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DC Update: NASADAD Attends SAMHSA Recovery Convening, SAMHSA Resource: Community Opioid Overdose Reversal Medications Planning Toolkit, NIDA 2024
Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health, and More.



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#### **NASADAD News**

# NASADAD Participates in SAMHSA-led Recovery Convening

On January 16-17, NASADAD Executive Director Robert Morrison participated in a convening led by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Office of Recovery (OR) to discuss recovery support services. The meeting was designed, in part, to discuss the next iteration of the Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) model to include both mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) considerations.



SAMHSA speakers included Dr. Miriam E. Delphin-Rittmon, outgoing Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use; Tom Coderre, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary; Paolo del Vecchio, Director of SAMHSA's Office of Recovery, and others.

At the meeting, Paolo del Vecchio announced that he will be retiring from federal service by the end of February.

(Pictured L to R: Rob Morrison, NASADAD; Paolo del Vecchio, SAMHSA/OR; and Tom Coderre, SAMHSA).

## NASADAD All States Call: The National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities (NASCSA)

On Tuesday, January 28, from 2:30- 3:30 pm ET, NASADAD is hosting this month's All States Call featuring *The National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities (NASCSA)*. NASCSA represents State Controlled Substances Authorities (SCSA) across the country and serves as a forum to develop, implement, and monitor ongoing strategies to address the misuse of controlled substances.

This call will feature a presentation by Kathy Keough, Executive Director of NASCSA, who will provide background on NASCSA, outline their priorities, and discuss opportunities for collaboration between SCSAs and State alcohol and drug agencies.

#### Zoom

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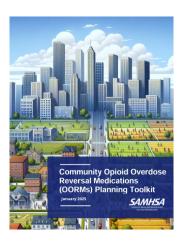
Members only: Please know that Association-sponsored calls are for NASADAD members and State staff only. While we appreciate the desire to share the information, we are also asking you to not send the invitation to others that are not part of the Association unless specifically authorized.

Please reach out to Rob Morrison (<a href="mailto:rmorrison@nasadad.org">rmorrison@nasadad.org</a>) or me (ddiana@nasadad.org) with any questions.

### **Around the Agencies**

### SAMHSA Resource: Community Opioid Overdose Reversal Medications (OORMs) Planning Toolkit

On January 17, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) released a new resource on *Community Opioid Overdose Reversal Medications* (OORMs) Planning Toolkit. The Toolkit is designed to be a comprehensive resource to help communities expand access to lifesaving OORMs, including naloxone, to reduce overdose fatalities. Specifically, the Toolkit is intended for community leaders, public health professionals, and other partners, and provides actionable guidance on creating effective overdose prevention and responses strategies.



The Toolkit was developed in partnership with NASADAD through the SAMHSA State and Territory Liaison and Technical Assistance (SSA-TA) contract.

The resource can be downloaded in full, here.

# SAMHSA Resource: National Guidance on Essential Specialty Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Care

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) recently released a new resource on *National Guidance on Essential Specialty Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Care*. The Guidance outlines a set of essential substance use disorder (SUD) services for adults with SUD that specialty SUD treatment facilities should provide to ensure optimal treatment outcomes. Ultimately, the Guidance is intended to reduce the inconsistency in services available to adults in need of specialty SUD treatment by helping providers identify gaps in treatment and supporting evidence-based planning to improve SUD-related outcomes for adults with SUD.

The Guidance can be downloaded in full, here.

### SAMHSA Funding Opportunities: Strategic Prevention Framework - Partnerships for Success Program



The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced two new funding opportunities through the Strategic Prevention Framework – Partnerships for Success (SPF-PFS) program. The SPF-PFS program aims to help State governments, Tribes, and local community prevention providers with evidence-based strategic planning to develop and deliver effective substance use prevention services. Specifically, the SPF-PFS program's objectives include:

- "Help prevent and reduce the initiation and progression of substance use and its
  related problems by supporting the development and delivery of community-based
  substance use prevention services that strengthen protective factors, reduce risk
  factors, build resilience, and promote well-being.
- Expand and strengthen the capacity of state and local community prevention providers serving underserved communities and tribes; and
- Implement evidence-based, evidence-informed, and community-defined evidence-based prevention strategies."

Additional details on the funding opportunities can be found below:

#### Strategic Prevention Framework – Partnership for Success for States

- Award information: total program funding up to \$13,000,000 with up to six awards
- Application deadline: March 18, 2025

#### Strategic Prevention Framework – Partnerships for Success for Communities and Tribes

- Award information: total program funding up to \$13,000,000 with up to 52 awards
- Application deadline: March 18, 2025

# BJA Funding Opportunity: Improving Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Outcomes for Adults in Reentry

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) recently announced a new funding opportunity for the *Improving Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Outcomes for Adults in Reentry program*. This program seeks to enhance corrections and community supervision systems and community-based providers' capacity to address the substance use disorder (SUD) and recovery needs of people during incarceration and upon reentry. Specifically, the program provides grants to State, Tribal, and local governments, as well as nonprofit organizations, to support the implementation or expansion of evidence-based and trauma-informed SUD treatment and recovery supports for people during incarceration and upon reentry into the community. Ultimately, the program aims to promote deflection strategies to reduce involvement with the criminal justice system and expand access to evidence-based SUD treatment, including medication-assisted treatment (MAT), during reentry.

BJA will provide up to six awards of up to \$833,000 for a three-year project period for total program funding of \$5,000,000. Applications are due March 27, 2025.

Additional details, including on eligibility and how to apply, can be found on the program's Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), <u>here</u>.

# NIDA Releases 2024 Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health Study Data



The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) announced the release of 2024 data for the *Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health (PATH) Study*. The PATH Study, conducted annually by NIDA, in collaboration with the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Center for Tobacco Products (CTP), monitors the behaviors, attitudes, beliefs, and health outcomes related to tobacco use in the U.S. The PATH Study Data Access webpage now offers publicly available data on tobacco use in the U.S. from 2013 to 2024. Specifically, the study aims to:

"Examine susceptibility to tobacco product use;

- Study the progression of tobacco product use, including initiation, dependence, cessation and relapse;
- Evaluate patters of tobacco use, including:
- Use of newer products, such as e-cigarettes or ENDS (electronic nicotine delivery systems):
- Poly-use
- Switching products;
- Track potential behavioral and health impacts, including biomarkers of exposure and potential harm; and
- Assess differences in tobacco-related attitudes, behaviors, and health conditions among racial/ethnic, gender, and age subgroups over time."

Additional details on the PATH Study's methodology can be found <a href="here">here</a>.

### Research Roundup

Study Uses NSDUH Data to Examine Trends in Treatment Need and Receipt for Substance Use Disorders in the U.S.

A group of researchers from The Ohio State University recently published a study in *JAMA Network Open* on *Trends in Treatment Need and Receipt for Substance Use Disorders in the US*. The study examined data from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) to analyze trends in substance use disorder (SUD) treatment needs, receipt of treatments, perceived needs, and treatment barriers from 2013 to 2023 in the U.S. Specifically, the study found that the prevalence of individuals needing SUD treatment increased from 8.2% in 2013 to 17.1% in 2023, with the percentage of people receiving treatment increasing from 9.3% to 14.9% over the same period. Other key findings include:

- The prevalence of individuals with alcohol use disorder (AUD) increased from 6.6% in 2013 to 10.2% in 2023.
  - AUD treatment rates increased from 6.3% in 2013 to 7.6% in 2023.
- The prevalence of individuals with opioid use disorder (OUD) increased from 0.8% in 2016 to 2.0% in 2023.
  - OUD treatment rates did not significantly increase or decrease from 2013 to 2023, remaining relatively level at 18.3% in 2023.
- Over the decade and among those with SUD who did not receive treatment, 5.7% had a perceived need for treatment and 2.7% perceived a need for treatment and made efforts to seek care.
  - The main reasons for not receiving treatment included the reluctance to stop using substances, insufficient health care coverage, lack of awareness about treatment programs, and negative impacts on employment and community perceptions.

The researchers call for urgent interventions to bridge the gap between the need for and receipt of SUD treatment services, including by enhancing access to counseling services, expanding insurance coverage for treatment, raising public awareness through targeted campaigns, and integrating SUD care into primary healthcare settings.

#### Webinars to Watch

National Council for Mental Wellbeing Webinar: Wellbeing Wednesdays: Healing over Handcuffs: Advancing Deflection Strategies

The National Council for Mental Wellbeing is hosting a webinar as part of its Wellbeing Wednesdays series on *Healing over Handcuffs: Advancing Deflection Strategies*. This no-cost webinar is on January 29, at 2:00 PM ET. The webinar will feature Jac Charlier, Executive

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Director, Treatment Alternatives for Safer Communities (TASC) Center for Health and Justice, and CEO, Police, Treatment, and Community Collaborative (PTACC), who will discuss the role deflection plays in substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and highlight innovative deflection programs in place within criminal justice settings across the country. Specifically, participants will learn about:

- "The crucial role of deflection programs in reducing incarceration.
- The scope of SUD among justice-involved individuals and barriers to treatment.
- The global impact of deflection on recidivism and recovery.
- The ongoing battle against stigma in addiction treatment.

Registration is required.

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