In the News

**U.S. Surgeon General Adams Releases Advisory on Naloxone to Help Combat Opioid Overdose Related Deaths**

In response to the growing opioid epidemic in America, U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams has advised more Americans who are at risk of opioid overdose or close to someone who is at risk to carry a medication, Naloxone, which can reverse the effects of opioid overdose. This medication can suspend the effects of overdose until emergency responders can arrive to administer further care, increasing individuals’ chances of survival after an overdose.


**Health Educators Reach Out to Help Hispanic Women Successfully Navigate Pregnancy**

A grant provided by the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) works to support Hispanic women who may struggle to gain access prenatal healthcare by providing informational booklets with pictures. These photonovels help to provide information for Hispanic women about pregnancy, childbirth, and postnatal experiences. A grant from Teach-With-Stories, a Small Business Innovation Research/ Small Business Technology Transfer Program, has helped to gather information on the program’s feasibility and to conduct pilot-testing.

Education and Events

May: National Foster Care Month
The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services is recognizing the month of May as National Foster Care Month. For more information follow the link below:
https://www.childwelfare.gov/fostercaremonth/

Webinar: The Model Programs Guide (MPG) Diversion Programs Implementation Guide
A webinar will be hosted by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention on May 2, 2018 at 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM MST. This webinar, titled “The Model Programs Guide (MPG) Diversion Programs Implementation Guide”, will detail an overview of the resources available on the MPG, including program profiles, literature reviews, and implementation guides. For more information and to register, follow the link below:
https://www.ojjdp.gov/events/EventDetail.asp?ei=27650

Clinical Trials

Memory Improvement through Nicotine Dosing (MIND) Study
A research project sponsored by the University of Southern California is conducting a clinical trial to determine if daily transdermal nicotine is able to produce significant cognitive, clinical, and functional improvement in participants with MCI. Individuals may be eligible if they are between the ages of 55 and 90 years old, have concerns about memory problems, have the ability to fluently speak English, and more. For more information about the clinical trial, including inclusion and exclusion criteria, please follow the link below.
https://www.clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT02720445?term=Behaviors+and+Mental+Disorders%BCONDITION-BROWSE-BRANCH%5D&recs=abc&map_cnty=US&map_state=US%3AID&fund=01

Science Update
Sleep Deprivation May Be Linked to Risk Factor for Alzheimer’s Disease

New research in a preliminary NIH study has found that lack of sleep may contribute to risk of Alzheimer’s disease. Using positron emission tomography (PET) to scan the brains of participants who had a night of rested sleep versus those who had been sleep deprived, those that were sleep deprived had an increase of approximately 5 percent in beta-amyloid plaques. These beta-amyloid plaques are known to inhibit communication between neurons, a factor which contributes to the effects of Alzheimer's disease.


Cyberbullying, Unmet Medical Needs, and Dissatisfaction with Family Relationships Contribute to Depressive Symptoms among Sexual Minority Youth

A new research study conducted by researchers at the National Institutes of Health has found that cyberbullying, dissatisfaction with family relationships, and unmet medical needs contribute to the high rates of depressive symptoms in adolescents who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, or questioning their sexual orientation. Researchers believe that results of this research point out a vital point of life at which interventions to address depressive symptoms can be implemented for sexual minority youth.


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