

NIMH Outreach Partnership Program



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NIMH Outreach

Engaging national and community groups to assist in the development of an NIMH research agenda grounded in public health need.

In response to the 1998 IOM Report, Scientific Opportunity and Public Need, NIMH began a series of activities to foster public dialogue with professional and constituent groups, both nationally and in communities across the US:

- **Professional Coalition for Research Progress**, annual meeting with professional organizations
- **National Alliance for Research Progress**, meeting twice a year with national voluntary organizations
- **Dialogue Meetings**, periodic meetings with communities across the US (TX, AK, Chicago, Four Corners, Pittsburg)
- **Outreach Partnership Program**, competitively selected partner in each state and over 80 national partners

What is the Outreach Partnership Program?

- A nationwide initiative of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)
- 51 Outreach Partners, one in each state and the District of Columbia
- Over 80 National Partners
- Collaborate with Federal Partners
 - National Institute for Drug Abuse (NIDA)
 - Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS)

Mission

- Works to bridge the gap between mental health research and clinical practice
 - Increase public awareness through publications and updates
 - Provides opportunities for input in the development of the national research agenda

- Builds an integrated network of state and national organizations
 - Promotes cost and information sharing
 - Helps national campaigns and outreach efforts reach state grass roots level

Outreach Partner Requirements

- Conduct mental health communications program
 - Utilize print and broadcast media
- Design and implement an educational outreach program targeting at least one historically underserved population
- Promote volunteer participation in NIH/NIMH supported research studies/clinical trials
- Consult with a science advisor on material development and outreach
- Work with State Mental Health Program Director's Office on statewide committees, initiatives, and other activities.
- Arrange science-based presentations
 - Gatekeepers or special populations
 - Worksite of at least one major employer

Program Activities

- Listserv
- Annual Meeting
- Teleconferences
- *Update*
 - Biweekly
 - New government resources & news
- NIMH Publications
- Technical Assistance
- Small Stipend

The Update

■ Content

- Science and Service News Updates
- Resources: Publications, Toolkits, Other Resources
- Funding Information
- Programmatic Funding Opportunities
- Research Funding Opportunities (Pas and RFAs)
- Calendar of Events

■ Distribution

- 2 times a month
- Outreach and National Partners
- Additional listserv to 180 subscribers
- Partners post on web sites; disseminate through their own listservs; send to local media

Who are the Partners?



Outreach Partnership Program

Office of Constituency Relations and Public Liaison
National Institute of Mental Health
In Partnership with NIDA and SAMHSA

*Partnering across the Nation to
improve America's mental health*

Reducing the burden of mental illness and behavioral disorders through research on mind, brain, and behavior

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Outreach Partners Solicitation Process

NIMH Outreach Partnership Program Seeks Proposals

NIMH invites applicants to submit proposals for becoming an NIMH Outreach Partner from the following states: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Dakota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

Each organization selected as an NIMH Outreach Partner will receive a \$7,500 yearly stipend (dispersed in two equal payments of \$3,750 every 6 months). Partners are expected to leverage these funds to conduct statewide, science-based mental health outreach and education efforts aimed at specific groups and the media. Participation in the program assures that Outreach Partners are quickly aware of the most recent advances in mental illness and substance abuse research. They, in turn, help NIMH disseminate that information throughout their state. The Program is also designed to provide Outreach Partners with the opportunities to communicate to NIMH the public health needs of communities within their states. This feedback becomes an essential part of the planning process for developing the NIMH research agenda and provides insights that will help NIMH meet the needs of an increasingly diverse population. The Program's other benefits include networking opportunities with other state and national organizations, participation in the annual meeting, and easy access to relevant NIMH publications for

How to Apply

- Download the [Solicitation](#) (PDF file, 21 pages)
- Complete the [Organization and Contacts Form](#) (Word file, 3 pages)
- Complete the [ACH Form](#) (PDF file, 2 pages)

Inquiries

The formal question period closed on June 19, 2006. All questions received on or before June 19, 2006 and their responses will be posted on July 10, 2006.

Important Dates

- July 10, 2006: Questions and responses about the Solicitation posted on Web site
- August 7, 2006: Proposals due at NIMH
- Prior to end of 2006: Awardees announced

Archived Solicitation

- [2005 Solicitation 6-15-05](#) (PDF file, 17 pages)
- [2005 Questions and Responses 8-1-05](#) (PDF file, 3 pages)

Archived Press Releases

- [Outreach Partners Selected in 2005 \(1-26-06\)](#)

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