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DC Update: 20 Senators Sign SUPTRS Block Grant Dear Colleague Letter, June 6 is National Naloxone Awareness Day, CDC Study on Fentanyl-Involved Nonfatal Overdose Emergency Department Visits, and More.

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NASADAD News

Farewell to Ivana Sánchez!

Join us in saying goodbye and good luck to NASADAD Public Policy Intern Ivana Sánchez! Ivana's last day with NASADAD is this Wednesday, June 11th. Ivana joined NASADAD in January 2025 while pursuing her master's degree in Addiction Policy & Practice from Georgetown University. During her time with NASADAD, her work included leading the D.C. Update weekly policy update newsletter, developing memos on proposed legislation, assisting with NASADAD Board Meetings, attending congressional hearings, and supporting the development of resources for Capitol Hill. Ivana graduated this past May and will continue her education in medical school this Fall 2025.



Best of luck, Ivana!

Robert Morrison Jr. Joins NASADAD as Public Policy Intern

It is our pleasure to introduce to you our Public Policy Intern for this Summer, Robert Morrison Jr.

Robert joined NASADAD this week as the Public Policy Intern supporting the work of the Public Policy Department. Please see a brief bio below:

Robert Morrison joined NASADAD in June 2025 as a Public Policy Intern for the summer term. Robert is a rising junior at Denison University in Granville, Ohio, majoring in Politics and Public Affairs. At Denison, Robert serves as a mentor through the Big Brothers Big Sisters program and is a member of Denison's Club Basketball Team. In September, Robert will begin a semester abroad program at the Augsburg University Center for Global Experience and Education in Derry, Northern Ireland.



We are very excited to have him on board!



2025 National Prevention Network Conference- Registration Now Open

The 2025 *NASADAD National Prevention Network (NPN) Conference* will be held August 11-13, 2025, at the Grand Hyatt Washington, D.C. The NPN Conference highlights the latest research in the substance use prevention field and provides a forum for prevention professionals, coalition leaders, researchers, and federal partners to share research, best practices, and evaluation results for the purpose of integrating research into practice. This year's theme is: *Substance Use Prevention Across the Lifespan: Creating a Monumental Impact*.

Regular registration is now open through July 21. Additional information can be found on the registration page [here](#).

Capitol Hill Happenings

20 Senate Members Express Strong Support for SUPTRS Block Grant Funding in Letter to Appropriations Leadership Send Letter to Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on FY 26 SUPTRS Block Grant

On May 16, 20 Members of the Senate sent a letter to the leadership of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services (HHS), Education and Related Agencies, seeking robust funding for the Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services (SUPTRS) Block Grant for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026. The letter was led by Senators Peter Welch (D-VT) and Alex Padilla (D-CA). The letter highlights the importance of the services provided by the SUPTRS Block Grant, including the provision of prevention, treatment and recovery services to more than 1.6 million Americans, and urges Congressional investments to continue supporting State efforts in response to the overdose crisis.

We wish to recognize Senator Welch and Senator Padilla's offices for their leadership on this important issue.

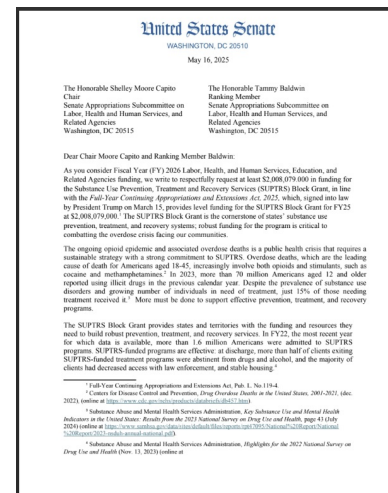
The letter can be found on NASADAD's website, [here](#).

House Approves SUPPORT Act Reauthorization Bill

On June 4, the House of Representatives approved, by a vote of 366-57, the [SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025 \(H.R. 2483\)](#). The [SUPPORT Act \(P.L. 115-271\)](#), signed into law on October 24, 2018, authorized several provisions designed to address the opioid crisis, including:

- The Pregnant and Postpartum Women's (PPW) Residential and Pilot Programs
- The First Responder Training Program (CARA)
- The Building Communities of Recovery (BCOR) Program
- The Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Centers (CORC) Program; and
- The Substance Use Treatment and Recovery (STAR) Loan Repayment Program, among others.

If passed, the SUPPORT Reauthorization Act would reauthorize those programs through



NASADAD will continue to monitor developments related to this bill and report information to the membership.

Around the Agencies

June 6 is National Naloxone Awareness Day!

In 2023, Congress passed a [resolution](#) designating June 6 as [National Naloxone Awareness Day](#). National Naloxone Awareness Day is an annual observance dedicated to helping raise awareness around overdose and the use of naloxone. In recognition of Naloxone Awareness Day, the Victoria's Voice Foundation released a [National Naloxone Awareness Day Toolkit](#), which contains social media graphics, video overlays and templates, and written captions and content for organizations to promote and support access to naloxone.



Young People in Recovery is also hosting [free training on naloxone administration](#) on the first Friday of every month. Registration is required.

CDC Releases Suicide Prevention Communication Campaign Playbook and Brainstorm Book

In recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) recently released a [Suicide Prevention Communication Playbook](#) and accompanying [Brainstorm Book](#). The Playbook aligns with the [2024 National Strategy for Suicide Prevention](#) and is a companion to CDC's [Suicide Prevention Resource for Action](#) that offers a comprehensive guide to help organizations create evidence-based campaigns on suicide prevention. Specifically, the Playbook contains action steps, data, and exercises to help organizations design effective suicide prevention campaigns. Key features of the playbook include:

- **“Key Audience:** Tools for identifying specific populations at higher risk and their networks of influence.
- **Campaign Development:** Steps to design effective strategies, craft meaningful messages, and promote behavior change.
- **Behavior Models:** Insights into frameworks like the Health Belief Model and Social Cognitive Theory.
- **Messaging Best Practices:** Strategies to emphasize hope and resilience and use culturally relevant language.
- **Evaluation:** Tools to measure campaign impact and improve future efforts.”

The Brainstorm Book is an accompanying document that includes step-by-step exercises to help organizations understand their role, identify key audiences, tailor messaging, and select appropriate communication channels. The Brainstorm Book also contains tools to evaluate campaigns, craft calls to action, and disseminate messages effectively across platforms while addressing potential barriers.

CDC Announces Enhancements to DOSE-DIS Dashboard: Nonfatal Overdose Emergency Department and Inpatient Hospitalization Discharge Data

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently announced a series of enhancements to its [Drug Overdose Surveillance and Epidemiology \(DOSE\)-DIS Dashboard: Nonfatal Overdose Emergency Department and Inpatient Hospitalization Discharge Data](#). The DOSE-DIS



dashboard captures both emergency department (ED) and inpatient hospitalization discharge data on nonfatal drug overdoses from 34 States and the District of Columbia. The enhancements are designed to allow for more timely and accurate interpretation of nonfatal drug overdose trends. Specifically, the enhancements include:

- “Enhanced Data Visualization: Improved visualization features enable enhanced exploration of time trends.
- Multi-drug Trend Exploration: Users can now visualize and compare time trends across multiple drug categories simultaneously within a single figure, allowing for more comprehensive trend and correlation identification across drugs.
- Dynamic Time Frame Selection: A new customizable time frame feature allows users to better target their desired analysis period.
- More Trend Context: The enhanced trend graph now includes year-to-previous-year percent change, providing easily interpretable data on changing trends.
- Improved User Interface: Several user interface improvements enhance accessibility and ease of use.
- Streamlined Drug Selection: The former dropdown menu has been replaced with an intuitive button toggle system, making drug category selection more efficient and user-friendly.
- Interactive Display Controls: Users can now toggle specific values on and off within data visualizations, visually simplifying the graphs when needed while maintaining access to comprehensive data.
- Visual Clarity Enhancements: Leading lines have been added for all eight drug indicators, reducing potential confusion when tracking multiple trends across time periods.”

CDC Releases New Clinical Resources on Opioid Therapy for Pain Management

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released two new clinical resources on opioid therapy for pain management. These new resources are designed to support clinicians with guidance on ensuring patient safety and managing opioid therapy for patients with pain. The two resources include:

- [*Managing Pain with Opioid Therapy training module*](#)
 - “Learn clinical decision-making skills for initiating or continuing opioid therapy for patients, including safe practices for opioid selection, dosage determination, and dosage adjustments. Free continuing education credit available.”
- [*Managing Pain with Opioid Therapy Clinician Checklist*](#)
 - “Designed to help guide clinicians who are providing opioid therapy to outpatients ages 18 years and older.”

Research Roundup

CDC Report on Trends in Suspected Fentanyl-Involved Nonfatal Overdose Emergency Department Visits

Researchers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published a report in the *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)* on [*Trends in Suspected Fentanyl-Involved Nonfatal Overdose Emergency Department Visits, by Age Group, Sex, and Race and Ethnicity — United States, October 2020–March 2024*](#). The report analyzed data from CDC’s National Syndromic Surveillance Program (NSSP) on fentanyl-involved nonfatal overdose emergency department (ED) visits from October 2020 to March 2024 to determine rates of nonfatal overdose involving fentanyl or fentanyl analogs by age, group, sex, and race and ethnicity. The report found that the rates of fentanyl-involved nonfatal overdose ED visits increased in a majority of demographic groups from late 2020 through mid-2023. Specifically, the report found that there were 86,404 ED visits involving nonfatal fentanyl overdoses from October 2020 to March 2024, with the overall rate of nonfatal overdose increasing from 1.4 to 2.9 per 10,000 ED visits. Other key findings include:

- “The rate of ED visits for fentanyl-involved nonfatal overdoses increased an average of 5.4% per quarter.
 - The overall rate increased from 1.4 (Q4 2020) to 2.9 (Q1 2024) per 10,000 ED visits and peaked in Q3 2023 at 3.5 per 10,000 ED visits
 - During quarter (Q) 4 (October–December) 2020 to Q3 (July–September) 2023, rates of fentanyl-involved nonfatal overdose ED visits increased 8.7% per quarter, from 1.4 to 3.5 per 10,000 ED visits, then declined 11.0% per quarter, to 2.9 per 10,000 ED visits, from Q3 2023 to Q1 (January–March) 2024.
- Fentanyl-involved nonfatal overdose rates were highest among adults aged 25–34 years and lowest among those aged ≥55 years.
- Fentanyl-involved nonfatal overdose rates increased from Q4 2020 to Q3 2023 among both males (quarterly percent change (QPC) = 8.7%) and females (QPC = 8.5%)
- Among racial and ethnic groups, the highest rate of fentanyl-involved nonfatal overdose ED visits (e.g., 11.9 per 10,000 visits in Q3 2023 (Figure), and the highest average quarterly percent change (AQPC) (9.0%) were among American Indian and Alaskan Native (AI/AN) persons.”

The report calls for ED interventions to increase access to and availability of naloxone and expand links to and retention in evidence-based care, including medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD).

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

Webinars to Watch

NAADAC Webinar: Unveiling ADHD's Complex Relationship with Substance Use and Young Adults



NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals, is hosting a webinar on [Unveiling ADHD's Complex Relationship with Substance Use and Young Adults](#). This no-cost webinar is on June 11, at 12:00 pm ET. The webinar is designed to provide background on Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and the relationship between ADHD and substance use risk. The webinar will also outline strategies for managing ADHD and substance use disorder (SUD) in young adults within mental health and SUD settings. Learning objectives include:

- “Participants will be able to describe the relationship between ADHD and substance use.
- Participants will be able to identify the impact of impulsivity and sensation seeking.
- Participants will be able to promote healthy coping strategies and effective lifestyle interventions.”

1.5 Continuing Education (CE) credits are available for participation in the webinar.

[Registration](#) is required.

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