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D.C. Update: DEA announces 2021 National Red Ribbon Week photo contest, SAMHSA announces upcoming webinar on Tribal drug courts, and more

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Meet the Member

Jill Mays, Prevention Coordinator for State of Georgia

Mrs. Mays is the current Director of the Office of Behavioral Health Prevention and Federal Grants at the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD), where she provides oversight to 1) community based SPF substance use prevention/state opioid response; 2) suicide prevention; 3) mental health promotion; 4) cultural & linguistic competency/diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives; and 5) the administration of DBHDD's federal grants, including serving as planner for the Mental Health Block Grant. In addition, Mrs. Mays is a sought-after national consultant and trainer in the areas of behavioral health services, criminal justice and behavioral health, homeless outreach and housing services, disaster mental health/crisis counseling, cultural competency, and self-care for behavioral health professionals. Mrs. Mays is a member of SAMHSA's Advisory Committee for Women's Services (ACWS) and the Southeast Mental Health Technology Transfer Center (MHTTC) Advisory Board. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Emory University and her Master of Science degree in Community Counseling from Georgia State University.



Around the Agencies

[DEA announces 2021 National Red Ribbon Week](#)

photo contest

The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) is now accepting submissions for their 2021 National Red Ribbon Week Photo Contest. Families may submit a photo of a home decoration and schools may submit a photo of a school or virtual school decoration. Awards for home and school entries will be given for Most Creative Home or School and Best Use of Family and Community or Best Use of School and Community. There will also be awards under each category for Best Use of the Theme, Most Ambitious, and Most Educational. The entry period is from October 1st through November 1st and the voting period will last from November 2nd to November 16th. Winners will be announced December 2nd. For more information, click [here](#).



Acting Director of CSAP, Capt. Coady, publishes blog post on talking to children about substance use

Capt. Jeffrey Coady, Acting Director of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) and Region 5 Administrator recently published a [blog post](#) titled "Helping Your Children Build Resilience to Substance Use." The blog post discusses the importance of open communication as children return to school following COVID-19 related closures. Capt. Coady also notes that October is recognized as [National Youth Substance Use Prevention Month](#) and is an opportunity to reduce substance use among the Nation's youth. Finally, he provides several resources from SAMHSA including the "Talk. They Hear You." campaign and several guides on talking to children about alcohol, marijuana, and opioids.



SAMHSA announces upcoming webinar on Tribal drug courts

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) GAINS

Center announced an upcoming webinar titled "Tribal Courts are Problem-Solving Courts: The Healing to Wellness Model." The webinar will include strategies for implementing the Healing to Wellness court model to engage Native American individuals with mental health and substance use disorders who come into contact with the court system. The webinar will be held on October 21st from 12:00 pm-1:20 pm EST and registration can be found [here](#).

Research Roundup

Study examines prevalence of alcohol and substance use disorders among emergency department visits and hospitalizations

A [study](#) recently published in the *Journal of General Internal Medicine* examined the prevalence of alcohol and other substance use disorders (SUD) among emergency department visits and hospitalizations. Researchers used data from the National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey from 2014 to 2018 and found that the annual average prevalence of alcohol use disorder (AUD) and SUD was 9.4% of emergency department visits and 11.9% of hospitalizations. Both estimates increased over time with emergency department visits increasing by 30% and hospitalizations by 57%. In addition, emergency department visits and hospitalizations from individuals with AUD or SUD, compared to individuals with neither AUD or SUD, had higher percentages of Medicaid insurance, homelessness, coexisting depression, and injury/trauma.
