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*****NEWS ADVISORY*****

NIDA to Highlight Latest Drug Abuse Research at Cincinnati Conference

Blending Addiction Science and Treatment:
The Impact of Evidence-Based Practices on Individuals, Families, and Communities

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), a component of the National Institutes of Health, will convene a 2-day conference to explore how the latest scientific findings in drug abuse can fill the current gap between research and clinical treatment practices. The conference is part of NIDA's Blending Initiative, designed to stimulate engaging dialogue between those who work with substance abusers in communities with those engaged in the latest treatment research.

Targeting treatment professionals in the Ohio/Pennsylvania region, the Blending conference will equip participants with evidence based tools to use in their community-based practices, and will give treatment professionals an opportunity to share real-life challenges with researchers. The conference highlights NIDA's involvement as a crucial resource and partner for making the best drug addiction treatments available to those who need them.

WHAT: Blending Science and Treatment: The Impact of Evidence-Based Practices on Individuals, Families, and Communities

WHEN: Monday, June 2, 2008
9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 3, 2008
9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

WHERE: Duke Energy Center
525 Elm Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

WHO: Featured Speakers
Dr. Nora D. Volkow, Director, NIDA

INFO: Topics that will be covered include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Addiction and the Brain
- Co-Occurring Psychiatric and Substance Use Disorders
- Addiction Treatments of the Future: The Role of Genetics
- Challenges in Determining, Implementing, and Sustaining Best Practices in Criminal Justice
- Community Reinforcement Approach and Family Training

For registration, please visit: <http://www.sei2003.com/nida/blendingcinci/registration.asp>

Interview opportunities with some of the world's top treatment researchers will be available. A full agenda and speaker list is available at: <http://www.sei2003.com/nida/blendingcinci/topics.htm>

Additional NIDA-related events open to media include a reception and screening of the HBO Emmy Award winning documentary, "Addiction," which was produced in partnership with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, NIDA, and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA); and a student conversation at Walnut Hills High School where NIDA Director Dr. Volkow will engage students in a practical discussion on drug abuse and addiction.

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The National Institute on Drug Abuse is a component of the National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. NIDA supports most of the world's research on the health aspects of drug abuse and addiction. The Institute carries out a large variety of programs to ensure the rapid dissemination of research information and its implementation in policy and practice. Fact sheets on the health effects of drugs of abuse and information on NIDA research and other activities can be found on the NIDA home page at <http://www.drugabuse.gov>.