Congressional Briefing Shines Spotlight on Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development Study

On Monday, September 19, 2016, the Friends of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism and the Friends of the National Institute on Drug Abuse collaborated to put on a congressional briefing, “Brain Development and our Kids’ Future: The Adolescent Cognitive Development (ABCD) Study.” The briefing presented an overview of the [ABCD Study](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VE-VGGmvx0I&feature=youtu.be), the largest long-term study of brain development and child health in the United States, and discussed the implications this research will have for the health and wellbeing of our Nation’s children.

The discussion was co-led by Nora D. Volkow, MD., Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH and George F. Koob, Ph.D., Director of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, NIH. The panelists included Sandra Brown, Ph.D., Director of the ABCD Study Coordinating Center in San Diego California, Thomas Brock, Ph.D., Commissioner of the National Center for Education Research at the Institute of Education Sciences, Sharon Levy, M.D., M.P.H., Director, Adolescent Substance Use Disorders Program at Boston Children’s Hospital, and Kevin Gray, M.D. Director of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the Medical University of South Carolina.

The [slides from the briefing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-vqvlcdExm3dmxDY0huTWNnbk0/view?usp=sharing) are available as is a [recording of the event](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VE-VGGmvx0I&feature=youtu.be). For more information about the briefing, please contact Geoff Mumford, Ph.D., Associate Executive Director of the Government Relations Office of APA’s Science Directorate.