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APA DIV 54 SPP SIG

Summer 2018

Welcome from the AYA SIG Chair

Greetings AYA SIG members!

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We are pleased to present our latest SIG newsletter providing updates on activities of the Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) SIG. The SIG aims to promote awareness of AYA clinical and research needs, networking and collaboration, and best practices for incorporating psychological care into transition services for AYAs. We are now accepting submissions on AYA-related research topics to feature in our Fall 2018 newsletter! Please send a brief abstract to Christine.Sieberg@childrens.harvard.edu and SSMulchan@gmail.com.

We welcome contributions from SIG members and look forward to continuing to use this newsletter to highlight the excellent work that our SIG members are doing to advance the care of AYAs with chronic illness. Please feel free to contact us with any ideas that you have about future newsletter items or to have your AYA clinical program considered for our newsletter spotlight.

Thank you for your interest!

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AYA Program Spotlight:

AYA Student/Trainee Resource List—Now Available!

By: Jessica Sampson, BA & Lila Pereira, PhD

The AYA SIG has created a directory of psychology training programs and research opportunities that devote a portion of student training with adolescent and young adult populations. The guide is geared towards graduate students and those seeking postdoctoral experiences.

This list was created by reaching out to psychology professionals and trainees on the Division 54, Division 53, and Division 38 listservs, as well as during the AYA SIG meeting at SPPAC 2018. Participants were asked to complete a survey about their programs and any others they were aware of. The AYA SIG leadership team hopes that the directory will provide information for current and future students while searching for AYA-focused training to increase the number of clinicians and researchers competent in working with AYA patients.

The list includes clinical training programs (practicum/externship, internship, and post-doctoral opportunities) and relevant information about the programs (e.g. contact info, rotations offered, etc.) as well research opportunities (e.g. labs and grant opportunities).

While we were excited to learn that opportunities exist across all levels of training, right now that are approximately 15 entries within the database per level of training. We hope to keep growing the list as we know there are more sites out there. Please reach out to the SIG board if you know of additional sites or would like to have yours added!

The AYA Student/Trainee Resource List is available through the AYA SIG listserv. Please send an email to ssmulchan@gmail.com requesting access to the spreadsheet to receive an invitation to view the shared file.

For more information, please contact:

Lila Pereira, Ph.D., Maria Fareri Children's Hospital: lpereira2@nymc.edu

AYA SIG Meeting Minutes from SPPAC:

SPPAC 2018 Workshop: *Considerations for working with young adults in pediatric settings: Competencies, program development, and a complex case.* Christine B. Sieberg, PhD, EdM, MA, Jessica Pierce, PhD, Jennifer Hansen-Moore, PhD, ABPP, & Lila Pereira, PhD

Student Poster Awards:

- ♦ Winner: Jill Plevinsky, *Examining the application of the pediatric self-management model in college students with inflammatory bowel diseases (IBD).*
- ♦ Runner-ups: Emily Shultz, *An online problem-solving intervention for adolescent and young adult pediatric brain tumor survivors: Feasibility and initial treatment goals.*
Alix McLaughlin, *Knowledge of food allergy comparing matched college students with and without food allergy.*

Policy Committee Presentation:

- ♦ Kait Proctor, PhD, Political Implications for AYA Health

Open Discussion:

- ♦ Based on your reported interest in connecting with other members for professional ideas and support, we are in the process of developing an AYA SIG Member Directory!
- ♦ Please complete the brief survey linked below by **August 1, 2018** to be included in the Directory. Members who do not complete the survey by this deadline will be contacted individually by email.
<https://www.surveymoz.com/s3/4312395/AYA-SIG-Membership-Directory>

Join the AYA SIG Leadership and apply for open positions today!

The Measurement Committee (1 position) is responsible for assembling developmentally-appropriate measures for AYA research and care, including broad topic areas such as transition, adjustment, development, health behaviors, and health outcomes.

The Intervention Committee (2 positions) is responsible for identifying and describing models of care and program/intervention descriptions, as well as assembling relevant intervention materials/manuals and any ongoing RCT or other intervention studies focused on testing interventions for AYA.

The Policy Committee (1 position) is responsible for identifying ways to promote the role of pediatric psychologists in multidisciplinary care of AYA, including policy statements and actions, and collaborating with other medical/behavioral health organizations as needed to promote shared agenda regarding multi-disciplinary care.

To apply, please send a brief paragraph describing your interest and your CV to christine.sieberg@childrens.harvard.edu and ssmulchan@gmail.com by September 15, 2018.

AYA SIG Recent and Upcoming Events

Spring Webinar (May 25, 2018):

**Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County
Gerson Soto, Associate Supervising Attorney
Medical Legal Community Partnerships**

Thank you to those who attended!

If you were unable to attend but would like a copy of the presentation slides, please send an email request to lpereira2@nymc.edu.

SPPAC 2019 Symposium Proposal

Gerson Soto has expressed interest in presenting on Medical Legal Community Partnerships at SPPAC 2019 and we are currently recruiting one other presenter to participate in the symposium.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please send an email along with a copy of your CV to lpereira2@nymc.edu.



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For more information about the SPP AYA SIG, please visit:

<http://www.societyofpediatricpsychology.org/adolescent>

To receive information about joining the AYA SIG or contributing to SIG activities, please contact the current SIG Chair:

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