In the News

Cigarette Smoking Rates Significantly Higher Among Adults Experiencing Mental Illness

A new report by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) states that individuals who have experienced a mental illness are more likely to smoke cigarettes. While the total population of individuals who smoke has decreased in recent years, 1 in 5 adults still smoke. This statistic is compared to the 1 in 3 adults who have suffered from mental illness in the last year and smoke. SAMHSA hopes to use this information to help encourage existing programs that help decrease tobacco use.


Presidential Executive Order Establishing the President’s Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis

On March 29, 2017, president Donald J. Trump signed an Executive Order establishing the President’s Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis. Governor Chris Christie, chair of the commission, will study methods to combat and treat drug abuse and addiction. This is a step towards improving preventative and treatment measures for a crisis which is a major contribution to deaths in America.

Education and Events

Self-Regulation: Proven Strategies for Children with ADHD, High-Functioning Autism, Learning Disabilities or Sensory Disorders

A seminar on Thursday, May 11, 2017 from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM will be held in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Laura Ehlert, a child clinical psychologist, will be speaking about strategies for understanding the challenging child. To find out more information visit the link below:
https://www.pesi.com/Events/Detail/53705

Webinar: Effective Family Treatments for Adolescent Substance Use Disorders

The SAMHSA Addiction Technology Transfer Center will host a webinar on April 25, 2017 from 11:00-12:00 PM MST which will detail evidence supporting family therapy for the treatment of adolescent substance abuse disorders. This webinar includes review of common systems of family therapy and therapy models.
https://www3.thedatabank.com/dpg/423/pm.asp?id=61526&nav=1&aacwc=36156423936704061526199504107

Clinical Trials

Prevention of Amputation in Diabetic Foot Ulcers Using

The Boise VA Medical Center is sponsoring a study which will determine whether use of AMNIOEXCEL® reduces the need for amputation in patients who have diabetes or foot sores. Individuals 18 years and older who have type 1 or 2 diabetes, a diabetic foot ulcer, and a moderate to high risk for amputation are eligible. Prospective participants must be referred to the Boise VAMC. The estimated primary completion date is in July 2017. See the attached link for more information:
https://www.clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT02632929?state1=NA%3AUS%3AID&rank=4
FDA Approves First Drug to Treat Tardive Dyskinesia Disorder

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved the first drug to treat adults with tardive dyskinesia. Tardive dyskinesia is a disorder that causes the affected individual to have repetitive, involuntary movements. This disorder is a side effect sometimes seen in individuals who have been treated with older antipsychotic medications. Early trials with the medication showed promising results.  
https://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm552418.htm

Higher Death Rate among Youth with First Episode Psychosis

A study funded by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) has discovered that young individuals experiencing first episode psychosis have a death rate that is twenty-four times greater than that of individuals not experiencing first episode psychosis. The study analyzed insurance activity, diagnosis patterns, and treatments. Patterns identified in this study will help not only to raise awareness for youth experiencing first episode psychosis, but to also analyze more effective treatment options. 

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