million to \$701 million, a 30 percent increase over the Fiscal Year 2017 funding level. NASMHPD provides an excellent summary of the new omnibus funding in their newsletter. [Read more.](#)

Snapshot of State Plans for Using the Community Mental Health Block Grant 10 Percent Set-Aside to Address First Episode Psychosis

The Snapshot of State Plans provides an overview of each state's funding, programs, implementation status, and outcomes measures under the set-aside. [Learn more.](#)

Mental Disorders May Share Molecular Origins

A deeper understanding of the molecular processes that underlie mental disorders could lead to better diagnosis and treatment. [Read more.](#)

CBHSQ Estimates 9.5 Million Adults in 33 Metropolitan Statistical Areas Had Serious Thoughts of Suicide in Past Year, 2.7 Million Made a Suicide Plan, and 1.3 Million Attempted Suicide

The March 14 issue of The CBHSQ Report from the Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality uses combined 2013 to 2015 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) data to develop estimates of past year serious suicidal thought, suicide planning, and suicide attempts among individuals aged 18 or older who were residing in 33 metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs). [Read more.](#)

FREE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

APRIL 3: Treatment and Prevention of Opioid Use Disorder: Overview

In this webinar, Dr. Dennis McCarty of the OHSU-PSU School of Public Health at Oregon Health & Science University will present an overview on the treatment and prevention of opioid use disorder (OUD) in the U.S. [Register now.](#)

APRIL 4: Learning Community on Working with Youth with Co-occurring Substance Use and Mental Health Disorders

This conference call on working with youth with co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders will focus on drugs that are commonly abused by adolescents. Facilitators include Michael Fox and Rick Shepler. [Register now.](#)

APRIL 11: Saving Lives: What You Can Do To Help Reduce Tobacco Use in Community Mental Health Settings

This webinar will describe the prevalence of smoking among people involved with the public behavioral health system; successful strategies to reduce smoking in community-based behavioral health settings; and partnerships across service systems to sustain smoking cessation. [Register now.](#)

APRIL 12: Cultural and Linguistic Competence Peer Learning Exchange- Cultural and Behavioral Health Equity Considerations for Wraparound Practice

Members of the Cultural and Linguistic Competence Team for the TA Network will lead a web based peer learning exchange focused on aligning Wraparound Values with the National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Service (CLAS Standards). [Register now.](#)

APRIL 12: Jump-Starting Community Inclusion: A Toolkit for Promoting Participation in Community Life

A new toolkit for Promoting Participation in Community Life, developed by Richard Baron, contains sixty-six practical first steps that community mental health providers can take to more effectively support people to maximize their participation in everyday community life. This webinar will hear from some of the innovators who have begun the process of policy/program/practice change. [Register now.](#)

APRIL 18: System of Care (SOC) Leadership Learning Community: Considerations for SOC Leaders for Serving Young Children and their Families

This month's SOC Leadership Learning Community will focus on serving young children and their families with the SOC approach and will address areas that should be considered at both the system and service delivery levels to effectively meet the needs of this population. [Register now.](#)

APRIL 20: Understanding Psychosis – Using Formulation to Develop Effective Interventions

This webinar is designed for intermediate level CBT clinicians and aims to build on an existing knowledge-base through examination of different formulation techniques including collaborative development of formulation and team-based formulation. [Register now.](#)

FUNDING & AWARDS

Apply Now: Crisis Intervention Training Model Project

Law enforcement agencies are invited to apply to participate in the Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) Model project, which is a part of a larger program within the Bureau of Justice Assistance's Preventing Violence Against Law Enforcement Officers and Ensuring Officer Resilience and Survivability (VALOR) Initiative. This project is managed by Policy Research Associates (PRA) and its partners—the International Association of Chiefs of Police, CIT International, and the National Alliance on Mental Illness. [Learn more.](#)

HELPFUL RESOURCES & LINKS OF INTEREST

[Trauma-Informed Integrated Care for Children and Families in Healthcare Settings](#)

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration's (SAMHSA) National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) released this new policy brief, which provides policymakers and other stakeholders with an overview of trauma-informed, integrated care and its importance for children who have experienced trauma.

[Glossary of Terms Related to Trauma-Informed, Integrated Healthcare](#)

The NCTSN has compiled a brief glossary that will help those working in integrated health care to become more trauma-informed.

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