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Good morning Ms Cathy Thompson

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Leading The News

Parents Working With Children With Autism From A Young Age May Help Reduce Their Kids' Severity Of Symptoms, Small Study Suggests.

According to [CNN](#) (10/25, Senthilingam), [research](#) published online Oct. 25 in The Lancet suggests that "children with autism may be able to work with" their parents "from a young age to help reduce the severity of their symptoms and improve their ability to communicate."

[Time](#) (10/25, Sifferlin) reports investigators arrived at this conclusion after examining "the results of a study called the Preschool Autism Communication Trial" in which "152 kids from ages two to four were randomly assigned to a year of a parent-led intervention, in which their parents interacted with them and received feedback from a therapist." Also covering the study are [The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (10/25, Boseley), [BBC News \(UK\)](#) (10/26, Gallagher), and [CBC News \(CAN\)](#) (10/25, Birak).

Psychiatric News Alert



[Early Identification Programs Show Urban Poor More Likely to Meet Psychosis Criteria](#)

[Some Patients May Develop Adjustment Disorder Up to Year After Trauma](#)

Free Course of the Month: Childhood Precursors of Borderline Personality Disorder: Why are Childhood Precursors Important?

This course summarizes the latest research on the childhood precursors of borderline personality disorder and identifies the complex relationship between childhood adversity and BPD. [Learn more](#) or [take the October course](#).

Free Course for November: Advances in Therapeutic Interventions in Geriatric Psychiatry: Diagnosis and Treatment of Geriatric Depression



Psychiatric Treatment/Disorders

Natural Disasters May Raise Dementia Risk For Seniors Forced To Leave Their Homes, Study Indicates.

[HealthDay](#) (10/25, Preidt) reports, "Earthquakes, floods and other natural disasters may raise dementia risk for seniors forced to leave their homes," researchers found after examining data on "nearly 3,600 survivors of the 2011 earthquake and tsunami in Japan," all of whom "were 65 and older." Investigators found that "the rate of dementia in this group was 4.1 percent before the disaster and 11.5 percent two-and-a-half years after the tsunami."

[Medical Daily](#) (10/25, Drain) points out the [findings](#) were "published online Oct. 24 in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences."

Brains Of Children With PTSD May Exhibit Structural Differences Not Seen In Brains Of Typical Youngsters, Small Scan Study Indicates.

[HealthDay](#) (10/25, Preidt) reports, "The brains of children with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) have structural differences not seen in the brains of typical kids," researchers found after comparing "brain structure in 24 children with PTSD and 23 without the disorder." The [study](#) was published online Oct. 25 in Radiology.

[HealthImaging](#) (10/25, Livorno) specifies that investigators "used the MRI technique called diffusion tensor imaging (DTI) to measure the composition of the brain's white matter and neural connections of" the study's participants.

Government and Psychiatry

Employees Feeling Impact Of Rising Healthcare Costs Because Incomes Have Not Increased, Study Suggests.

The [Washington Post](#) (10/26, Johnson) reports a [new study](#) suggests that "the growth in employees' share of health-care premiums and deductibles has slowed over the past decade, but their incomes have lagged behind." According to a Commonwealth Fund study, "families that receive insurance through their employer spent, on average, 6.5 percent of their income on premiums and deductibles in 2006" compared to 10.1 percent in 2015. The finding "comes amid intense scrutiny of rising premiums in" the ACA marketplaces. The study "suggests the root cause for that growing pressure is because incomes haven't grown as fast as health-care costs."

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Patients With Behavioral Health Diagnoses Responsible For Disproportionate Share Of The Increase In ED Visits In New Jersey, Report Says.

According to the [Philadelphia Inquirer](#) (10/25, Burling), "A new report from the New Jersey Hospital Association" indicated that individuals "with behavioral health diagnoses, especially those with substance abuse problems, were responsible for a disproportionate share of the increase in emergency department visits in the state over the last five years." This "report comes on the heels of a survey and several studies released recently by the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) that found that" EDs "are often clogged with psychiatric patients who are waiting for inpatient care."

Other News

FDA Adds Warning Of Abuse Potential For Medications Treating Low Testosterone.

[Reuters](#) (10/25, Clarke) reports that the Food and Drug Administration has added a new warning to the labels of drugs used to treat low testosterone. According to the FDA, the new warning "will alert prescribers to the abuse potential of testosterone and the serious adverse outcomes, especially those related to heart and mental health." The move "is the latest in a series of actions the agency has taken to try to curb prescriptions of a product whose use has soared over the past decade, especially among middle-aged men."

[NBC News](#) (10/25, Fox) reports that the FDA warned, "Reported serious adverse outcomes include heart attack, heart failure, stroke, depression, hostility, aggression, liver toxicity and male infertility. Individuals abusing high doses of testosterone have also reported withdrawal symptoms, such as depression, fatigue, irritability, loss of appetite, decreased libido and insomnia."

Additional coverage is provided by [Medscape](#) (10/25, Brooks), [HCP Live](#) (10/25, Black) and [MedPage Today](#) (10/25, Fiore).

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