Welcome from the AYA SIG Chair

Greetings AYA SIG Members!

Enclosed you'll find our Summer SIG Newsletter, which includes some brief updates from each of our committees on ongoing projects and highlights some symposia and presentations that address issues in the AYA population for those of you who are able to attend APA next week. Last, we've

You may also notice some names have shifted around and some new ones have been added to our leadership board, but we'll be saving introductions for our Fall SIG Newsletter.

As always, please feel free to contact us with any ideas about future newsletter items or if you are interested in having a student or clinical and/or research program considered for our fall newsletter spotlights.

We look forward to your ongoing interest and support!

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AYA SIG Clinical or Research Program Spotlight

This could be you!
We’re going to reserve this section of the newsletter to spotlight outstanding clinical or research programs by the talented and hard-working members of our SIG that focus on working with/understanding issues that come up for adolescents and young adults with health conditions.

Please submit a brief summary of your work to be featured in our next newsletter to Jill Plevinsky, PhD: jill.pelevinsky@cchmc.org

AYA SIG Student/Trainee Spotlight

And this could be your student or trainee!
We’re going to reserve this section of the newsletter to spotlight outstanding students or trainees in clinical or research programs that focus on working with/understanding issues that come up for adolescents and young adults with health conditions.

Please submit your nominations for AYA SIG Student Spotlight, including a brief description of your student’s or trainee’s contribution to pediatric psychology in adolescents and young adults, to Jill Plevinsky, PhD: jill.pelevinsky@cchmc.org
See below for some stand-out AYA symposia and papers being presented at APA:

**Thursday, August 8**
- Paper reading session 10-10:50AM: Recovery from mild traumatic brain injury in adolescents—The role of post-injury mood and sleep
- Symposium 12-1:50PM: Psychosocial functioning among transgender children and adolescents

**Friday, August 9**
- Symposium 8-8:50AM: Legally closing health care disparity gaps—Pediatric psychology’s role in medical/legal partnerships
- Symposium 12-12:50PM: Addressing methodological challenges in self-management research with adolescents and young adults

**Saturday, August 10**
- Symposium 11-12:50PM: Disability Walk a Mile Experience—Families with children and young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities search for meaning

**Sunday, August 11**
- Paper reading session 10-10:50AM: Effectiveness of mobile game in promoting self-management of young adults with spinal cord injury

Poster Sessions I and II on Friday, August 9 and Saturday, August 10 also feature work from Division 53 and 54 members, so be sure to support your colleagues!

And for those of you attending APA, we’ll see you in Chicago next week!
**AYA SIG Committee Updates**

**Intervention Committee**
The Intervention Committee has been working to compile a folder of AYA-focused interventions and are still looking for SIG members to help with these efforts. If interested, please contact Jennifer Allen (jennifer.allen@stjude.org) and Amanda Feinstein (abfein@stanford.edu).

**Measurement Committee**
The Measurement Committee has been working to compile a database of AYA-related measures (e.g., adherence, transition readiness) that will be available to members of the SIG. If anyone has additional measures they have used with AYA populations or if you’re interested in helping with these efforts, please contact Lauren Quast (lfquast@uga.edu).

**Policy Committee**
The Policy Committee is currently working on a project to compile a clinically-relevant list of transition-related treatment goals for the integration of transition planning into current therapeutic practice. If any SIG members are interested in helping out with this policy project, please contact Beth Garland (bhgarlan@texaschildrens.org) and Amy Lang (amyclang@uwm.edu).

**Recent Publications from AYA SIG Members**


Recent Publications from AYA SIG Members (cont.)


Please send us your AYA publications as they’re accepted so we can feature them in upcoming newsletters.

Send citations to Jill Plevinsky, PhD: jill.plevinsky@cchmc.org

Stay tuned for information about our Fall Webinar and other upcoming events and projects!

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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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