

Dr. Jeffrey Borenstein, current ABC Board member and President & CEO of the Brain & Behavior Research Foundation, is hosting a new season of the Public Television series Healthy Minds, which will begin to broadcast nationwide. Information on the series can be found at www.bbrfoundation.org/healthyminds.

Former ABC Board member, Dr. Nancy Wexler, was [profiled on NY1](#) “One-on-1 with Budd Mishkin” this past weekend.

IN THE NEWS

- The House Energy and Commerce Committee passed six public health bills unanimously by voice vote. One of them is the [H.R. 1877, Mental Health First Aid](#). This Bill requires [SAMHSA](#) to award grants to initiate and sustain mental health awareness training grants. Individuals such as first responders, law enforcement officials and teachers would be eligible for inclusion in training. The goal of these programs is to train individuals to accomplish safe de-escalation of crisis situations, recognition of the signs and symptoms of mental illness, and encourage timely referral to mental health services.
- Researchers [have identified](#) a drug that may prevent blindness in infants born with an incurable disorder that causes progressive loss of sight.
- A [study](#) showed that a commonly used drug for blood pressure can be used to treat cerebral malaria with success; and in another one, researchers showed that [using microRNA](#) treatment as part of chemotherapy for breast cancer could prevent the disease from metastasizing.
- A study reported that [nanotechnology with immunology](#) could be used to turn off the the harmful immune attack that occurs during autoimmune diseases such as multiple sclerosis, while keeping healthy functions of the immune system intact.
- The NIH [awards](#) more than \$150 million for research on environmental influences on child health. This program called Environmental influences on Child Health Outcomes ([ECHO](#)) will investigate how exposure to a range of environmental factors in early development influences the health of children and adolescents.
- A [Center for BrainHealth](#) program where a virtual reality program helps teens develop their social skills despite challenges such as ADHD, high-functioning autism and Asperger’s syndrome was [featured on](#) NBC’s ‘Today Show’.
- A [new NIH study](#) of a rare genetic disorder reveals the importance of touch and body awareness, and sheds light on the ‘sixth sense’ of proprioception.

FOR AMERICAN BRAIN COALITION MEMBERS

- You are invited to attend a Congressional Briefing organized by the American Psychological Association on Tuesday, October 4 entitled, [“Future Directions in Mental Health Research: The View from Psychological Science.”](#)
- RSVP for a BIO Briefing entitled ‘What is National Health Security?’ to be held on September 30, 2016. Please RSVP to [Gautami Inamdar](#).
- [Register](#) for the 2016 American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology (ASCP) meeting to be held in New York on October 29th - 30th, 2016.
- A postdoctoral fellowship position is available at Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The project is aimed at understanding the safety and mechanisms of ultrasound neuromodulation using the rat model. [Read here](#) for more details.
- Join the International Bipolar Foundation for a discussion with author Pete Earley on Monday, October 17, 2016. [Pete Earley](#) is best known for his nonfiction book- [Crazy: A Father's Search Through America's Mental Health Madness](#), which was one of two finalists for the 2007 Pulitzer Prize. Tickets can be purchased [online](#).
- [Register](#) for an [upcoming workshop](#) at the National Academies on preventing dementia and cognitive impairment.
- [Register](#) for a webinar entitled [‘Mental Illness Doesn't Have To Win’](#) to be held on Wednesday, September 28 at 9am (PST).
- The world conference on Movement will be held in July 2017. This conference is for all those whose interests lie in the nature of human movement - e.g. issues related to gait, motion, kinesiology, disorders of movement, motion and balance, movement and cognition and developmental issues of movement and coordination. You can check the website by following [this link](#).
- [One Mind](#) has had a busy summer - please see their [Fall 2016 Newsletter](#) for more information.
- Essential Tremor [Research Study](#) seeks participants.
- Please see some exciting [American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology updates](#).