

# Practice Management Insight

A report on events affecting behavioral health & substance abuse providers

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## OrionNet Systems – Celebrating 17 Years

OrionNet Systems is celebrating their annual company anniversary on August 10, 2018.

OrionNet Systems is an Oklahoma business founded in 2001. OrionNet Systems' ThinkHealth Practice Management and EHR system is an enterprise-wide solution developed and specifically tailored for the mental health and substance abuse industry. ThinkHealth was designed to provide seamless assistance to organizations, to improve billing accuracy and to increase the quality of care for your clients. This continues today as our promise to our members to help them advance and grow as a company. Discover why clinicians across America prefer using the ThinkHealth software to assist with their daily operations.

The OrionNet Systems team enjoyed the afternoon off on Friday to celebrate the 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The company spent the afternoon enjoying a nice lunch at a local establishment and celebrating at the local bowling alley. The company split into teams and played a few friendly yet competitive rounds of bowling. Celebrating 17 years and many more to come, the OrionNet team looks forward to the future growth of the company. We are excited about the new and upcoming advancements of OrionNet Systems and the direction the company is heading.

## Increasing health insurance coverage for addiction treatment is key to fighting opioid death

People who suffer from an addiction to opioids and want to overcome their addiction should not be denied access to treatment by their insurance providers, according to new policy recommendations that were co-authored by Claudio Nigg, a professor in the Office of Public Health Studies at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

The most common reason why people who want but do not get addiction treatment is that government and private insurance programs don't cover the costs, according to a statement published June 27 on the website of the Society of Behavioral Medicine.

"To fight the opioid addiction epidemic that is ravaging the U.S. today, policymakers need to increase Medicaid funding for addiction treatment and declare the opioid epidemic to be a national emergency, and not just a public health emergency," Nigg says, explaining it this would provide more federal money for treatment programs.

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## According To Science, Husbands Are A Bigger Cause Of Stress For Wives Than Children

It's no surprise that women who are married with children are stressed. After all, they have to play some roles as a mother and wife: cook, doctor, teacher, maid, event planner, and so much more. But, a recent survey found that nearly half of women find their husbands more stressful than their kids. In a survey done by Today.com, which interviewed more than 7,000 moms from the United States, they found that on average, most moms would rate their stress levels at an 8.5 out of 10. According to the same study done by Today, almost half the mothers (46 percent) found that their husbands caused them more stress than their children did! In a survey done by Today.com, which interviewed more than 7,000 moms from the United States, they found that on average, most moms would rate their stress levels at an 8.5 out of 10.

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## Fathers Have More Influence In A Daughter's Life Than Mothers, Studies Show

When it comes to mothers and daughters we all kind of believe that this bond is the greatest one in the world. Many would even say that a mother is all a daughter needs, which according to research is not entirely true. Recent studies have shown that daughters not only benefit from a fatherly figure in their life, but that fathers which are emotionally involved and present in their daughters' lives are essential for their proper emotional development.

### WHY DADS MATTER EMOTIONALLY

A study published in the Journal of Family Psychology has found that daughters who have great relationships with their fathers are at lower risk of developing depression and anxiety and are better at handling stress.

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CDC's/Assessments

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## Parkland Shooting Suspect Lost Special-Needs Help at School When He Needed It Most

MIAMI — Nikolas Cruz was an 18-year-old junior at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., when a spate of disturbing behavior led to a fateful meeting about the future of his schooling.

Education specialists told Mr. Cruz he should transfer to Cross Creek, an alternative school for students with emotional problems where he had thrived in ninth grade. His mother, Lynda Cruz, agreed.

But Mr. Cruz was legally an adult, and he wanted to graduate from Stoneman Douglas, according to a new report released late Friday by the Broward County Public Schools. A Cross Creek staffer gave him three options: transfer to the school, sue the school district, or stay at Stoneman Douglas — without any of the special-needs assistance he had relied on since he'd been found to be developmentally delayed at age 3.

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## Summer depression is real and its medical acronym is SO SAD (seriously)

It's hot and you're cranky. Your sleep is poor, your energy is low, and you have no interest in squeezing into last summer's shorts, much less a bathing suit. The kids were bored the first day of summer vacation. Everyone but you seems to be on a tropical vacation, including your colleagues who have piled their projects onto you already full plate at work.

You are exasperated. There's a medical term for this: Summer-Onset Seasonal Affective Disorder (SO SAD).

Although you aren't alone, it is rarer than its winter cousin that, according to the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), impacts about 6 percent (more than 19 million) of Americans living primarily in the northern states. The manifestations of reverse Seasonal Affective Disorder are different from cloudy SAD known as the "winter blues."

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

[National Immunization Awareness Month](#)  
Center for Disease Control & Prevention

[Children's Eye Health and Safety Month](#)  
Prevent Blindness

[Psoriasis Awareness Month](#)  
National Psoriasis Foundation

August 3  
[Treatment Court Judges Forum](#)  
ODMHSAS—OKC

August 8  
[National Happiness Happens Day](#)

August 9  
[Mental Health First Aid Adults](#)  
ODMHSAS—OKC

August 10  
[Addiction Severity Update](#)  
ODMHSAS—OKC

August 15  
[National Relaxation Day](#)

August 16  
[Mental Health First Aid Youth](#)  
Sallisaw, OK

August 22  
[SBIRT: Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment](#)  
ODMHSAS—OK

August 30  
[National Grief Awareness Day](#)

## AUGUST

- [MedicAlert Awareness Month](#)
- [National Water Quality Month](#)
- [August 19-Sept. 5 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over](#)
- [August 25-31 Be Kind to Humankind Week](#)



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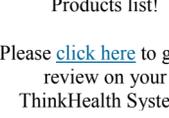
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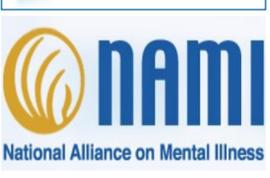
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