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OH Governor Kasich launches “Hurt to Hope” pilot program to help young people whose families are impacted by addiction and poverty

Last week Ohio Governor John Kasich launched a new program, “Hurt to Hope,” that aims to help young people whose families are impacted by addiction and poverty. In November 2017, a group of students shared their struggles living with an adult with a substance use disorder. In response, the Kasich Administration worked to develop this pilot program at the Pike County YMCA to expand its programs for middle and high school students, and ensure transportation to the center is available to all students. All four Pike County school districts are now involved with the program, which is open to young men as well as young women. Program participants have been provided YMCA memberships and can come to the facility anytime they want.

NASADAD Member and Director of the Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services, Tracy Plouck, joined Gov. Kasich at a media event last week that focused on this pilot program.

Learn more about the program [here](#).

Around the Agencies

ONC and SAMHSA release new fact sheets on Confidentiality of Substance Use Disorder Records (42 CFR Part 2)

Last week the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), in collaboration with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), released two fact sheets on Confidentiality of Substance Use Disorder Patient Records (42 CFR) Part 2. The fact sheets aim to assist with the application of the Part 2 provisions across different

environments, including through electronic health information exchange (HIE) mechanisms and in provider office settings. The new fact sheets include: Disclosure of Substance Use Disorder Patient Records: Does Part 2 Apply to Me?; and Disclosure of Substance Use Disorder Patient Records: How Do I Exchange Part 2 Data?

Access the ONC/SAMHSA fact sheets [here](#).

New SAMHSA “Tips for Teens” fact sheets focus on cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine, and inhalants

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has released new “Tips for Teens” fact sheets, which provide information about the effects of short- and long-term use of cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine, and inhalants. These brochures provide important facts teens need to know, answer frequently asked questions, and help to dispel common myths about each of the substances covered.

The fact sheets can be accessed using the following links:

[Tips for Teens: The Truth About Cocaine](#)

[Tips for Teens: The Truth About Heroin](#)

[Tips for Teens: The Truth About Methamphetamine](#)

[Tips for Teens: The Truth About Inhalants](#)

SAMHSA releases series of fact sheets on prescription pain medications

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has released a series of fact sheets on Rx Pain Medication. “Rx Pain Medications, Know the Options, Get the Facts” is a series of 13 fact sheets designed to increase awareness of the risks associated with prescription opioid use and misuse. The resource aims to help health care providers better understand the potential risks associated with opioid misuse, as well as signs of misuse to look for in patients, discussion of how to talk to patients, and other options for pain management. The publication also educates patients on alternative pain management options, discussion of risks associated with opioid misuse, and tips for safe storage and disposal, among other topics.

Access the series of fact sheets [here](#).

SAMHSA announces National Prevention Week 2018 Planning Guide and Resource Calendar

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has released a planning guide and resource calendar to help communities develop National Prevention Week (NPW) events in 2018. The guide includes a list of health observances for each quarter of the year, and it offers ideas, event planning strategies, and SAMHSA resources to help organize prevention-focused events.

Access the NPW guide [here](#).

DOJ releases FY 2018 Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program funding opportunity announcement

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) has announced that it is seeking applications to establish or enhance drug court services, to include coordination, management of drug court participants, and recovery support services. This program provides resources to State, local, and tribal governments and courts to enhance drug court programs and systems for nonviolent offenders with addictions, including those related to opioid use and overdose.

For Category 1: Implementation, and Category 2: Enhancement, eligible applicants are States, State and local courts, counties, units of local government, and federally recognized Indian tribal governments. For Category 3: Statewide, eligible applicants are limited to state agencies such as the State Administering Agency (SAA), the Administrative Office of the Courts, and the State Alcohol and Substance Abuse Agency.

Applications are due June 5, 2018.

Access the funding opportunity announcement [here](#).

ONDCP announces HIDTA in Alaska

Last week Acting Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), James Carroll, announced the designation of the areas surrounding Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau, Alaska, as High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA). This is the first new regional HIDTA program since 2001. This decision enables Alaska to receive Federal resources to further the coordination and development of drug control efforts among Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers, and allow local agencies to benefit from ongoing HIDTA initiatives that are working to reduce drug trafficking across the United States. With this new designation, HIDTAs will now be located in all 50 States.

Learn more about the HIDTA program and see a map of HIDTA counties [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Upcoming webinar on Supporting Older Adults with Substance Use Disorders

Resources for Integrated Care, in collaboration with the American Geriatric Society, will be hosting a webinar on substance use disorders (SUD) in older adults. This webinar aims to help providers and health plans to better care for older adults with SUD by describing SUD screening tools, explaining how to effectively diagnose SUD, and reviewing available treatment resources. Speakers will also discuss the need for care coordination for older adults affected by SUD. The webinar will be held on Wednesday, May 16th from 12:00-1:30 pm EST.

Register for the webinar [here](#).

Upcoming AETC/ATTC webinar on Heroin, Prescription Opioids and HIV: What Clinicians Need to Know

The AIDS Education & Training Center (AETC) and the Health and Human Services (HHS) Region 6 Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC) are hosting a webinar entitled, “Heroin, Prescription Opioids and HIV: What Clinicians Need to Know.” This webinar will explore aspects of prescription opioid and heroin use, including: what they are and what they do; where they come from; an epidemiological overview; and what’s being done to address the opioid crisis. Objectives of the webinar are: differentiating between an opiate and an opioid; specifying the source and distribution routes of opioids into and throughout the U.S.; explaining the impact opioids are having on communities; determining populations at greatest risk for exposure; and reviewing the approved medications to treat opioid use disorder.

The webinar will be held on Wednesday, May 16th from 1:00-2:30 pm EST.

Register for the webinar [here](#).

Should you have any questions, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Robert Morrison, Executive Director, or Shalini Wickramatilake-Templeman, Federal Affairs Manager, at (202) 293-0090.