

## ABC UPDATE 12/02/2015

In the context of multiple treatment options for posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and a large, growing need for consumer information regarding accessible and effective treatments, a <u>recent article</u> identified and reviewed available information and treatment resources for PTSD. Credit for this goes to <u>One Mind Foundation</u> – a member of ABC.

Here is more news from the world of science advocacy:

## **SCIENCE ADVOCACY NEWS**

- Research!America recently <u>announced</u> the individuals whose leadership efforts have been notably effective in advancing our nation's commitment to research.
- The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) has signed an agreement to <u>establish</u> a collaborative, nationwide effort for the collection, storage, and distribution of postmortem human brain tissue for the benefit of autism research.

## IN THE NEWS

- The physical and mental health issues our veterans face when they come home from deployment are a national public health crisis. The Pathway Home has joined forces with San Francisco VA Healthcare System and Veterans Home of California-Yountville to address the overall wellbeing of California veterans.
- Drs. Michael Berk and L Trevor Young have been awarded awards for Outstanding Achievement in Mood Disorders Research. Read about their contributions here.
- Drs. BJ Casey and Xavier Castellanos have been awarded the Outstanding Achievement in Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Research. Read about their achievements <a href="here">here</a>.
- A survey of American adults revealed that drug use disorder is common, co-occurs with a range of mental health disorders and often goes untreated. Read the eye-opening report here.
- The National Institutes of Health has <u>launched</u> an initiative to identify biomarkers and track the progression of Alzheimer's in people with Down syndrome.
- With post-traumatic stress (PTS) estimated to afflict almost 8% of Americans in general, and 10-18% of veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, research to better treat PTS is especially critical. Watch this <u>interview</u> where Dr. Michael Fanselow a leader in the field talks about recent research in PTS.

## FOR AMERICAN BRAIN COALITION MEMBERS

- The <u>PAN Forum</u> is an annual, three-day conference held in Washington, DC, which brings together Parkinson's advocates from across the nation to learn the latest in Parkinson's public policy and research. <u>Register</u> here to participate in this endeavor.
- Save the date for the 2016 Annual for the American Society of Clinical Pharmacology.