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SPOTLIGHT

March is Criminal Justice Month

In 2009 the United States Congress established March as National Criminal Justice Month. The purpose of National Criminal Justice Month is to help direct public focus toward the need to make our criminal justice system as effective as possible.

The NRI Mental Health – Criminal Justice Research Center works with state and local agencies to analyze mental health and criminal justice data for systems improvement. Learn more about to provide unbiased insights to enhance lives through improved policies and operational efficiencies of state public health agencies. [Learn more.](#)

STATE & FEDERAL NEWS

Proactive Probation: Magic Valley (Idaho) Probation Officers Try New Approach

Local probation and parole officers have shifted their focus in recent years from the traditionally reactive approach taken by officers to a more proactive, personal approach that's heavy on conversations and self-reflection. [Read more.](#)

Maine Launches Hospital Pilot To Connect Veterans To Behavioral Health Services

On January 1, 2018, Maine hospitals began a pilot program to identify veterans with behavioral health disorders and connect them to treatment services. The pilot calls for the hospitals to ask all people seeking emergency department care about their past military service. Those with behavioral or mental health emergencies will be connected to treatment services. The pilot will run through December 2020. [Read the bill.](#)

North Dakota to Launch Recovery Services Program

North Dakota will begin a new program that offers care coordination and recovery services to people who are transitioning out of prison, on probation and parole, and at risk of incarceration. [Read more.](#)

Study Shows Oklahoma Had Greatest Increase in Foster Homes in the Nation

Between 2012 and 2017, Oklahoma had the greatest increase in foster care beds in the nation, topping the next highest state by nearly 30%. Foster care beds include the number of available beds in non-relative foster homes. [Read more.](#)

South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Integrated

Screening Tool Each month, the National Academy for State Health Policy's (NASHP) Healthy Child Development State Resource Center features a resource highlighting the important role that screening, referral, and care coordination plays in healthy child development. This month, NASHP features the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Integrated Screening Tool. [Learn more.](#)

SAMHSA Publishes Guidance on Clinical Best Practices Using Medication-Assisted Treatment to Combat the Opioid Epidemic The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is publishing guidance today to help broaden healthcare professionals' understanding of medications that can be used to treat Americans with opioid use disorder (OUD). [Read more.](#)

RESEARCH

Researchers Say Data Offers Hope in the Opioid Epidemic Prevention Point Pittsburgh published results of a study of the effectiveness of distribution of naloxone, which reverses opioid overdoses. Allegheny County, Ohio leaders are also mulling data coming out of Rhode Island, which could support new approaches to drug treatment in jail. [Read more.](#)

Adolescents With Depression Found to Benefit From Collaborative Care Program A study in *Psychiatric Services in Advance* suggests that embedding psychiatric services within a primary care setting can reduce depressive symptoms in this group. [Read more.](#)

FREE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

MARCH 5: Partnering with the Justice System to Improve Outcomes in Coordinated Specialty Care This webinar is designed to 1) provide an overview of the prevalence of justice system involvement among CSC program participants; 2) describe ways in which CSC programs can better support these participants; and 3) describe strategies for outreach and partnering effectively with the criminal justice system. [Register now.](#)

MARCH 7: Improving the Health of Older Adults by Integrating Behavioral Health into Primary Care To understand how primary care providers are using behavioral health integration models to better treat older adults with mental health, behavioral health, or substance use disorders, this webinar will provide: A historical overview of behavioral health integration into primary care, including the current Collaborative Care Model (CoCM), and expected improved outcomes; Examples of how CPT codes (including codes for CoCM) for behavioral health services are being implemented in primary care settings; Strategies to collaborate with primary care providers to advance behavioral health integration; and A look at the future direction of behavioral health integration. [Register now.](#)

MARCH 21: Integrating HIV and Substance Use Disorder Treatment to Optimize Care for Vulnerable Patients Practical, evidence-based interventions offer opportunities to support clients by treating their SUD while also treating their HIV. These strategies address direct care needs and keep clients linked to services at your organization. Join this webinar to build knowledge on the methods that work. [Register now.](#)

MARCH 26: Suicide Prevention in Later Life: Connecting and Contributing This presentation will highlight the importance of suicide prevention in later life, with an emphasis on increasing social connectedness as a means for prevention. The webinar will cover basic epidemiology of late-life suicide and how a contemporary theory of suicide (the Interpersonal Theory of Suicide) can inform prevention efforts by highlighting potential mechanisms. [Register now.](#)

HELPFUL RESOURCES & LINKS OF INTEREST

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