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The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) is pleased to bring you the May 2007 issue of the Improving Mental Health in Primary Care Through Access, Collaboration, and Training (IMPACT) E-News. Each monthly E-News issue contains the latest news, research, and resources in children's mental health; upcoming conferences and Web casts; funding opportunities; as well as current articles of interest in *Pediatrics*. We hope that this electronic publication will help you find valuable resources and information on children's mental health. To subscribe to the listserv®, or if you have any questions, comments, or ideas, please contact Stephanie Nelson at snelson@aap.org.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT *Massachusetts*

The Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project (MCPAP)

The Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project (MCPAP) is aimed at assisting pediatric primary care providers (PCPs) in effectively responding to mental health concerns in primary care. Statewide, 6 mental health teams have been developed. Each team includes child psychiatrists, therapists, and a care coordinator, and is led by child psychiatry divisions of academic medical centers including Baystate Medical Center, North Shore Children's Hospital, UMass Memorial Medical Center, New England Medical Center, Massachusetts General Hospital, McLean Hospital, and the Children's Hospital of Boston. Each team seeks to enroll all of the pediatric primary care practices in their catchment area. Once enrolled and oriented to the project, PCPs may have access to a number of services for their patients, including informal telephone consultation, timely psychiatric/diagnostic evaluation, care coordination services, interim psychotherapy for children and families with urgent needs but facing access delays, and local educational programming. Funding comes from the Department of Mental Health. Child psychiatrists, Barry Sarvet, MD and Joe Gold, MD are the program medical directors.

The MCPAP project has successfully led teams in all 6 regions of the state, providing mental health support for 90% of the 1.5 million children and adolescents in the population. Satisfaction surveys of PCPs report that because of MCPAP they are now able to meet the psychiatric needs of children and adolescents in their practices.

To learn more, please visit www.mcpap.org or contact John H. Straus, MD, FAAP with the Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership at john.straus@valueoptions.com.

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Web casts

[Family Centered Care and Patient Safety—June 21, 2007](#)

This 1-hour webinar is part of a series from the AAP Safer Health Care for Kids program.

[Mental Health in Pediatric Primary Care](#)

This online series from the Northwest Area Health Education Center at Wake Forest University School of Medicine discusses screening, diagnosis, management and referral of children with mental health disorders. It is now available with 6 recorded presentations.

[Data Matters](#)

This interactive electronic newsletter from Georgetown University Center for Child and Human Development highlights the importance of data to keep readers up-to-date on the latest in the field of children's mental health.

[Childhood Depression Awareness/Mental Health Month](#)

[National Mental Health Counseling Week — May 6-12](#)

Conferences/Educational Opportunities

[Practical Pediatrics—May 24-26, 2007 Hilton Head Island, SC or May 25-27, 2007 Chicago, IL](#)

This course will feature topics on Adolescent Health and Developmental/Behavioral Pediatrics.

[Riding the Currents: Families, Mental Health, and Economic Change—June 21-23, 2007](#)

The Family Research Consortium (FRC) IV conducts an annual Summer Institute to promote interchange among scholars in the field of family mental health. The Summer Institutes include formal plenary addresses, smaller workshop format presentations, poster presentations, mechanisms for proposal development, and opportunities for networking among participants.

[The Future of Pediatrics: Community Pediatrics, Medical Home and Beyond— June 29-July 1, 2007](#)

The AAP hosts this new conference for medical home advocates, community pediatricians, and others to network and learn from one another in Orlando, FL at the Hilton, Walt Disney World Resort.

[Risky Beginnings: Examining Case Stories About Effective Intervention with Young Children and Families—July 20-21, 2007](#)

NCAST-AVENUW, a program at the University of Washington Center for Infant Mental Health, present their 12th biennial institute. This year's focus will be on dyadic approaches in helping parents or young children who have experienced trauma.

[Rural Women's Health Conference—August 13-15, 2007](#)

The US Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau is partnering with a number of organizations to share information and best practices to increase awareness of the needs of women and families living in rural areas and gain experience with programs that work.

MORE UPDATES

[International Conference on Urban Health— October 31-November 2, 2007](#)

The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and the University of Maryland at Baltimore hosts this conference on information systems and management to address disparities in urban health in Baltimore, MD.

AWARDS/ FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[Vulnerable Populations Portfolio Grants—Due: Continuous](#)

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is seeking proposals on new community-based approaches to health and health care problems that intersect with social factors.

[Health and Mental Health Grants Program—Due: Rolling](#)

The Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Foundation is seeking applications for the health and mental health grants program, which seeks to increase access for underserved individuals to quality health care.

[Additional Funding Opportunities for Community-Based Initiatives](#)

The AAP Division of Community-Based Initiatives provides information on funding from the Academy and other organizations, as well as links to key funding resources and agencies.

RESOURCES & RESEARCH

Please note that some of the links provided will take you to the abstract for the article, but there may be additional steps necessary to view the full text.

[Pediatrician Perspectives on Children's Access to Mental Health Services: Consequences and Potential Solutions](#)

This paper examines some pediatricians perspectives regarding access to children's mental health care.

[Juvenile Offenders and Victims: 2006 National Report](#)

This Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) report presents comprehensive information on juvenile crime, violence, and victimization and on the juvenile justice system.

[System Implementation Issue Briefs](#)

This new series, produced by the Research and Training Center (RTC) for Children's Mental Health, offers concrete examples from communities that have successfully developed systems of care.

[A Demographic Analysis of Children of Clients Attending Mental Health Clinics](#)

This study identifies the demographic characteristics of dependent children of adults presenting at mental health clinics.

[Mental Disorders and Nicotine Dependence Among Pregnant Women](#)

This article reviews the association between mental disorders and nicotine dependence among pregnant women in the US.

More RESOURCES & RESEARCH

[University of California at Los Angeles \(UCLA\) School Mental Health Project/Center for Mental Health in Schools](#)

A number of resources are provided on this Web site, including a monthly E-news sign-up as well as information on promoting mental health.

[Database of Evidence-Based Practices in Prevention and Treatment](#)

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has developed this National Registry of Evidence Based Programs and Practices (NREPP), a searchable database of interventions for the prevention and treatment of mental and substance use disorders to help people, agencies, and organizations implement programs and practices in their communities.

[Influence on the Mental Health of Children Placed in Foster Care](#)

This article conducted focus groups with foster children, foster parents, and foster care professionals. Themes emerging from this analysis include difficulties associated with perceiving oneself as being different, the children's need for coping strategies, problems encountered with the foster care system, transitions between foster homes, and the need for medical homes.

[Pubertal Stage and Deliberate Self-Harm in Adolescents](#)

This study examines the association between pubertal stage and deliberate self harm.

[Factors Associated with Mental Health and Juvenile Justice Involvement](#)

This study examines demographic, person-level, family-level, and school-level factors associated with being involved in the mental health and juvenile justice service systems.

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS PEDIATRICS JOURNAL

The current issue of the AAP journal *Pediatrics* is now available online. Articles of interest for May include:

[Psychological Functioning and Coping Among Mothers in Children with Autism: A Population Based Study](#)

Guillermo Montes and Jill Halterman
Pediatrics 2007; 119: e1040-e1046

[Need for and Use of Family Leave Among Parents of Children With Special Health Care Needs](#)

Paul J Chung, Craig F Garfield, Marc N Elliott, Colleen Carey, Carl Eriksson, and Mark A Schuster
Pediatrics 2007; 119: e1047-e1055

[Predicting Pediatric Distress During Radiation Therapy Procedures: The Role of Medical, Psychosocial, and Demographic Factors](#)

James L Klosky, Vida L Tyc, Xin Tong, Deo Kumar Srivastava, Mindy Kronenberg, Alberto J de Armendi, and Thomas E Merchant
Pediatrics 2007; 119: e1159-e1166

[Effects of Managed Care on Service Use and Access to Publicly Insured Children With Chronic Health Conditions](#)

Amy Davidoff, Ian Hill, Brigitte Courtot, and Emerald Adams
Pediatrics 2007; 119: 956-964

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