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SCIENCE AND SERVICE NEWS UPDATES

NIMH RAISE PROJECT MAKES PROGRESS AS TEAMS REFINE RESEARCH APPROACHES

Researchers continue to make progress in the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) *Recovery After an Initial Schizophrenia Episode* (RAISE) project, which seeks to improve knowledge of effective intervention approaches and increase the likelihood of rapid adoption and implementation of a multi-component treatment package for the early stages of schizophrenia. Recent refinements to the two RAISE studies, *Early Treatment Program* and *Connection Program*, will ensure that RAISE continues efficiently, and generates results that will be relevant to consumers and health care policy makers. Information about two RAISE studies is available at: Early Treatment Program: <http://www.clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01321177>, Connection Program: <http://www.clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01216891>
Science Update: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/science-news/2011/nimh-raise-project-makes-progress-as-teams-refine-research-approaches.shtml>

SAMHSA AWARDS MORE THAN \$6.2 MILLION TO HELP COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES PREVENT SUICIDE

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) awarded \$6.2 million in grants to 21 colleges and universities to assist in their efforts to prevent suicide and enhance mental health services for students in crisis. The grants are designed to enhance services for students with behavioral health problems, such as depression and substance abuse, which may put them at risk for suicide and suicide attempts.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1108013300.aspx>

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AWARDS \$1.2 MILLION TO 11 SMALL BUSINESSES TO DEVELOP TECHNOLOGY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

The U.S. Department of Education's National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research has awarded 16 grants of \$75,000 each to 11 small businesses to conduct research and develop technology that makes life and learning easier for individuals with disabilities.

Press Release: <http://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/departments-awards-12-million-11-small-businesses-develop-technology-people-disab>

NEW APPROACH LAUNCHED TO REDUCE TRIBAL ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEMS

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, Department of Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, and Attorney General of the United States Eric Holder announce a new federal framework to assist American Indian and Alaska Native communities in achieving their goals in the prevention, intervention, and treatment of alcohol and substance abuse problems.

Press Release: <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1108055657.aspx>

RESOURCES: PUBLICATIONS, TOOLKITS, OTHER RESOURCES

NEW ON NIMH WEBSITE

DIRECTOR'S BLOG: MENTAL ILLNESS DEFINED AS DISRUPTION IN NEURAL CIRCUITS

NIMH Director, Thomas Insel describes how mental illnesses can be viewed as disruptions of neural circuits, and how this neurological approach to mental illness may transform how we diagnose and treat mental disorders. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/director/2011/mental-illness-defined-as-disruption-in-neural-circuits.shtml>

DIRECTOR'S BLOG: BENDING THE CURVE ON SUICIDE

NIMH Director, Thomas Insel highlights efforts that are being made at the federal level such as a new effort to bend the curve on suicide, the *National Action Alliance on Suicide Prevention*, which brings together many stakeholders to advance the *National Strategy for Suicide Prevention*. The *Action Alliance* is working toward a research agenda to support the reduction of suicide by 20 percent by 2016. <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/director/2011/bending-the-curve-on-suicide.shtml>

BROCHURE: THE TEEN BRAIN: STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION

This NIMH brochure describes changes in the brain that occur during the teen years, and the significance of this stage of development.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/the-teen-brain-still-under-construction/index.shtml>

NIDA RESOURCE

BOOKLET: DRUG FACTS - SHATTER THE MYTHS

Updated for 2011, the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) *Drug Facts: Shatter the Myths* Q&A booklet answers teens' most frequently asked questions about drugs and drug abuse.

<http://drugfactsweek.drugabuse.gov/booklet.php>

SAMHSA RESOURCES

PRESENTATION: NATIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PUBLIC POLICY PAST AND PRESENT, PUTTING POLICY INTO ACTION

SAMHSA Administrator Pamela Hyde explores the history of behavioral health from the 19th century to the present and discusses some of the challenges and opportunities that lay ahead in supporting recovery for people dealing with substance abuse or mental health disorders.

<http://store.samhsa.gov/product/SMA11-PHYDE071911>

PRESENTATION: SUICIDE: THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES BEHIND THE PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM

SAMHSA Administrator Pamela Hyde begins with facts about suicide and discusses prevention, the *National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention*, and the crisis of untreated substance abuse and mental health disorders. This presentation also explores the need for a national dialogue on the role of behavioral health in public life. <http://store.samhsa.gov/product/SMA11-PHYDE072711>

FLYER: JOIN THE VOICES FOR RECOVERY: RECOVERY BENEFITS EVERYONE!

This flyer promotes the 2011 *National Recovery Month* celebrating people in treatment and recovery services. It describes the goals of *National Recovery Month*, highlights accomplishments of the 2010 observance, and encourages participation in the observance by hosting a community event. <http://store.samhsa.gov/product/SMA11-4651>

WIDGET: RECOVERY MONTH INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE WIDGET

The 2011 *National Recovery Month* inspirational quote widget allows users to view a new inspirational quote each day and share the quote with others. The widget is designed to promote *National Recovery Month* and provide a message of hope, recovery, and inspiration. A widget is an online tool that can be added to a website that displays or shares information from various sources. <http://www.recoverymonth.gov/Multimedia/Quote-Widget.aspx>

TREATMENT AND RECOVERY IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FOR AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES

This new SAMHSA publication explores a range of issues associated with treatment and recovery for people with disabilities who experience substance use and mental disorders. It also discusses barriers to health care access, differences in outcomes, and options to ensure patient rights. This new publication is available in DVD, CD, and VHS formats.

DVD: <http://store.samhsa.gov/product/Treatment-and-Recovery-in-Behavioral-Health-for-Americans-With-Disabilities-DVD-/All-New-Products/SMA11-4624DVD>

CD: <http://store.samhsa.gov/product/Treatment-and-Recovery-in-Behavioral-Health-for-Americans-With-Disabilities-Audio-CD-/All-New-Products/SMA11-4624CD>

VHS: <http://store.samhsa.gov/product/Treatment-and-Recovery-in-Behavioral-Health-for-Americans-With-Disabilities-VHS-/All-New-Products/SMA11-4624VHS>

AHRQ'S EFFECTIVE HEALTHCARE PROGRAM: NEW RESEARCH PROTOCOLS

The Agency for Healthcare Research Quality's (AHRQ) Effective Healthcare Program has released the following research protocols for the following new comparative effectiveness studies.

COMPARATIVE EFFECTIVENESS OF MULTIDISCIPLINARY POSTACUTE REHABILITATION FOR MODERATE TO SEVERE TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY IN ADULTS

<http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/search-for-guides-reviews-and-reports/?pageaction=displayproduct&productid=726>

SCREENING, BEHAVIORAL COUNSELING, AND REFERRAL IN PRIMARY CARE TO REDUCE ALCOHOL MISUSE

<http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/search-for-guides-reviews-and-reports/?pageaction=displayproduct&productid=729>

CLOSING THE QUALITY GAP SERIES: MEASURING OUTCOMES OF CARE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

<http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/search-for-guides-reviews-and-reports/?pageaction=displayproduct&productid=739>

AHRQ RESOURCES

IMPACT OF SELF-ESTEEM AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT ON SUBSTANCE USE AND SEXUAL INITIATION DIFFERS AMONG BOYS AND GIRLS

A new study supported by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) focused on adolescent risk-taking shows that high self-esteem, measured during an initial survey of 1,670 students enrolled in grades 7 through 12, was associated with lower odds of substance abuse in the following year among girls, but not among boys. Self-esteem was not significantly correlated with first sexual intercourse one year later among girls or boys, according to the findings. In addition, higher academic performance in school was associated with less risky activities among young girls. <http://www.ahrq.gov/research/aug11/0811RA17.htm>

PROVIDERS MISS OPPORTUNITIES TO PREVENT DEPRESSION IN AND DISCUSS BIRTH CONTROL WITH WOMEN WITH UNPLANNED PREGNANCIES

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists recommends that clinicians screen pregnant women during the first prenatal visit for depression, stress, support, and whether the pregnancy was planned. This screening allows providers to pinpoint women who may be at risk for postpartum depression, or who may need social support once the baby arrives. An AHRQ-funded study finds that this counseling is inconsistent, and clinicians miss opportunities to discuss future birth control and social support with women whose pregnancies were unplanned. <http://www.ahrq.gov/research/aug11/0811RA18.htm>

AHRQ RESOURCES TO CARE FOR COMMUNITY-DWELLING PATIENTS DURING EMERGENCY EVENTS

AHRQ has released two new resources that can help emergency planners and responders ensure that community-dwelling patients receive appropriate care during a mass casualty event (MCE). Community-dwelling patients with daily health care needs may not be directly affected by a mass casualty event, but if that event disrupts their usual care routine, they may still be at risk. The *Home Health Patient Assessment Tool: Preparing for Emergency Triage* assists home care agencies, hospitals, and emergency planners to anticipate the needs of community-dwelling patients and assess who might be most at risk of hospitalization if their traditional home support services are disrupted during an emergency. The *Data Sources for the At-Risk Community-Dwelling Patient Population* provides a summary of each data resource, and areas of overlap with other data resources. <http://www.ahrq.gov/research/aug11/0811RA31.htm>

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS RESOURCE INVENTORY UPDATED

AHRQ has released a newly updated version of the *Emergency Preparedness Resource Inventory* (EPRI), a web-based software tool to help local, regional, and State planners prepare for and respond to emergency situations. Prior to an event, emergency officials can download and use EPRI to develop an inventory of resources necessary to respond to different types of events. During an emergency, EPRI can help determine what resources are available for response.

<http://www.ahrq.gov/research/aug11/0811RA32.htm>

DEFENSE CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE BLOG

DCoE BLOG: PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH CHALLENGES FOR WOMEN WARRIORS

This Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DCoE) blog discusses challenges that females in the military face.

<http://www.dcoe.health.mil/Blog/Default.aspx?id=1>

OJJDP RESOURCE

REDUCE DRINKING AMONG UNDERAGE AIR FORCE MEMBERS

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) released a bulletin that describes the early findings of an evaluation of the OJJDP's *Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws* (EUDL) initiative in five Air Force communities. Authors compare rates of drinking in the five communities to comparison groups and to the Air Force overall. The bulletin is the first in a series OJJDP is producing on underage drinking, which highlights the dangers of underage drinking and provides guidelines for policy and practice. <https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/232616.pdf>

NIJ RESOURCE

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE: A CLOSER LOOK AT ADOLESCENT ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIPS

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) has released *Teen Dating Violence: A Closer Look at Adolescent Romantic Relationships* to add greater awareness of the incidence and characteristics of violence in adolescent relationships. While most teenagers do not experience physical aggression when they date, research shows that up to 10 percent of teens report physical violence by a romantic partner; that boys and girls report mutual aggression; and that teenagers lack the strategies to negotiate, communicate, and cope well within dating relationships.

<https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/224089.pdf>

HHS ANNOUNCEMENT

UP TO \$500 MILLION IN AFFORDABLE CARE ACT FUNDING WILL HELP HEALTH PROVIDERS IMPROVE CARE

HHS announces up to \$500 million in *Partnership for Patients* funding to help hospitals, health care provider organizations, and others improve care and stop millions of preventable injuries and complications related to health care-acquired conditions and unnecessary readmissions. To achieve these goals, the Partnership is seeking to contract with large health care systems, associations, State organizations, or other interested parties to support hospitals in the hard work of redesigning care processes to reduce harm. This funding, made available by the *Affordable Care Act*, will be awarded by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Innovation Center through presolicitation and other procurements for Federal contracts.

<http://www.ahrq.gov/research/aug11/0811RA26.htm>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TRAINING: CREATING COMMUNITIES FOR CHANGE: BEST PRACTICES FOR SERVING LGBTQI2-S HOMELESS YOUTH

AUGUST 18, 2011, MIAMI, FLORIDA; AUGUST 26, 2011, ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

SAMHSA, through the Homelessness Resource Center, announces new training opportunities designed to advance best practices among service providers and communities working with youth experiencing homelessness who self-identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, intersex and two spirit.

<http://www.nrchmi.samhsa.gov/Resource/Free-Trainings-Creating-Communities-for-Change-Best-Practices-for-Serving-LGBTQI2-and173S-Homeless-Youth-52126.aspx>

TRAINING: LEADERSHIP ACADEMY TO ADDRESS DISPARITIES IN MENTAL HEALTH CARE

AUGUST 22-25, 2011, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Georgetown University, in collaboration with SAMHSA's Center for Mental Health Services and AFYA, Inc., is convening a *Leadership Academy to Address Disparities in Mental Health Care*. The Academy is designed for individuals who are actively engaged in mental health care policy, practice, research, and advocacy throughout the life cycle and who are invested in developing their leadership role to address disparities in mental health care. It is an intensive course of study comprised of three months of preparatory activities and a four day residential learning experience.

<http://www.attcnetwork.org/documents/gusavedateLA.pdf>

TRAINING: PROMOTING WELLNESS: AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO HOMELESS SERVICE DELIVERY

AUGUST 23-24, 2011, ROANOKE, WEST VIRGINIA

SAMHSA's Homelessness Resource Center, Project for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness, and SSI/SSDI Outreach Access and Recovery are offering a free two-day regional training. The purpose of this training is to advance best practices and innovative strategies to resolve homelessness, based on person-centered, trauma-informed, and recovery-oriented approaches to care. Sessions will include topics related to housing, employment, critical time intervention, consumer integration, motivational interviewing, medical care for non-medical providers, population-focused approaches, communities of practice, self-care, and more.

<http://www.nrchmi.samhsa.gov/Resource/Free-Regional-Training-in-Roanoke-West-Virginia-Promoting-Wellness-An-Integrated-Approach-to-Homeless-Service-Delivery-52115.aspx>

WEBINAR: POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AND NATURAL DISASTERS

AUGUST 25, 2011, 1:00-2:30 PM ET

This DCoE monthly webinar will discuss the effects that natural disasters have on individuals who live in communities devastated by natural disasters, ways to promote resilience, and mechanisms for coping. Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) does not only affect service members who experience traumatic events while deployed. It can also affect civilian communities, particularly in the aftermath of natural disasters like Hurricane Katrina, the earthquakes in Haiti and Japan, and the recent tornadoes that tore through the southern region of the United States. The knowledge gained through extensive study of PTSD in military populations has provided great insight into PTSD in the civilian population. To register or be added to the distribution list, send an email to:

DCoE.MonthlyWebinar@tma.osd.mil.

<http://www.dcoe.health.mil/Training/MonthlyWebinars.aspx>

WEBINAR: EVALUATING FAMILIES IMPACTED BY TRAUMA

AUGUST 26, 2011, 1:00 PM ET

This National Child Traumatic Stress Network webinar will cover multi-generational trauma within families, unique assessment and treatment planning considerations, and describe family and trauma-informed resources and decision-making strategies to guide family assessment and informed family treatment planning. <http://learn.nctsn.org/course/category.php?id=3>

MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MINORITY HEALTH

AUGUST 29-30, 2011, WASHINGTON, DC

HHS will hold a public meeting of the Advisory Committee on Minority Health. Preregistration is required for both public attendance and comment. Any individual who wishes to attend the meeting and/or participate in the public comment session should send an e-mail to: acmh@osophs.dhhs.gov. For further information contact Ms. Monica at: 240-453-2882. <http://minorityhealth.hhs.gov/templates/browse.aspx?lvl=2&lvlID=203#Reports>

HEALTH OBSERVANCE: 2011 NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

SEPTEMBER 2011

The *2011 Recovery Month* theme is *Join the Voices for Recovery: Recovery Benefits Everyone*. SAMHSA has developed materials to help communities plan and host *Recovery Month* events and activities to help address the treatment needs of those dealing with behavioral health problems. <http://www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/advisories/1106280601.aspx>

VIDEOCAST: SUICIDE IN THE US: FINDING PATHWAYS TO PREVENTION

SEPTEMBER 7, 2011, 2:00 – 3:30 PM EST

As part of Suicide Prevention Awareness, NIMH is sponsoring a videocast panel of suicide prevention experts. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and hear directly from people working in the field. <http://www.cvent.com/events/suicide-in-the-u-s-finding-pathways-to-prevention/event-summary-0b7a27aa01fe4efe824e9c6e0d390543.aspx>

WEBINAR: ASSESSMENT AND SCREENING OF POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER: CONTEMPORARY METHODS

SEPTEMBER 16, 2010, 2:00 PM ET

Participants of this DCoE monthly webinar will learn contemporary methods for assessing patients with PTSD and will also learn current models for screening for PTSD in primary care, mental health, and substance abuse clinics. Forensic assessment strategies will be considered in the context of teaching about diagnostics and evaluation. Specific measures will be included in this workshop and will incorporate structured diagnostic measures (i.e., the *Clinician Administered PTSD Scale*, self report measures such as the *PTSD Checklist* and the *Mississippi Scale*, and the *PK Scale of the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory*), and various trauma screens with strong sensitivity, specificity, and overall reliability. <http://www.dcoe.health.mil/Training/OtherWebinars.aspx>

CONFERENCE FOR CHILDREN'S JUSTICE AND SAFETY: UNITE, BUILD, LEAD

OCTOBER 12-14, 2011, WASHINGTON, DC

The OJJDP 2011 conference will address key issues and best practices in juvenile justice, delinquency prevention, and victimization. Conference workshops, plenaries, and keynote sessions include the following topics: crimes against children, anti-gang strategies, children's exposure to violence, disproportionate minority contact, girls' delinquency, tribal youth programs, emergency planning for juvenile justice, faith-based and community involvement, mentoring, truancy and bullying, and substance abuse. <http://ojjdp.gov/2011conference/index.html>

ELEVENTH CRIME MAPPING RESEARCH CONFERENCE: CRIME, SOCIAL ILLS, AND PLACE-BASED SOLUTIONS

OCTOBER 17-21, 2011, MIAMI, FLORIDA

The National Institute of Justice *Crime Mapping Research Conference* focuses on place-based approaches to crime and public safety that seek to simultaneously address the interconnected relationships between people and their environments. Solutions to crime and public safety problems include those about where crime and disorder occur. These solutions include a combination of research, practice, technology and policy that provide a full perspective of the breadth and depth of a problem and the results of its solution. The application of geographic principles to better understand the context of these problems has come into the mainstream as the reemergence of geography has become a primary component in solving problems.

<http://www.crimemapping2011.com/>

NATIONAL DRUG FACTS WEEK: SHATTER THE MYTHS

OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 6, 2011

NIDA's National Drug Facts Week (NDFW) is a health observance week for teens that aims to shatter the myths about drugs and drug abuse. Through community--based events and activities on the Web, on TV, and through contests, NIDA is working to encourage teens to get factual answers from scientific experts about drugs and drug abuse. Registration is now open.

<http://drugfactsweek.drugabuse.gov/register.php>

CALLS FOR PUBLIC INPUT

NIH WANTS TO HEAR FROM PUBLIC ABOUT ITS COMMON FUND PROGRAMS

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) *Common Fund* supports exceptionally innovative programs that are inherently high-risk, but have the potential for high-payoff by catalyzing research across all of NIH and in the biomedical research community. New ideas for *Common Fund* programs are identified annually by internal and external scientists and stakeholders. NIH seeks public input on these ideas to help shape new programs for 2013. NIH wants to know which ideas have the potential to fundamentally change how to think about, support, or do research in a specific field, or to create a new field all together. The feedback period is open until Wednesday, September 14, 2011. <http://commonfund.nih.gov/strategicplanning>. For more information about the NIH *Common Fund*: <http://commonfund.nih.gov>.

CDC SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON THE VERSION 2.0 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RESPONSE GUIDE FOR STATE, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTORS

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Environmental Health, Division of Emergency and Environmental Health Services has revised the *Public Health Emergency Response Guide for State, Local, and Tribal Public Health Directors*. It is an all-hazards reference tool for health professionals who are responsible for initiating the public health response during the first 24 hours of an emergency or disaster. Guide users are encouraged to submit feedback on the effectiveness and utility of the guide in incidents, exercises, training and education programs, and other ways in which the guide is being used. To obtain a copy, submit feedback (no deadline), or for more information, contact Martin Kalis at: 770-488-4568 or email at: pberg@cdc.gov.

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/planning/responseguide.asp>

FUNDING INFORMATION

NIH: ADVANCING THE IMPACT OF EFFECTIVE HIV/AIDS PREVENTION AND TREATMENT INTERVENTIONS

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-11-271.html> (R01)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-11-272.html> (R03)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-11-273.html> (R21)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-11-274.html> (R34)

NIH: DISCOVERY, DEVELOPMENT, AND TESTING OF NOVEL INTERVENTIONS TO ADVANCE HIV PREVENTION AND CARE

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-11-275.html> (R01)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-11-276.html> (R03)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-11-277.html> (R21)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-11-278.html> (R34)

NIH: PSYCHOSOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS AND SERVICES RESEARCH IN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-11-283.html> (R34)



The **Outreach Partnership Program** is a nationwide outreach initiative of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) that enlists state and national organizations in a partnership to help close the gap between mental health research and clinical practice, inform the public about mental illnesses, and reduce the stigma and discrimination associated with mental illness. For more information about the program please visit: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/outreach/partners>. To subscribe to receive the **Update** every two weeks, go to: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/outreach/partnership-program/subscribe-to-the-update.shtml>

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