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DC Update: SAMHSA Launches Behavioral Health Workforce Career Navigator, SAMHSA Releases Latest Edition of DAWN Network Watch, HRSA Webinar: RCORP Success Stories and Strategies, and More.

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Meet the Member

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LaKenya Moss-Turner, EdS, currently serves as the Women's Services Network (WSN) Coordinator and the Youth Services Coordinator for the Division of Alcohol & Drug Addiction Treatment Services within the Bureau of Behavioral Health Services at the Mississippi Department of Mental Health.

Ms. Turner brings a wealth of experience in the mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) field, with a particular emphasis on treatment. She is committed to making a lasting contribution to the future of mental health and SUD services for all Mississippians.



Ms. Turner earned a Bachelor of Social Work from Jackson State University, a Master's in Marriage and Family Counseling, and an Education Specialist degree in Counseling from Mississippi College.

Around the Agencies

SAMHSA Launches Behavioral Health Workforce Career Navigator

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Services Administration

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced the launch of the [Behavioral Health Workforce Career Navigator](#). The Behavioral Health Workforce Career Navigator is a tool to help current and aspiring mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) professionals identify career opportunities and requirements for mental health and SUD careers on a State-by-State basis. SAMHSA also developed a second webpage on [Behavioral Health Career Descriptions](#) that outlines education, regulatory, credentialing, licensing, and renewal requirements for various mental health and SUD careers.

SAMHSA's press release announcing the Behavioral Health Workforce Career Navigator can be found [here](#).

SAMHSA's Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN) Releases Latest Edition of DAWN Network Watch

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN) recently released the latest edition of [DAWN Network Watch](#). DAWN Network Watch is a list of drug street names that appeared in DAWN data for the first time from January 2023 to August 2024. DAWN Network Watch is compiled by checking DAWN substance use-related emergency department visit data against the [Drug Reference Vocabulary \(DRV\) database](#). The report is intended to improve awareness and communication of new substances involved in street drugs and their potential for misuse.

The report can be downloaded in full [here](#).

Webinars to Watch

HRSA's National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health Webinar: The Power of Rural in Action: RCORP Success Stories and Strategies



The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)-funded National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) is hosting a webinar on [The Power of Rural in Action: RCORP Success Stories and Strategies](#). This no-cost webinar is on November 21, at 2:00 pm ET. The webinar, in celebration of National Rural Health Day, will offer success stories and innovative strategies from participants of the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy's (FORHP) [Rural Communities Opioid Response Program \(RCORP\)](#). The webinar will also cover opportunities for grantees to collaborate with key stakeholders and other partners to adapt community-driven approaches to addressing opioid use and overdose in rural communities.

Registration is required.

CWLA Webinar: It's All About Relationships: Developing a System of Care for Families and Children Affected by Perinatal Substance Use

The Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) is hosting a webinar on [It's All About Relationships: Developing a System of Care for Families and Children Affected by Perinatal Substance Use](#). This no-cost webinar is on November 20, at 1:00 pm ET. The webinar will present evidence-based prevention and early intervention strategies among families and children affected by substance use during pregnancy. Further, the webinar will outline the multiple risk factors related to children's perinatal exposure to substance use and opportunities for collaboration between services providers and the parents of children affected by perinatal substance use.

Registration is required.

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