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DC Update: NASADAD’s Prevention Network Develops Fact Sheet on Substance Use Prevention, APIS Annual Update, CoE-PHI Part 2 2024 Final Rule Implementation Fact Sheet, and More.

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NASADAD News

NASADAD’s Prevention Network Develops Fact Sheet on Substance Use Prevention

The members of the NASADAD’s National Prevention Network (NPN), a component group of the Association that includes the lead prevention coordinators from each State and Territory, worked to develop and release a Board-approved fact sheet about substance use prevention. The fact sheet helps define substance use prevention, explain how prevention works, share primary prevention strategies, and highlight a few State examples. The document was the byproduct of a deliberative dialogue held by prevention coordinators with a focus on promoting prevention through straightforward and easy to understand terms. Special thanks to Pat Zuber-Wilson, NPN President from New York, Illinois NPN Samantha Alonis, NASADAD staff Dr. Tracy Flinn and Cara Dufresne, and the NASADAD Board of Directors.

The fact sheet can be found [here](#).

What is Substance Use Prevention?
Substance Use Prevention aims to prevent and/or delay alcohol and other drug use, misuse, and substance use disorders. Prevention activities identify and address issues early with youth and continue to assist people of all ages throughout their lives, promoting healthy individuals, families, and communities.

Prevention Works by:

- Strengthening individual and community knowledge of the harms associated with substance use and misuse
- Changing internal practices of agencies and institutions to promote substance use prevention, wellness, and foster healthy choices
- Fostering collaboration between coalitions, neighborhoods, and other partners to prevent substance use and promote safe and healthy communities
- Promoting policies that reduce the availability of alcohol and other drugs
- Educating healthcare, educational, and social services providers to recognize and intervene with individuals who show risky substance use behaviors

Primary Prevention Strategies
The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) identified six prevention strategies to deliver effective and comprehensive substance use prevention services. Strategies are selected based on community need to have the greatest impact.

- Information Dissemination:** Shares information from one source to several recipients about drug use, misuse and addiction and the effects on individuals, families, and communities, e.g., media campaigns, brochures, health fairs.
- Prevention Education:** Engages in communications between an educator and participants to improve critical life and social skills, including decision-making, refusal skills, and critical analysis, e.g., classroom sessions, parenting classes



Around the Agencies

CoE-PHI Resource: Part 2 2024 Final Rule Implementation Fact Sheet



The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)-funded Center of Excellence for Protected Health Information (CoE-PHI) released a fact sheet on [3 Key Steps for Implementing the Latest Changes to 42 CFR Part 2](#). This resource is intended to assist Part 2 programs in complying with the requirements of the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) 2024 Final Rule, which are the federal regulations governing the confidentiality of substance use disorder (SUD) treatment records. Specifically, the fact sheet details three key steps that programs can take to support implementation. Key points include the following:

- "The 2024 amendments to Part 2 went into effect on April 16, 2024, with a compliance date of February 16, 2026, when enforcement may formally begin.
- Organizations can take the following 3 key steps to implement the requirements of 2024 Part 2 Final Rule:
 1. Update consent forms and required notices
 2. Revise agency or organization policies and procedures
 3. Ensure staff knowledge by providing training"

The fact sheet can be accessed [here](#).

Research Roundup

APIS Annual Update: State-Level Alcohol & Retail Cannabis Policy Changes Through January 1, 2025

The [Alcohol Policy Information System \(APIS\)](#), a project of the [National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism \(NIAAA\)](#), now includes updated state-level policies on alcohol and retail cannabis for all 50 states and the District of Columbia that took effect on or before 1/1/2025. This information is organized by [Updated Policy Topics](#) and [Updates by State](#). Updates include changes in:

- Alcohol beverage pricing on drink specials in Ohio and Pennsylvania
- Alcohol beverage taxes on beer in Utah
- Keg registration in New Hampshire
- Minimum age for off-premises sellers and for on-premises servers and bartenders in Indiana
- Priority treatment policy for pregnant women in New Mexico
- Cannabis advertising restrictions in Delaware
- Cannabis cultivation and distribution in New York
- Cannabis packaging/health and safety requirements in Colorado and Delaware
- Cannabis pricing in New York
- Cannabis retail access in Arizona, Delaware, and Maryland

For more information regarding these policy changes, access the APIS website [here](#).

Webinars to Watch

SAMHSA Webinar: Addressing Veteran Substance Use: Promoting Recovery Through Collaboration and Compassion



The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Service Members, Veterans, and their Families Technical Assistance (SMVF TA) Center is hosting a webinar on [Addressing Veteran Substance Use: Promoting Recovery Through Collaboration and Compassion](#). This no-cost webinar is on March 3 from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm ET. The webinar aims to bring together leaders from the Department of Veteran Affairs, the SAFE Project, and the Oregon Health Authority to discuss evidence-informed strategies, emerging trends, and innovative models to support recovery and resiliency among Service Members, Veterans, and their families. Specifically, these presenters will discuss the importance of coordinated care across systems such as the Department of Veterans Affairs, state health authorities, and community-based organizations, and will highlight programs that are improving access to effective substance use treatment and long-term recovery support. Topics of discussion include:

- “Key trends in Veteran substance use and co-occurring conditions
- Proven treatment and recovery models
- Practical strategies for cross-system collaboration”

Registration is available [here](#).

CMS Webinar: Innovation in Behavioral Health (IBH) Model Cohort II Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

The [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services \(CMS\) Innovation Center](#) is hosting a webinar on [Innovation in Behavioral Health \(IBH\) Model Cohort II Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#). This no-cost webinar is on March 5 from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm ET. The webinar is intended to provide an in-depth review of the IBH Model's Cohort II Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), including payment methodology, federal award details, and the application process. Additionally, attendees will hear insights from Cohort I state awardees, Michigan, New York, and South Carolina, as well as engage in a Q&A session with the model team. Specially, the webinar seeks to deepen attendee understanding of the model, how it can be leveraged in state for Medicaid beneficiaries, and how it can be utilized for Medicare and dual-eligible beneficiaries for states that participate in the Medicare arm of the model.

Registration is available [here](#).

CFRI Webinar: Recovery Housing Funding Sources and Financial Sustainability



The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) [Center for Financing Reform and Innovation \(CFRI\)](#) is hosting a webinar on [Recovery Housing Funding Sources and Financial Sustainability](#). This no-cost webinar is on March 11 from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm ET. The webinar will present findings from a new SAMHSA report on *Recovery Housing: Funding Sources and Financial Sustainability – Insights from NARR-Certified Recovery Residences*. Specifically, the webinar will highlight findings from the report on how states can expand access to recovery housing through a panel discussion and Q&A session with national leaders in the field.

Registration is available [here](#).

CSR-TTAC Webinar: The Work After the Work: Embedding Long-Term Recovery in CYF Crisis Systems

The 988 Crisis Systems Response Training and Technical Assistance Center (CSR-TTAC), funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), is hosting a webinar on [The Work After the Work: Embedding Long-Term Recovery in CYF Crisis Systems](#). This no-cost webinar is on March 19, at 2:00 pm ET. This webinar seeks to examine recovery in children, youth, and family (CYF) crisis systems through a System of Care (SOC) framework focused on healing, stability, and long-term well-being. Specifically, participants will examine how recovery support can be used outside of crisis resolution as well as how continuity of care, community responsive support, and firsthand-experience partnerships can be used to reduce relapse, prevent re-crisis, and support sustained recovery. Learning objectives include:

- “Describe the core elements of recovery-oriented crisis systems for children and youth
- Identify strategies that support stabilization, continuity of care, and long-term stability after a crisis
- Explain the role of families, youth, and peer supports in guiding recovery
- Apply trauma-informed and community responsive recovery practices
- Identify when and how to collaborate with youth and family peers to promote recovery-oriented care.”

Immediately after the webinar, there will be an Office Hour session from 3:30 to 4:00 pm ET. During this time, the CSR-TTAC can help coordinate further implementation of the topics covered, such as arranging meetings for participants seeking more in-depth 1-on-1 technical assistance.

Registration is available [here](#).

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