



Don't forget to [register](#) for a webinar entitled "Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development (ABCD) Study" hosted by the American Brain Coalition to be held on June 28, 2016.

Please see the attached invitation to a Congressional Neuroscience Caucus Briefing on A Precision Medicine Approach to Mental Illness on June 29, 2016 at 12:00pm in the Cannon Caucus Room hosted by the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology and the American Brain Coalition.

You are also invited to attend a Hill Briefing on the Nation's Opioid Addiction and Overdoes Crisis On June 30 at 12:00pm in the HELP Committee Hearing Room, hosted by the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology. Please see the attached invitation for more information, to register, and to forward to your colleagues.

### SCIENCE ADVOCACY NEWS

- The Senate Appropriations Labor-HHS Subcommittee marked up their [bil](#) on Tuesday, agreeing to move the bill to full committee without objection. Included in this bill is \$250 mil for activities related to the [BRAIN](#) Initiative.
- The House Energy and Commerce Committee, chaired by Rep. Fred Upton (R-MI), has scheduled a full committee [markup](#) on Wednesday, June 15, 2016, to consider several bills including landmark mental health legislation. Details on the time and location will be [posted](#) as they become available.
- The White House Domestic Policy Council released a [progress report](#) on actions taken by the Administration since 2009 to improve mental health research, access to care, and treatment. The VA has released a comprehensive interagency [fact sheet](#) today on actions taken to improve access to mental health care for veterans.
- The American Brain Tumor Association is [working](#) to ensure that brain tumor research is included in federal funding.
- Congress [continues](#) oversight hearings on Part B, Concussions, MACRA (Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015).

### IN THE NEWS

- NIH researchers [explore](#) how to stay healthier for longer.
- Another study [reported](#) that blood markers indicate high levels of inflammation in people with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and depression.
- Studies have [found](#) that some autism-like behaviors disappear in adult mice after switching on the Shank3 Gene.
- In the field of Alzheimer's Disease, a [study](#) found that tau protein can predict early memory loss in Alzheimer's.
- The [NIAAA](#) has selected winners of its [Wearable Alcohol Biosensor Challenge](#).
- Join the International Essential Tremor Foundation for the second call in a new, free educational telephone conference series focusing on a different essential tremor topic each session. RSVP [here](#).
- A new genetic study [reveals](#) pathways that may be disrupted in people with OCD.
- A study in mice [showed](#) that anti-inflammatory medications may help prevent some mental illness with a causal link to immune activation in fetal period.
- Lack of structure can be unproductive to people with bipolar disorder. [Read](#) this informative article about how to manage unstructured time especially in these summer months.
- An NIH-funded [study](#) found that prevention may be essential to reducing racial disparities in stroke. This study provides clues to differences in stroke deaths between blacks and whites.



- Marijuana and Cannabinoids: A Neuroscience Research Summit was held at the National Institutes of Health in March 2016. The Summit presented evidence-based information on the neurological and psychiatric effects of marijuana, other cannabinoids, and the endocannabinoid system. A summary of the meeting can be found [here](#) and a pdf version of the summary [here](#).
- Scientists [found](#) that long-term use of recreational marijuana can change brain connectivity. Check out other articles by [The Center for Brain Health here](#).
- The Parkinson's Disease Foundation [mourns](#) the passing of Muhammad Ali.

#### **FOR AMERICAN BRAIN COALITION MEMBERS**

- [Attend](#) a briefing organized by the Congressional Brain Injury Task Force entitled “Women and Traumatic Brain Injury: A Frontier Yet To Be Explored” to be held on June 14, 2016.
- [Register](#) for The 22nd Music Festival for Brain Health to be held on September 17, 2016.
- The Michael J Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research is hiring for two policy positions! Check them out [here](#), and apply.
- The [NINDS Nonprofit Forum](#) is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year; this year, it will be held on September 13 and 14, 2016. You can submit your abstract and indicate your interest in a poster or panel presentation [here](#).
- RSVP for the upcoming briefing on “The Nation’s Opioid Addiction and Overdose Crisis” to be held on June 30, 2016. (Flyer [attached](#).)
- [Sign up](#) for a webinar entitled “Does the Media Romanticize Bipolar Disorder?” to be held on June 15, 2016. Check out these [recorded webinars](#) hosted by the [International Bipolar Foundation](#).
- [Register](#) for a meeting entitled “Neuroscience and Society Growing Older, Cognition, and What Science Has to Offer” to be held on June 15, 2016 at the AAAS headquarters.
- [Take advantage](#) of [AAAP](#)’s hot new member deal!