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D.C. Update: Biden-Harris Administration Releases: A Proclamation on National Recovery Month, 2023, SAMHSA/ICCPUD Alcohol Policy Academy, CDC Awards OD2A Funding to 90 States and Localities, and More.

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Meet the Member

Edith King, M.A., LPC, WSC for Texas, Behavioral Health Services, Texas Health and Human Services Commission

Edith King is a licensed professional counselor (LPC) who serves as manager of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission's (HHSC) intervention and women's substance use services team.

In her role as manager, Edith oversees statewide programs focused on substance use intervention, recovery housing, and specialized treatment services for pregnant and parenting women and their families. Edith first joined HHSC in 2019 as a program specialist, followed by a promotion to special projects coordinator and more recently to program manager. What Edith loves most about working at HHSC is the opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of people served!



In addition to her manager responsibilities, Edith serves as the Women's Services Network (WSN) coordinator (WSC) for Texas. She also serves on the WSN executive committee as the WSN Region VI Representative and executive committee secretary.

Edith was born and raised in Texas. She received her bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of North Texas and her master's degree in counseling from Texas State University. In her free time, Edith enjoys spending time with her husband and two cats, traveling, trying out different restaurants, and spending time outdoors. She is also the proud daughter of a person in long-term recovery, who inspires her work.

Becky Vaughn Joins NASADAD

We are pleased to announce that Becky Vaughn joined the NASADAD team on September 6 as a Senior Research Analyst in the Research in Program Applications Department. Becky will be supporting a variety of treatment and recovery activities for the association.



Becky Vaughn has been working in the treatment and recovery field for over 40 years. Beginning her career at St. Jude's Recovery Center in Atlanta, GA, Ms. Vaughn's work turned to public policy and association leadership in 1992 when she established The Georgia Council on Substance Abuse (GCSA), the first treatment services provider association in Georgia. As CEO of GCSA, her work focused on legislative advocacy on issues concerning prevention, treatment, recovery, homelessness, and drug courts including passage of many bills and securing funding for programmatic resources. In 2008, Ms. Vaughn joined the State Associations of Addiction Services (SAAS) as their CEO. Following their merger with the National Council for Behavioral Health, Ms. Vaughn served as the Vice President for Addictions, building the addiction presence and services at the Council until 2016. Following her tenure at the National Council, Ms. Vaughn joined the Colombo Plan in Sri Lanka and served as their Director of the Global Centre for Credentialing and Certification (GCCC) until 2023, spreading the important message of workforce development and a well-trained and credentialed workforce. Ms. Vaughn has served on numerous state and US federal committees/panels and has spoken on the topic of substance use, treatment, and recovery to a variety of stakeholders.

Ms. Vaughn is a former teacher and mother of four. She is passionate about preventing and finding solutions to the far-reaching problems caused by unsupported treatment and recovery. She is excited to join the NASADAD team and continue her work in the field.

We are thrilled to have Becky join NASADAD. Please welcome her.

NASADAD Participates in Region III Meeting in Philadelphia Regarding the Opioid Crisis

On August 29th and 30th, Robert Morrison, NASADAD Executive Director, traveled to Philadelphia to participate in a meeting of Region III (Pennsylvania, West Virginia, District of Columbia, Delaware, and Virginia) where leaders held a meeting regarding on-going work to address the opioid crisis. The meeting was led by Jeanne Bennett, the corresponding Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Regional Director; Jeanne Tuono, Assistant Regional Director; Edward Cotton, Region III advisor; and Daniel Maas, Region 3 Advisor. The meeting included the following presentations:



- Dr. Hector Colon-Rivera, presented "Strategic Planning and Evaluation Across the Continuum of Care for Youth and Adults"
- Dr. Cheri Hartman, from Carilion, presented "Emergency Department Bridge to Treatment Quality Improvement Summary"
- Dr. Grant Baldwin, and Brandon Nesbit from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) presented "CDC Perspective on the Way Forward in Region III and Beyond"
- Dr. Jill Bowen, Commissioner Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and disability Services presented "Innovative Solutions to Address the Xylazine Crisis in Philadelphia"
- Dr. Dorian Jacobs, Director of Addiction Medicine, Philadelphia Jail-Riverside, presented "MOUD Expansion in a Correctional Setting"

The meeting also included focused presentations from the District of Columbia, Delaware, and West Virginia.

Finally, the meeting included State breakout time.

(From left to right from West Virginia Christina Mullins, Deputy Secretary, Mental Health

NASADAD Attends 2023 COSSUP National Forum in Virginia

From August 29th through the 31st, Daniel Diana, NASADAD Legislative Coordinator, attended the Bureau of Justice Assistance's (BJA) [2023 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program \(COSSUP\) National Forum](#) in Arlington, Virginia. This year's theme was "Championing the Power of Recovery and Hope." The Forum featured people with lived experience, practitioners, community leaders, providers, and innovators across public health and public safety to provide training on comprehensive and sustainable responses to substance use disorder (SUD) and overdose prevention across the continuum. Session topics included:

- "Maximizing resources through multidisciplinary partnerships, including law enforcement/first responder collaborations.
- Post-arrest interventions for individuals with a substance use disorder, including pre-trial diversion, jail-based medication-assisted treatment, and continuum of care services upon reentry.
- The unique value and role of peer recovery support services across the sequential intercept model.
- The use of specialized data tools and processes to address drug use, including overdose fatality reviews (OFRs), prescription drug monitoring programs (PDMPs), and the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP).
- Treatment best practices and spotlight programs, including BJA's Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners Program.
- Projects and strategies to support specific communities, including Indian Country, rural America, and families and children—the youngest victims of the crisis.
- Safeguarding the health and well-being of colleagues on the front lines of the epidemic."

Resources from the 2023 National Forum will be available on the COSSUP website, [here](#).

White House Happenings

Biden-Harris Administration Releases Proposal to Allocate \$350 million to SOR in Supplemental Spending Package

On Friday, August 11th, the Biden-Harris Administration released a [proposal](#) that would allocate one-time funding to the Administration's core priorities, including disaster assistance and military aid to Ukraine, in a package known as a Supplemental Spending bill. The funds in the one-time supplemental package would fall outside of the regular Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 appropriations process. As a result, the spending in this package would not be subject to the spending caps and other rules that are being discussed during this phase of the appropriations process stemming from negotiations on the debt limit agreement.

This package includes a proposal to allocate an additional \$350 million for the State Opioid Response (SOR) grants. Of this amount, \$50 million would be directed to the Indian Health Service to then go to tribes. States and tribes would have until September 2025 to spend this special edition of SOR funds.

It is too early to tell whether Congress will embrace the proposals in this package. In addition, it is too early to tell when Congress would debate the measure in the House and Senate.



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, DC 20503

THE DIRECTOR

August 10, 2023

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Earlier this summer, the President and congressional leaders reached a bipartisan budget agreement that allows for the annual appropriations process to proceed through regular order. The Administration looks forward to our continued work with members of both parties in the Congress on Government funding bills for the next fiscal year—bills that would invest in our communities and people, reduce costs for working families, and help grow our economy from the middle out and bottom up. Just as the Congress and the Administration came together to reach a funding agreement for the current fiscal year (FY) that delivers for the American people, I am confident that we can do the same for FY 2024. But with the end of the fiscal year quickly approaching, today, the Administration is transmitting a supplemental funding request to the Congress to address three sets of critical needs for emergency funding as part of a potential short-term continuing resolution for the first quarter of FY 2024.

First, the President has reaffirmed that we will stand with Ukraine as it defends its sovereignty for as long as it takes, a strategy that has successfully united our allies and partners and equipped Ukraine to defend itself against Russian aggression. Previous supplemental appropriations for direct military aid, economic and humanitarian assistance, and other support have been committed. The Administration is requesting supplemental security, economic, and humanitarian assistance funding that would support Ukraine, as well as countries and vulnerable populations worldwide impacted by Russia's unprovoked and brutal invasion of Ukraine.

As the impacts of Russia's war reverberate around the globe, the United States is committed to maintaining strong global opposition to Russia's illegal war. At the same time, it is essential that we offer a credible alternative to the People's Republic of China's (PRC) coercive and unsustainable lending and infrastructure projects for developing countries around the world. The Administration is requesting \$3.3 billion to materially expand development and infrastructure finance provided by the World Bank and through bilateral tools to the countries hard hit by the spillovers of Russia's war and provide an alternative to coercive PRC financing. Together we expect the \$3.3 billion to leverage over \$27 billion in U.S.-backed financing and grants for developing countries. We are also requesting authorization to lend to two International Monetary Fund trust funds, which would unlock up to \$21 billion in new transparent lending with no additional appropriations. We anticipate that this historic U.S.

The bill number has not been formally introduced yet due to the Congressional recess in August. We will continue to provide updates as information becomes available.

White House Meets with Families on International Overdose Awareness Day



President Joseph Biden [proclaimed](#) August 27nd-September 2nd as Overdose Awareness Week across the country. On September 1st, Second Gentleman Douglas Emhoff, White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) Director Dr. Rahul Gupta, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Director Dr. Mandy Cohen [met with families](#) who have lost a loved one to a drug overdose. Family members shared their personal experience losing a loved one to a drug overdose and underscored the importance of prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and recovery support services. The event also coincided with announcements on strengthening prevention efforts, efforts to support State and local treatment and recovery, and addressing illicit drug trafficking operations. The Biden-Harris Administration also [announced](#) more than \$450 million in new funding to address the overdose epidemic and save lives.



Biden-Harris Administration Releases: A Proclamation on National Recovery Month, 2023

On August 31, President Joseph Biden signed a [Proclamation](#) declaring September 2023 as National Recovery Month. In addition to recognizing the resilience of those who have sought help for substance use disorder (SUD) and shown that recovery is possible, the Proclamation calls "...upon all citizens, government agencies, private businesses, nonprofit organizations, and other groups to take action to promote recovery and improve the health of our Nation."

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, Dr. Miriam Delphin-Rittmon, also shared a [video message](#) recognizing SAMHSA's commitment to advancing and supporting recovery during National Recovery Month.



NASADAD and Members Recognize September as National Recovery Month

National Recovery Month is held each September to raise awareness and share the message that people do recover from substance use disorders. Recovery month has embraced the permanent theme of "Every person. Every family. Every Community." Through this message, Recovery Month seeks to educate the public, stakeholders, and communities about addiction as a disease by sharing resources that elevate recovery practices and the effectiveness of treatment.

NASADAD's members serve as the lead agency in each State or jurisdiction responsible for managing federal funds dedicated to addressing substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery. This month, our Members wear purple to celebrate recovery

and promote awareness of substance abuse and disorder issues. NASADAD is grateful for the work all of our members do in their States and jurisdictions to support recovery every day of the year.

Follow NASADAD on [LinkedIn](#) for updates from the Association.

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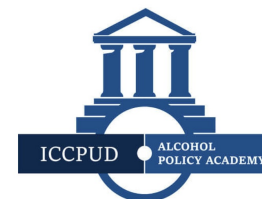
NASADAD National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors

NASADAD Staff and our Members wear purple to recognize September 2023 as National Recovery Month

Around the Agencies

SAMHSA/ICCPUD Alcohol Policy Academy

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s (SAMHSA) [Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Prevention of Underage Drinking \(ICCPUD\)](#), in collaboration with SAMHSA’s Center for Substance Abuse Prevention’s (CSAP) [National Mental Health and Substance Use Policy Laboratory](#), is accepting applications for the [Policy Academy for Implementing Community-Level Policies to Prevent Alcohol Misuse](#). This no-cost, year-long training will be held from November 2023 to September 2024, where 14 coalitions “...will engage in local and state-level policy development to prevent and reduce underage drinking and harms related to excessive drinking.” In addition to tailored training and coaching with leading experts on alcohol policy, selected coalitions will participate in monthly webinars, a one-day intensive workshop in Arlington, VA, and the [Policy Academy Track at Alcohol Policy 20 Conference](#). The Policy Academy’s goals are to:



- “Reduce demand for, the availability of, and access to alcohol by persons under the age of 21
- Build the capacity of community coalitions, states, tribes, territories, and jurisdictions interested in and committed to using evidence-based tools to establish a multifaceted approach to preventing and reducing underage drinking
- Work towards implementation of evidence-based local and state alcohol policies”

Enrollment is limited to two representatives from 14 coalitions for a total of 28 participants. For additional information on eligibility and how to apply for the Policy Academy, visit the ICCPUD’s website, [here](#). The deadline for a letter of intent is

ONDCP/CDC Drug-Free Communities Grant Program Awards

On August 31st, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) announced approximately \$20.5 million to 164 new Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023. The new awards join 587 previously awarded continuation grant recipients, for a total of 751 funded community coalitions, the highest number in the program's 25-year history. This represents a total FY 2023 investment by the Biden-Harris Administration of more than \$93.8 million to support evidence-based prevention efforts locally. The DFC Support Program is a joint effort with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to fund "...community-based coalitions to engage multiple sectors of the community to prevent youth substance use."

The FY 2023 DFC New Grant Award Recipients can be found [here](#).

CDC Awards Overdose Data to Action Funding to 90 State and Local Health Departments



Last week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced it awarded five-year cooperative agreements to 90 jurisdictions under two distinct programs within the [CDC's Overdose Data to Action \(OD2A\) program](#): one for States, and one for localities and territories. The OD2A program "...supports jurisdictions in collecting accurate, comprehensive, and timely data on nonfatal and fatal overdoses and in using those data to inform prevention and response efforts." The two distinct programs within OD2A were developed to reflect the different roles and spheres of influence that State and local health departments and their partners exist in. OD2A is designed to reinforce the use of surveillance and data to inform prevention efforts by engaging partners and people with lived experience. A breakdown of the two programs and their awards follows:

- ["Overdose Data to Action in States"](#) funds 49 state health departments and the District of Columbia to expand their surveillance efforts to track fatal and non-fatal overdoses, emerging drug threats, and associated risk factors, and to enhance biosurveillance and data linkage.
- [Overdose Data to Action: LOCAL](#) funds 40 city, county, and territorial health departments to build a strong foundation of cooperation and partnership across public health, behavioral health, health systems, community organizations, and public safety. This partnership is necessary to build cohesive programs that have multiple access points and address health inequities in overdose."

A full list of funded jurisdictions can be found on the OD2A webpage, [here](#).

HRSA Awards More Than \$80 Million to RCORP to Help Rural Communities Respond to Fentanyl and Other Opioid Overdose Risks

On August 31, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) [announced more than \\$80 million in awards](#) within the [Rural Communities Opioid response Program \(RCORP\)](#) for rural communities across 39 States to support strategies to respond to fentanyl and other opioid overdose risks. Specifically, these awards are designed to "... support interventions such as distributing the lifesaving overdose reversal drug naloxone to prevent overdose; creating and expanding treatment sites in rural areas to provide medications to treat opioid use disorder; expanding access to behavioral health care for young people in rural communities; and, caring for infants in rural areas who are at-risk for opioid exposure or experiencing symptoms related to opioid exposure." The over \$80 million is split between the following investments within RCORP:

- ["Expanding Access to Medication to Treat Opioid Use Disorder"](#): \$24 million will support 26 awards to rural communities to establish treatment sites for individuals to access medications to treat opioid use disorder.
- [Supporting Rural Communities in Preventing and Responding to Overdoses](#): \$14 million will support 47 awards to help rural communities respond to their specific and immediate needs, including the distribution of life-saving opioid overdose reversal medications.

- [Meeting the Behavioral Health Needs of Young People](#): Nearly \$9 million will support 9 awards to focus on building, strengthening and expanding mental health and substance use disorder services for young people in rural communities to expand treatment and help prevent overdose.
- [Preventing and Addressing Neonatal Exposure](#): Nearly \$20 million will support 41 awards to develop and implement interventions in rural communities to prevent, treat and care for opioid exposed infants by focusing on systems of care, family supports, and social determinants of health.
- [Investing in and Disseminating Best Practices](#): \$10 million will support three Rural Centers of Excellence on Substance Use Disorders to disseminate treatment and prevention best practices to help inform rural communities' response strategies, and \$5 million will support evaluation of this overall initiative."

A full list of the awardees can be found on HRSA's website, [here](#).

Research Round-Up

CDC MMWR: Drug Overdose Deaths with Evidence of Counterfeit Pill Use



On September 1st, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released a study in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) on [Drug Overdose Deaths with Evidence of Counterfeit Pill Use – United States, July 2019-December 2021](#). Researchers used data from CDC's State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System to identify drug use and overdose trends of counterfeit pills from July-September 2019 and October-December 2021. The study has four key findings:

- “First, although the overall percentage of overdose deaths with evidence of counterfeit pill use remained below 6%, it more than doubled from July-September 2019 (2.0%) to October-December 2021 (4.7%); the percentage more than tripled in western jurisdictions.
- Second, the percentage of deaths with evidence of counterfeit pill use involving only IMFs was more than double the percentage among deaths without evidence of counterfeit pill use.
- Third, decedents with evidence of counterfeit pill use more often were younger, Hispanic, and had prescription drug misuse history, compared with those without evidence of counterfeit pill use.
- Finally, smoking was the most common noningestion route of drug use among deaths with evidence of counterfeit pill use.”

Webinars to Watch

HHS Webinar: How to Save a Life: Naloxone Demonstration

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is hosting a webinar on [How to Save a Life: Live Naloxone Demonstration](#). This no-cost webinar is on September 8, at 11:00 am (ET). The webinar features HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra and White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) Director Dr. Rahul Gupta, among others, who will give a live demonstration of administering naloxone as an overdose reversal in the case of an opioid overdose.

NIH Webinar: HEAL Headliners: More Than a Number: Data-Driven Solutions for Pain and Addiction



The National Institutes of Health's (NIH) Helping to End Addiction Long-term (HEAL) Initiative is hosting a webinar on [HEAL Headliners: More Than a Number: Data-Driven Solutions for Pain and Addiction](#). This no-cost webinar is on September 8, at 2:00 pm

(ET). The webinar examines “...how two large HEAL-funded research studies are leveraging the power of data to develop effective interventions for pain, addiction, and opioid overdose.” The topics include:

- The HEALing Communities Study—Massachusetts (Presenter: Marc LaRochelle, M.D., M.P.H., Boston Medical Center) and
- the Wake Forest IMPOWR Dissemination Education and Coordination Center (IDEA-CC) (Presenter: Meredith C. B. Adams, M.D., M.S., Wake Forest University School of Medicine).

Registration is required.

BJA and CSG Webinar: From Corrections to Community: Navigating the New Medicaid Section 1115 Demonstration Opportunity, Part 2

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and the Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center are hosting a webinar on [From Corrections to Community: Navigating the New Medicaid Section 1115 Demonstration Opportunity, Part 2](#). This no-cost webinar is on September 14, at 1:30 pm (ET). The webinar is intended for State and local corrections agencies and their community partners and features leaders from New Hampshire and Washington who have developed Medicaid Reentry Section 1115 demonstration proposals. Panelists will discuss key components of reentry services that they included in their demonstration application and strategies for partnering with State Medicaid agencies to set up the demonstration system. [Registration](#) is required.

We're Hiring!

NASADAD Hiring for Alcohol and Other Drug Research Associate and Analysts

The National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD) is hiring for an Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Research Analyst II- Women’s and Youth Services. See the job listing and link to apply below:

Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Research Analyst II- Women’s and Youth Services
NASADAD seeks an experienced, team-oriented person with a demonstrated understanding of substance use issues related to women and youth, excellent writing and research abilities, data analysis experience, and strong communication skills.

More information on the position, including qualifications, benefits, and how to apply can be found [here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Flinn, Ed.D., Senior Research Analyst, at: tflinn@nasadad.org.

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