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DC Update: NASADAD Attends Congressional Briefing on Advancing the Science of Addiction Recovery, Third Anniversary of the 988 Lifeline, Study Finds Increase in Youth Nicotine Poisonings, and More.

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Meet the Member

Kandyce Mohan, National Prevention Network (NPN) Coordinator for New Hampshire

Kandyce Mohan currently serves as Prevention Services Administrator for the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services within the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services. She also serves as the National Prevention Network (NPN) Coordinator for New Hampshire.

With over a decade of experience in substance use prevention, Ms. Mohan is dedicated to strengthening the continuum of care and access to substance use disorder (SUD) services in New Hampshire. She most recently served as Project Director for the City of Franklin before joining the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services as a Program Specialist in 2023. Across these roles, Ms. Mohan worked extensively with communities, schools, and institutions of higher education to foster collaboration in building a more effective and integrated system. Her deep expertise in community-level prevention and her strategic approach at the State level have been instrumental in advancing initiatives aimed at reducing substance misuse and supporting those affected.



In her current role, Ms. Mohan oversees numerous prevention programs and initiatives in New Hampshire, ensuring they align with State and federal guidelines. In particular, she manages the prevention set-aside within the Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services (SUPTRS) Block Grant, along with the Synar Program. Ms. Mohan also provides support and guidance to prevention professionals, helping them enhance their processes and achieve their goals.

Ms. Mohan received her bachelor's degree in Recreation Management and Policy from the University of New Hampshire and her master's degree in Communication and Media Studies from Southern New Hampshire University.

NASADAD News

NASADAD Attends Congressional Briefing Hosted by the Friends of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (FoNIDA) on Advancing the Science of Addiction Recovery

On July 17, NASADAD Executive Director Rob Morrison, Public Policy Associate Dan Diana, and Public Policy Intern Robert Morrison attended a congressional briefing hosted by the [Friends of the National Institute on Drug Abuse \(FoNIDA\)](#) on *Advancing the Science of Addiction Recovery*. The briefing discussed the latest research on substance use disorder (SUD) recovery, including effective models for recovery support services, the cost-savings related to recovery, and opportunities for future research. Further, the briefing reviewed the current federal funding situation for recovery research and highlighted the importance of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) continuing as a stand-alone institute within the National Institutes of Health (NIH).



Opening remarks were provided by Representative Paul Tonko (D-NY-20), co-chair of the Bipartisan House Addiction, Treatment, and Recovery Caucus. Panelists included:

- **Noel Vest**, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Community Health Sciences Department, Boston University School of Public Health
- **Aaron Hogue**, Ph.D., Senior Vice President, Research and Clinical Science/Family and Adolescent Clinical Technology and Science (FACTS), Partnership to End Addiction
- **John Kelly**, Ph.D., Founder and Director, Recovery Research Institute (RRI), Massachusetts General Hospital
- **Dr. Nora Volkow**, M.D., Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

(Pictured L to R: Aaron Hogue, Partnership to End Addiction; John Kelly, RRI; Dr. Nora Volkow, NIDA; and Noel Vest, Boston University).

Voices on the Hill

Hal Rogers, Congressman for Kentucky's 5th District

Congressman Hal Rogers (R-KY-05) currently serves as the Representative for Kentucky's 5th district, a position he has held since 1981. Representative Rogers also serves as dean of the House of Representatives, a designation given to the chamber's longest continuously serving member. Prior to becoming Congressman, Rogers served as district attorney for Kentucky's

Pulaski and Rockcastle counties and in the Kentucky and North Carolina National Guards. Representative Rogers earned his BA from the University of Kentucky in 1962 and his LLB from the University of Kentucky College of Law in 1964.



With a long-standing focus on substance use disorder (SUD) policy, Representative Rogers has led numerous initiatives to address the SUD crisis, with an emphasis on the opioid crisis. Specifically, Congressman Rogers launched [Operation Unlawful Narcotics Investigations, Treatment and Education \(UNITE\)](#) in 2023, a regional initiative delivering substance use prevention and treatment services across 32 counties in Kentucky. He later helped to establish the [Rx and Illicit Drug Summit](#) in 2012, the nation's largest annual convening of stakeholders on SUD prevention, treatment, and recovery. Representative Rogers supported the original [Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016 \(CARA\) \(P.L. 114-198\)](#) and the [21st Century Cures Act \(P.L. 114-255\)](#), helping to secure over \$1 billion in funding to support States' efforts to address the opioid crisis. In 2018, Representative Rogers introduced a provision establishing a federal loan repayment program for SUD treatment professionals working in high-need areas that was ultimately included in the [SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act \(P.L. 115-271\)](#).

Representative Rogers currently serves on the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, which has jurisdiction over federal funding for programs under the Department of Justice (DOJ), among other committees. In addition to those committees, Representative Rogers is a member of the Bipartisan House Addiction, Treatment, and Recovery Caucus.

Around the Agencies

July 2025 Marks the Third Anniversary of the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline



The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)-funded [988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline](#) marked its third anniversary in July 2025! Launched in 2022, the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline connects individuals experiencing mental health or substance use-related crises with trained crisis contact center counselors and continues to serve as one of the most critical components of the nation's crisis response system. In its first three years, the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline responded to more than 15 million calls, texts, and chats, with exceptional outcomes.

Additional SAMHSA resources on the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline can be found [here](#).

CDC Announces Enhancements to DOSE-SYS Dashboard: Non-Fatal Overdose Syndromic Surveillance Data

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently announced a series of enhancements to its real-time [Drug Overdose Surveillance and Epidemiology Syndromic Surveillance \(DOSE-SYS\) system Dashboard: Nonfatal Overdose Syndromic Surveillance Data](#). The DOSE-SYS dashboard captures data on national nonfatal overdose trends from 46 States and the District of Columbia through electronic health records from syndromic surveillance systems. The new enhancements align with recent updates to CDC's [Drug Overdose Surveillance and Epidemiology \(DOSE\)-DIS Dashboard: Nonfatal Overdose Emergency Department and Inpatient Hospitalization Discharge Data](#), and are designed to improve data visualization, navigation, and interpretation. Specifically, the enhancements to the dashboard include:

- **“Number of overdose visits per 10,000 ED visit:** The dashboard now shows the number of nonfatal overdose-related ED visits per 10,000 total ED visits, so users can clearly see trends over time and compare different locations on the same scale.
- **12-Month Rolling Averages:** The dashboard also includes rolling 12-month

averages of nonfatal overdoses (per 10,000 ED visits), broken down by drug type. This helps show long-term trends more clearly.

- **Enhanced Data Visualization:** Improved data visualization tools make it easier to compare trends in nonfatal drug overdoses and understand the data more clearly.
- **Time Periods:** Users can now choose specific time periods, from January 2019 to April 2025, to focus their analysis and make it more relevant to their needs.
- **Map Feature:** The new interactive map feature will allow users to compare rates across different regions for the 8 drug indicators.”

NIDA Funding Opportunity: Tobacco Regulatory Science Small Grant Program for New Investigators



National Institute
on Drug Abuse

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) announced a new funding opportunity for the [Tobacco Regulatory Science Small Grant Program for New Investigators](#). This program is designed for [New Investigators](#) in tobacco regulatory research who have not received any grants and will support new research to inform the implementation of the [Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act \(FSPTCA\) \(P.L. 111-31\)](#), which gives the Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA) Center for Tobacco Products (CTP) the authority to regulate tobacco product manufacturing, distribution, and marketing. Specifically, the program will provide grants to support small research projects in tobacco regulatory science, including pilot and feasibility studies, secondary analysis of existing data, development of research methodology, and development of new research technology. Projects are expected to be relevant to informing FDA’s regulation of the manufacture, distribution, and marketing of tobacco products and must address one or more [High-Priority Research Topic\(s\)](#) related to the regulatory authority of the CTP.

NIDA will provide up to 4 awards of up to \$125,000 per award for a two-year project period for total program funding of \$500,000. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. The earliest submission date is October 18, 2025.

Additional details, including eligibility and how to apply, can be found in the program’s Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), [here](#).

Research Roundup

Study Finds Increase in Nicotine Poisonings Among Young Children

A group of researchers at the Abigail Wexner Research Institute at Nationwide Children’s Hospital’s Center for Injury Research and Policy in Ohio recently published a study in the medical journal *Pediatrics* on [Nicotine Ingestions Among Young Children: 2010-2023](#). The study analyzed data on unintentional, single-substance nicotine ingestions among children younger than 6 years old reported to the National Poison Data System from 2010–2023 to identify trends in nicotine ingestions among young children reported to US poison centers. The study of 134,663 nicotine ingestion among children under the age of 6 reported to US position centers found that the rate of nicotine ingestions increased by 59.4% from 2010 to 2015 before decreasing by 34.1% from 2015 to 2023. Other key findings include:

- “There were 134 663 nicotine ingestions among children younger than age 6 years reported to US poison centers, and most were among children younger than age 2 years (76.2%), boys (55.5%), or occurred at a residence (98.5%).
 - This rate trend was primarily determined by the ingestion rate for liquid nicotine, which increased by 450.0% from 2010 to 2015 and then decreased by 45.2% from 2015 to 2023.
 - The rate of nicotine pouch ingestions increased by 763.1% from 2020 to 2023. Nicotine pouches were more likely to be associated with a serious medical outcome or medical admission than other product formulations combined.
- Most nicotine ingestions were associated with no effect (36.8%) or minor effect (19.6%), and 81.3% did not receive treatment at a health care facility.
 - Moderate effects were observed among 1.2% of ingestions, and there were 39 ingestions with major effects and 2 fatalities.

- A minority of ingestions (15.9%) were treated/evaluated and released, and 0.5% were medically admitted."

The authors call for continued advocacy and support for federal regulations that limit the flavors and marketing of nicotine products to minors, noting that packaging and flavored pouches increase the risk of ingestion among young children.

Webinars to Watch

CoE-PHI Webinar: Assisting Peer Recovery Support Specialists in Having Meaningful Conversations with the People They Serve About Privacy



The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)-funded Center of Excellence for Protected Health Information (CoE-PHI) is hosting a webinar on *Assisting Peer Recovery Support Specialists in Having Meaningful Conversations with the People They Serve About Privacy*. This no-cost webinar is being offered twice: once on [July 30, at 2:00 pm ET](#), and a second time on [August 20, at 2:00 pm ET](#). The webinar is intended for people who work in peer recovery settings and seeks to assist peer recovery support specialists in having conversations with their clients about privacy rights regarding information sharing of their substance use treatment records. Learning objectives include:

- "Identify core concepts associated with protecting health information
- Discuss the challenges and benefits of providing this information to clients
- Practice a step-wise process for discussing concepts of privacy and consenting to share treatment information"

Registration for either session is required.

SAMHSA SPARK Webinar: Employment Supports: Advancing Opportunities for Recovery

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Office of Recovery (OR), through SAMHSA's Program to Advance Recovery Knowledge (SPARK), is hosting a webinar on [Employment Supports: Advancing Opportunities for Recovery](#). This no-cost webinar is on July 31, at 2:00 pm ET. The webinar will discuss the critical role of employment in the recovery journey for those with lived or living experience with mental health and substance use disorder (SUD). Specifically, the webinar will highlight evidence-based practices for supporting people in recovery in securing and maintaining meaningful employment, including individualized career planning, skill-building, peer support, and community partnerships. The webinar will also highlight strategies people in recovery can use to enhance employment support services to support their recovery.

Registration is required.

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