



## The National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors

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#### **Federal Funding**

##### **Congress passes omnibus appropriations bill, finalizing FY 2018 funding**

On March 23<sup>rd</sup> the President signed into law an omnibus spending package to fund the government for the remainder of FY 2018.

The bill includes \$4 billion to address the opioid crisis.

Here are some of the highlights:

- Level funding of \$1,858,079,000 for the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant.
- \$500 million for year 2 of the State Targeted Response (STR) to the Opioid Crisis (level funding).
- \$1 billion in new funding for "grants to States to address the opioid crisis."
- \$405 million for the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) Programs of Regional and National Significance (PRNS), an increase of \$51

million compared to FY 2017.

- \$248 million for the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) PRNS, an increase of \$25 million compared to FY 2017.
  - \$119 million for the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF)-Partnerships for Success (PFS), an increase of \$10 million compared to FY 2017.
  - \$36 million for First Responder Training, an increase of \$24 million compared to FY 2017.

NASADAD has released a summary of the omnibus funding levels for the Association's priority programs, including those within the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Justice (DOJ), and others. The summary compares the FY 2018 omnibus appropriations to FY 2017 funding levels.

Access NASADAD's detailed FY 2018 appropriations chart [here](#).

### **HHS agencies release FY 2019 congressional justifications, offering details on the Administration's proposed budget**

On February 12, 2018, the Administration released its budget proposal for fiscal year 2019 (October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019). Earlier this week, agencies within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released their respective FY 2019 congressional justifications, which detail agency priorities and their requested budget levels.

Compared to the FY 2018 omnibus appropriations, for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) programs, the Administration proposes:

- Level funding of \$1,858,079,000 for the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant.
- \$1 billion for the State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis grant program, which is \$500 million more than FY 2018.
- A \$150 million cut to the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), which includes:
  - Discontinuing funding for the Minority AIDS Program, a cut of \$65 million.
  - Discontinuing funding for the Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT), a cut of \$30 million.
  - \$67 million for the Medication-Assisted Treatment for Prescription Drug and Opioid Addiction (MAT-PDOA) program, which is a cut of \$28 million.
- A \$127 million cut to the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), which includes:
  - Discontinuing funding for the Minority AIDS program, a cut of \$41 million.
  - \$58 million for the the Strategic Prevention Framework/Partnerships for Success (SPF-PFS) program, a cut of \$61 million.
  - \$36 million for First Responder Training, a cut of \$24 million.
  - Moving the Drug Free Communities (DFC) program from the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) to CSAP with a \$1

million increase, totaling \$100 million.

- \$150 million to SAMHSA for opioid-related services to reduce injection drug use and related HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C infection rates.
- \$90 million to SAMHSA to support efforts to: expand and enhance drug court programs, expand services for pregnant and postpartum women, and promote the use of overdose reversal drugs by first responders.

NASADAD has developed an FY 2019 budget chart that provides a summary of the Administration's proposed funding levels for all of NASADAD's priority programs within HHS: SAMHSA, the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), and the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). The document also summarizes the FY 2019 budget proposal for programs within the Department of Justice (DOJ).

NASADAD's FY 2019 proposed budget chart can be accessed [here](#).

### Capitol Hill Happenings

#### **Congress may address patient privacy law in next legislative package to combat the opioid crisis**

The House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce, chaired by Rep. Greg Walden (R-OR), is currently considering over twenty bills to include in a legislative package to address the opioid crisis. One of the bills being considered is H.R. 3545, the Overdose Prevention and Patient Safety Act, which aims to loosen privacy protections for substance use disorder records. The bill was originally introduced by Rep. Tim Murphy last year, prior to his resignation. Other co-sponsors include Reps. Patrick Meehan (R-PA), Earl Blumenauer (D-OR), Buddy Carter (R-GA), James Renacci (R-OH), and Markwayne Mullin (R-OK). The bill would relax 42 CFR Part 2, the statute that requires patients to give special written consent in order to share substance use disorder records with physicians and hospitals. According to trade press, although the legislation has some bipartisan support, several lawmakers—including Ranking Member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, Frank Pallone (D-NJ)—oppose allowing substance use records to be shared without patient consent.

The Committee aims to move a legislative package on opioids to the House floor for a vote before Memorial Day.

Read an article from *Morning Consult* about the bill [here](#).

### Around the Agencies

#### **NIH study finds that one-third of young adults have ridden with impaired driver**

A study conducted by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has found that nearly one-third of recent high school graduates have ridden in a car with a substance-impaired driver. The study found that during the first two years after high school graduation, 23 percent of young adults had ridden with a marijuana-impaired driver at least once, while 20 percent had ridden with an alcohol-impaired driver, and 6 percent had ridden with a driver impaired by

another substance.

Researchers analyzed data from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development's (NICHD) NEXT Generation Health Study, which is a seven-year study of more than 2,700 U.S. adolescents starting at grade 10. Its goal is to identify the social, behavioral, and genetic factors linked to health and healthy behaviors.

Researchers noted that having ridden with an impaired driver in the past was linked to a higher risk of driving while impaired and increased risk of riding with an impaired driver in the future. Other factors that increased the risk for riding with an impaired driver were living alone and not attending a four-year college. For young adults in the study who attended a four-year college, living on campus increased their risk of riding with an impaired driver.

Study results were published in the *Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs*, and can be accessed [here](#).

### **CAPT releases video, “How Naloxone is Changing the Way We Think About Prevention”**

The Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies (CAPT) within the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) recently released a video, “How Naloxone is Changing the Way We Think About Prevention.” In the video, Maya Doe-Simkims, Co-Director for Harm Reduction Michigan, speaks about naloxone as both a tool for reversing opioid overdose, and as a concept for understanding the importance of connection in addressing the opioid crisis.

Watch the video [here](#).

### **In the News**

#### **Legal Action Center releases new tools to identify and report parity violations**

The Legal Action Center (LAC) has released new tools to help consumers identify possible violations of substance use and mental health parity laws through a list of “red flags.” The Red Flags tool is available to be downloaded and shared electronically, and is also available as a poster, which can be hung in waiting rooms, billing offices, or other places that consumers and providers might need help identifying possible violations of parity laws.

LAC has also developed a red flags companion tool for New York State, which outlines steps to take when a “red flag” is identified, and provides specific contact information for the appropriate authorities in New York.

Download the Red Flags tool [here](#).

Access the NY State Companion Tool [here](#).

### **Upcoming Events**

**State-specific webinars on Helping Individuals with Substance Use & Mental Health Disorders: Understanding How Laws, Regulations, & Policies Affect Re-entry Opportunities**

The National HIRE Network, the Legal Action Center (LAC), and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) are holding a State-specific webinar series, “Helping Individuals with Substance Use & Mental Health Disorders: Understanding How Laws, Regulations, & Policies Affect Re-entry Opportunities.” Each webinar will be tailored to one of the following States: Georgia, Colorado, Rhode Island, and Kansas.

The webinars will discuss the structural barriers, including laws and policies that may impede access to jobs, housing, and education for justice-involved individuals with a substance use and/or mental health disorder. Each webinar will cover the following information:

- What criminal records are, where they are kept, who can see them, and how they are used in employment, housing, and higher education.
- Legal and practical challenges faced by individuals with substance use and/or mental health disorders.
- Federal and State-specific laws that offer legal protections for people with substance use and/or mental health disorders and criminal records.
- What evidence of rehabilitation is and how to gather it.
- How drug court and other reentry professionals can individuals successfully navigate reentry.
- Online and community-based local resources that provide information and services for people with criminal records.

State-specific registration information is below:

- [Georgia](#), April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm-3:00pm EST
- [Colorado](#), April 17<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm-2:30pm MST
- [Rhode Island](#), April 24<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm-2:30pm EST
- [Kansas](#), May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1:00pm-2:30pm CST

### **ATTC webinar on the Surgeon General’s 2016 Report, “Facing Addiction in America”**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s (SAMHSA) Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC) Network will be hosting a webinar on the 2016 Surgeon General’s Report, “Facing Addiction in America.” The report by former Surgeon General, Dr. Vivek Murthy, focuses on alcohol, drugs, and health, presenting information on substance misuse and how to address substance misuse and its related consequences. The webinar will feature a presentation by H. Westley Clark, MD, JD, MPH, CAS, FASAM, Dean's Executive Professor of Public Health at Santa Clara University and former Director of SAMHSA’s Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), who will review the report.

Register for the webinar [here](#).

### **Upcoming webinar on how to develop a family drug court**

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) within the Department of Justice (DOJ) has announced an upcoming live online event on how to successfully plan and implement a family drug court. The event will feature a presentation by Children and Family Futures (CFF) as well as court teams who successfully launched a family treatment court. The live panel discussion will be held on Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-3:00 pm EST.

The live event accompanies CFF's launch of a video presentation on the 5 Key

Planning Decisions of family treatment courts. The 25-minute video and accompanying discussion guide aims to help jurisdictions lay the groundwork for the successful planning of a family treatment court.

Register for the live webcast [here](#).

Watch CFF's video on the 5 Key Planning Decisions to Help You Successfully Launch Your Family Drug Court [here](#).

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