



NIDA Networking Project (NNP): A New Effort for Interdisciplinary Dialogue and Research

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WHAT	WHY
<p>The NIDA Networking Project (NNP) provides opportunities for information sharing and research collaboration among NIDA-supported networks across the United States. Encouraging a trans-network perspective, NIDA hopes that this project can generate new interdisciplinary collaborations.</p>	<p>With its potential for sharing infrastructure, data, expertise, and resources, networking provides several unique opportunities: To access critical populations; to provide more effective services to those most seriously affected by drug addiction; and to promote greater awareness and use of NIDA’s research findings.</p>
WHERE	WHEN
<p>NNP network sites are located in all States, including Alaska and Hawaii, and in the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. One NNP goal is to encourage local information exchange and collaborations among scientists, drug abuse practitioners, criminal justice researchers, and other drug abuse disciplines.</p>	<p>A brainstorming meeting with network representatives in July 2006 identified specific suggestions for development by the NNP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NNP Website as a portal to network sites • Training/mentoring programs across networks • Themed meetings/journal articles on cross-network, cross-disciplinary collaborations • Participation in other-network-sponsored meetings • Case studies of collaborative projects <p>The NNP Website was launched in September 2007.</p>

WHO

The first NNP phase has been limited to invited members from 11 networks, sponsored by NIDA alone or with Federal partners. These networks represent a broad range of focus and interest—including the epidemiology of drug use and addiction, clinical trials of behavioral and pharmaceutical interventions, drug abuse and related-HIV/AIDS prevention research in the laboratory and the community, and the basic genetics of addiction. The networks include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical Trials Network (CTN) • Community Epidemiology Work Group (CEWG) • Criminal Justice-Drug Abuse Treatment Studies (CJ-DATS) • Multi-Site Prevention Trials (MPT) • NIDA Genetics Consortium (NGC) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sexual Acquisition and Transmission of HIV Cooperative Agreement Program (SATH-CAP) • State Infrastructure Grants (SIG) • Transdisciplinary Prevention Research Centers (TPRC) • Transdisciplinary Tobacco Use Research Centers (TTURC) • Addiction Technology Transfer Centers (ATTC) - SAMHSA • NIMH Outreach Partnership Program (OPP) |
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