



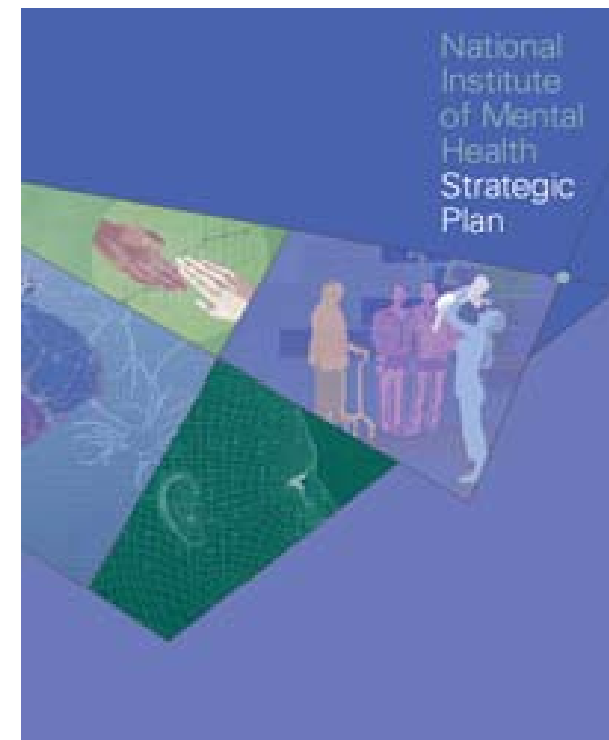
FUNDING PRIORITIES AT NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH

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The National Institute of Mental Health Strategic Plan

The mission of NIMH is to transform the understanding and treatment of mental illnesses through basic and clinical research, paving the way for prevention, recovery and cure.



<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/strategic-planning-reports/index.shtml>

NIMH Objectives



- Promote discovery in brain & behavioral sciences to fuel research on causes of mental disorders
- Chart mental illness trajectories for when, where, and how to intervene
- Develop better interventions that incorporate diverse needs & circumstances of people with mental illnesses
- Strengthen the public health impact of NIMH-supported research

Strategic Objective #3

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Develop New and Better Interventions that Incorporate the Diverse Needs and Circumstances of People with Mental Illnesses

We will improve existing approaches and devise new ones for the prevention, treatment, and cure of mental illness, allowing those who may suffer from these disorders to live full and productive lives

Areas of Interest



- Develop innovative interventions and study designs
- Develop personalized interventions
- Understand diverse care setting and delivery approaches
- Understand the effective elements of personalized mental health care

Strategic Objective #4



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Strengthen the Public Health Impact of NIMH-Supported Research

Through research, evaluation, and collaboration, we will further develop the capacity of the Institute to help close the gap between the development of new, research-tested interventions and their widespread use by those most in need.

Areas of Interest



- Understand factors that affect access to services, quality and cost of services
- Understand means by which effective interventions are disseminated and implemented
- Strengthen partnerships between NIMH and stakeholder groups



NIMH Organization

Division of Services and Intervention Research

Division of Adult Translational Research and
Treatment Development

Division of Developmental Translational Research

Division of AIDS and Health & Behavior Research

Division of Neuroscience & Basic Behavioral Science

Division of Services & Intervention Research

DSIR

- Effectiveness of pharmacologic, psychosocial, somatic, rehabilitative and combination interventions
- Adapting interventions for specific groups
- Mental health services research.

Division of Adult Translational Research and Treatment Development

DATR

- Phenotype and risk factors
- Biomarkers and behavioral assessment
- Predictors & mechanism of treatment response
- Develop new treatments
- Evaluate existing therapeutics for new indications
- Psychiatric disorders of late life

Division of Developmental Translational Research

DDTR

- Neurobehavioral mechanisms of psychopathology
- Trajectories of risk/illness based on genetics, development, environment, and experience
- Design and test innovative and personalized preventive and treatment interventions

Division of AIDS and Health and Behavior Research

DAHBR

- Develop and disseminate interventions that prevent HIV/AIDS transmission
- Pathophysiology and neuropsychiatric consequences of HIV/AIDS
- Medical comorbidity, non-adherence, stigma, health disparities, health behavior

Addressing the MH Needs of Returning Combat Veterans in the Community

RFA-MH-09-070 (R01)

- Existing national, state, or local community-based programs addressing adjustment and mh needs of recent combat veterans
- National Guard, Army Reserve, and newly separated active duty personnel
- Foster successful transition from combat to civilian roles
- Benefit to service members, families, employers, and relevant agencies

NIH Pathway to Independence Award



(K99/R00)

- Up to 5 years of support in two phases
- Initial phase: 1-2 years of mentored support for postdoctoral research
- Second phase: Up to 3 years of independent support contingent on securing an independent tenure-track or equivalent research position

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