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D.C. Update: Dr. Yngvild K. Olsen named SAMHSA CSAT Director, Spotighting April as Alcohol Awareness Month, and More

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Meet the Member

Julie Hibben, Prevention Lead, Bureau of Substance Abuse, Iowa Department of Public Health

Julie Hibben is the Prevention Lead in the Bureau of Substance Abuse at the Iowa Department of Public Health. In this role, she supports the bureau prevention team in their daily work in addition to providing oversight of bureau prevention grants and funding. She is the Project Director for the Overdose Data to Action grant through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Partnerships for Success grant through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). She also co-leads the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block grant through SAMHSA and provides support to funded prevention contractors that offer primary prevention services in all 99 counties in the State of Iowa.



During her 22-year career in prevention, she has managed programs focusing on child abuse prevention, reproductive health, substance misuse prevention, tobacco use prevention and cessation as well as youth development. She previously served as the Director of Education & Outreach Services for Planned Parenthood North Central States in Des Moines, Iowa. Julie is a Licensed Master Social Worker and a Certified Prevention Specialist.

NASADAD News

[NASADAD and Members Travel to Atlanta to Participate in Rx and Illicit](#)

Drug Summit

A number of NASADAD members along with NASADAD Executive Director Robert Morrison traveled to Atlanta, Georgia to participate in the Rx and Illicit Drug Summit that took place from April 18-21, 2022. The Summit began in 2012 under the leadership Operation UNITE and U.S. Representative Hal Rogers (R-KY). This year's conference was full of plenaries and break-out sessions covering a number of topics. The conference allowed NASADAD members to present regarding their innovative work. For example, Jen Smith, SSA, Pennsylvania presented during the conference and shared initiatives moving forward in the Commonwealth. The conference offered Executive Director Robert Morrison the chance to catch up, and in some cases, meet face-to-face for the first time, with NASADAD members. NASADAD has been involved with the Rx Summit each year since its inception in 2012 – participating and at times presenting on the work of State alcohol and drug agencies. To learn more about the Summit, visit <https://www.rx-summit.com>.



Robert Morrison, NASADAD, Jen Smith, SSA, Pennsylvania, and Dr. Grant Baldwin, CDC .



Jen Smith, SSA from Pennsylvania on stage during the Rx Summit. (To her left) Dr. Chris Jones from CDC, Judge Duane Sloan from Tennessee, and conference lead Doug Edwards (to her right).

Around the Agencies

SAMHSA: Dr. Yngvild K. Olsen is SAMHSA's New Director of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT)

Today, Dr. Yngvild K. Olsen was [named](#) the new Director of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) at Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Dr. Olsen will lead CSAT's efforts to promote community-based substance use disorder treatment, and recovery support services for individuals and families. CSAT provides national leadership to improve access, reduce barriers, and promote high-quality, life-saving, and effective treatment and recovery support services. Dr. Olsen was previously serving as CSAT's Acting Director.



SAMHSA's GAINS Center: Webinar on Utilizing Culturally Adapted Evidence-based Treatments and Practices



The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) GAINS Center for Behavioral Health and Justice Transformation is hosting a webinar tomorrow, April 29, 2022, at 12:30 p.m., ET on [Treatment for Your Community:](#)

[Utilizing Culturally Adapted Evidence-based Treatments and Practices](#). This webinar will feature a presentation on steps towards modifying evidence-based practices (EBPs) to increase cultural responsiveness. There will also be two presentations on culturally adapted EBPs – Motivational Interviewing for Native Americans and web-based Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Latinx populations. Additional information can be found [here](#).

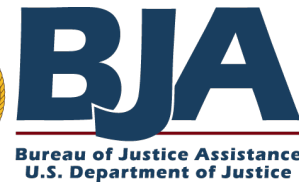
COSSAP: The Role of Peers in Opioid Overdose Prevention

The Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP) within the Department of Justice (DOJ), recently released a *Catching Up With COSSAP* article on [The Role of Peers in Opioid Overdose Prevention](#). The article shares how COSSAP grantees in Alaska, Montana, and Tennessee are leveraging the valuable work of peers to prevent opioid overdose in their communities.



BJA: FY 2022 Veterans Treatment Court Risk and Need Enhancement Initiative

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), within the Department of Justice (DOJ), released a new [notice of funding opportunity](#) to enhance veterans treatment court services to include coordination, management of veterans treatment court participants, and recovery support services. This program provides resources to State, local, and federally recognized tribal governments to support drug court programs and systems for eligible veterans in the criminal justice system who have substance use disorders. The closing date is June 3, 2022.



Spotlight: April as Alcohol Awareness Month

In recognition of April as Alcohol Awareness Month, we're sharing resources on alcohol use and related disorders.



SAMHSA: Promoting Alcohol Misuse Prevention this April

In observation of Alcohol Awareness Month, CAPT Jeffrey A. Coady, Psy.D., ABPP, Acting Director of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) and SAMHSA Region 5 Administrator, published a [blog post](#) on promoting alcohol misuse prevention. According to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, between 2002 and 2020, current drinking by adolescents and young adults has declined. Among 12- to 17-year-olds, current drinking declined from 34.6 percent in 2002 to 18.5 percent in 2020, and among 18- to 25-year-olds it declined from 77.9 percent to 69.5 percent during the same period. In the post, CAPT Coady shares awareness and prevention resources on alcohol misuse tailored toward youth. To read more, the post is available [here](#).



CDC: 140,000 Deaths Annually from Excessive Alcohol Use in the United States



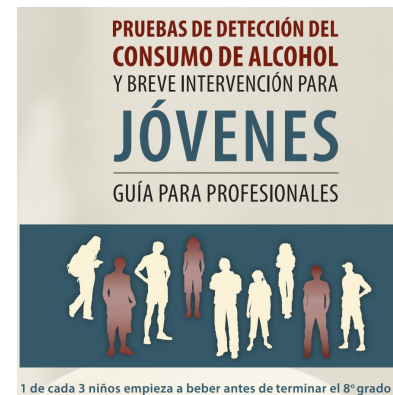
Recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) data show that excessive alcohol use was responsible for more than 140,000 deaths in the United States each year during 2015–2019, the equivalent of more than 380 deaths per day. Deaths from excessive drinking shortened the lives of those who died by an average of 26 years, for a total of nearly 3.6 million years of potential life lost each year. As stated in the press release, these estimates are from the CDC's [Alcohol-Related Disease Impact \(ARDI\) application](#), using a new methodology. ARDI provides estimates of alcohol-attributable deaths and years of potential life lost from 58 conditions by age, sex, and State.

NIAAA: Webinar on Prenatal Alcohol Use



On Friday, April 29 from 1000-11:00 a.m. ET, the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) Interagency Work Group on Drinking and Drug Use in Women and Girls is hosting a webinar on [Prenatal Alcohol Use: A Decade of Research](#). The webinar is presented by Grace Chang, MD, MPH, Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School, Head of Harvard Psychiatrist, VA Boston Healthcare System. This event will be recorded and is free and open to the public.

SAMHSA: Alcohol Screening and Brief Intervention for Youth: A Practitioner's Guide is Now Available in Spanish



The Alcohol Screening and Brief Intervention for Youth: A Practitioner's Guide is now available in [Spanish \(PDF\)](#). The Guide was designed to help health care professionals quickly identify youth at risk for alcohol-related problems. The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) developed the [Guide \(PDF\)](#) and accompanying [Pocket Guide \(PDF\)](#) in collaboration with a team of underage drinking researchers and clinical specialists and practicing health care professionals. This tool can detect risk early and is empirically based. Download or order free copies of the 40-page booklet in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

Job Posting

The Vermont Department of Health, Division of Substance Use Programs

The Vermont Department of Health, Division of Substance Use Programs has an exciting opportunity to lead the State in substance use prevention. We are hiring for the Director of Prevention Services located in beautiful Burlington, Vermont. This position is a member of the leadership team within the Division and leads a team of professional staff to implement and oversee statewide prevention programs. We are looking for an individual with knowledge of the social, economic, and cultural issues typically surrounding substance use problems and experience in leadership. This position works closely with the leadership of the Vermont Department of Health, State leadership and federal partners. For further information please contact Cynthia Seivwright, Director at cynthia.seivwright@vermont.gov. You can find the posting at: <https://humanresources.vermont.gov/careers>

