

CalMHSA Express Week of April 14, 2014

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### **Week In Review:**

- *Entertainment Industries Council's Generation Next Competition Announces Student Winners*
- *Apply for Stigma and Discrimination Reduction Stipend*
- *Apply for the Native Communities of Care Grant Program*
- *UCLA Trains Students in Bystander Awareness*

### **Hot News (funded by CalMHSA and Proposition 63)**

***Entertainment Industries Council's (EIC) Generation Next Competition Announces Student Winners:*** Following extensive statewide outreach, [Generation Next](#), the mental health and media student competition and program produced by EIC's TEAM Up, received over 100 submissions from college students around the state. The mental health and media/entertainment expert judges have selected three winners:

- *Film/Television category: Isabel Fischer (University of California, Davis)*
- *Journalism category: Kyle McCarty (Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo)*
- *Social Media category: Rachel-Jean Firchau (Chapman University).*

*The contest gave each participating student the opportunity to learn about accurate portrayals of mental health issues while perfecting their craft under the guidance of mental health and media mentors. Winners will be honored at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual PRISM Awards at the Skirball Cultural Center on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014. For more information, visit [here](#). Contact: Sabine Sighicelli at [ssighicelli@eiconline.org](mailto:ssighicelli@eiconline.org).*

***Apply for Stigma and Discrimination Reduction Stipend for Community Partners:*** The Center for Dignity, Recovery & Empowerment invites California community-based organizations to submit a statement of qualifications for stipends of up to \$15,000 to enhance their programmatic efforts to reduce stigma and discrimination of people with mental health challenges. Applications from diverse backgrounds, particularly those whose work represents

traditionally underserved regions and communities are encouraged. Applications are due Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and a conference call will be held on Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to discuss questions about the application. [Click here](#) for more information and the application. Contact: Daniel Esparza at [Daniel@mentalhealthsf.org](mailto:Daniel@mentalhealthsf.org).

**Apply for the Native Communities of Care Grant Program:** Stigma and Discrimination Reduction Contractor, Runyon Saltzman & Einhorn (RS&E), has launched the Native Communities of Care grant application, and seeks tribal and urban Indian entities, Native American-based organizations, and county agencies or departments to apply for a grant of up to \$5,000. Grantees will incorporate stigma and discrimination reduction messaging into an existing or new activity in the Native American community to promote wellness. [Apply now](#). Contact Kayla Hansen at [khansen@rs-e.com](mailto:khansen@rs-e.com).

**University of California Los Angeles Trains Students in Bystander Awareness:** 180 UCLA undergraduate student members of fraternities and sororities were recently trained in bystander awareness to understand the role of alcohol in sexual choices, identify consensual sexual experiences, increase awareness of strategies to prevent sexual assault, and provide resources to respond to an incident of sexual assault. Contact: Dr. Lisa Liu at [lliu@caps.ucla.edu](mailto:lliu@caps.ucla.edu).

#### **Prop. 63 in the News**

The [Suicide Prevention Resource Center](#)'s blog highlighted how California is leading the charge in innovative suicide prevention programs such as the Directing Change student video contest and the MY3 suicide prevention safety planning mobile app.

The [Antioch Herald](#) featured a community dialogue and resource fair aimed at improving the health of the community and showing the way to mental wellness for African Americans in East Contra Costa County, put on by RS&E and the Mental Health Friendly Communities Project.

#### **Down the Pipeline**

**Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA) Behavioral Health Services Presents safeTALK Suicide Prevention Training:** As part of the K-12 Student Mental Health Initiative, OCHCA will offer five [safeTALK trainings](#) for intake counselors, case managers, care coordinators, nurses and other health care providers/advocates to become alert helpers, recognize persons with thoughts of suicide and connect at-risk individuals to suicide intervention resources. Please [click here](#) for more information about how to register. Contact: Minh-Ha Pham, Psy.D. at [MPham@ochca.com](mailto:MPham@ochca.com).

Do you have news to share? Send submissions to Jenna Thompson at [Jenna@paschalroth.com](mailto:Jenna@paschalroth.com).

CalMHSA is an organization of county governments working to improve mental health outcomes for individuals, families and communities. Prevention and Early Intervention programs implemented by CalMHSA are funded by counties through the voter-approved Mental Health Services Act (Prop. 63). Prop. 63 provides the funding and framework needed to expand mental health services to previously underserved populations and all of California's diverse communities.