



The Provider's Source Update from the Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment Project

"Building Bridges, Closing Gaps"



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New publication from NIDA aims to reduce stigma associated with addiction



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The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA, www.nida.nih.gov), part of the National Institutes of Health in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is pleased to feature *Drugs, Brains, and Behavior - The Science of Addiction*.

This 30-page full-color booklet, available FREE OF CHARGE, uses plain language to explain how science has revolutionized the understanding of drug addiction as a brain disease that affects behavior. NIDA hopes this new publication will help reduce the stigma associated with addictive disorders.

Because of its breadth and clarity, this FREE booklet will be useful for a wide variety of audiences, including educators, school health professionals, students, psychiatric caregivers, treatment professionals, and criminal justice workers.

To order FREE copies of *Drugs, Brains, and Behavior - The Science of Addiction*, visit the NIDA Web Site. You may also call the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI) at (800) 729-6686, (800) 487-4889 (TDD), or (877) 767-8432 (Español). You can download a PDF version of the booklet by going to <http://www.drugabuse.gov/scienceofaddiction/>.

NIDA also has a webpage devoted to adolescents that explains the science behind addiction. The web address is: <http://teens.drugabuse.gov/>

Check out this website!

www.athealth.com - At the practitioner connection you can create your own webpage, sign up for the mental health e-newsletter, find the latest information on mental health, share information and referrals with colleagues, locate treatment facilities, access continuing education, and more! There is also a page for consumers!

Mark your calendars

The Treatment of ASA: Is the Glass Half Empty or Half Full?

Paul Nagy, LPC, CCAS, CCS *Duke Addictions Center, Durham, North Carolina*
McLeod Addictive Disease Center: 515 Clanton Road, Charlotte, NC 28217

Date: 12/07/2007

Sign in: 8:00 AM

Cost: FREE

Training : 8:30AM-4:00 PM

An overview of the issues, current trends, and perspectives on adolescent substance abusing behaviors.

Pre-Registration is NOT required.

<http://www.mcleodcenter.com/>

The Seven Challenges Program

Family Preservation Services will be offering a new program to Western North Carolina entitled The Seven Challenges. This program is for youth (ages 12-18) who are struggling with drug and alcohol problems. It is a holistic approach, addressing not only the substance abuse but the emotional, social, mental and physical reasons behind the use of alcohol and drugs.

Each youth who is eligible to participate will be offered an individualized program. Based on a client's circumstances and needs, he or she will participate in some or all of the following: individual therapy, Seven Challenges Discovery Group, Lifestyle Action Group, community services, and family therapy.

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