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NASADAD News

NASADAD Signs Letter on the Benefits of the Post-Disaster Mental Health Response Act

On May 11, NASADAD joined other groups educating Congress on the benefits of the Post-Disaster Mental Health Response Act. As noted in the [letter](#), the proposal would extend the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program (CCP) "...to be

available following Emergency Declarations.” Previously, NASADAD sent letters to the House author of the bill - Representative Pressley (D-MA) on October 14, 2021 and the Senate leaders on the bill - Senators Durbin (D-IL) and Portman (R-OH) on February 22, 2022.

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The Honorable Ron DeSantis
Chairman, Subcommittee on Labor,
Health and Human Services, and Education
House Appropriations Committee
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Labor,
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House Appropriations Committee
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Dear Chairmen DeSantis and Ranking Member Cole,

Thank you for your continued leadership on issues related to substance use disorders, including the opioid crisis, especially during the ongoing recovery pandemic. As you consider fiscal year 2023 spending priorities within the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies appropriations bill, we are writing to request the highest possible funding level for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grant to continue its funding activities and efforts at the national level. In particular, increased funding for SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant will help ensure that more Americans receive the prevention, treatment, and recovery services they need.

Substance use disorders are a significant public health problem in the United States. The latest National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) found that in 2020, 59.3 million Americans were currently using illicit drugs, and 1.7 million reported never having used one. The opioid crisis continues to be the primary driver of drug-related deaths in the U.S., with nearly 52,417 of the 98,700 overdose deaths in the past year attributed to heroin, prescription drugs, and synthetic opioids like fentanyl. Additionally, seizures and deaths are increasing from the use of counterfeit pills in the United States, totaling 480,000 and 9,000 annual deaths, respectively. Finally, rates of overdose deaths from psychostimulants, including methamphetamine, has risen in the rise. Over 10,000 Americans died from an overdose involving psychostimulants in 2020, representing a five-fold increase from 2010 to 2019. One major factor that contributes to these death rates is that only 6.5% of individuals who need care actually receive treatment at a specialty facility.

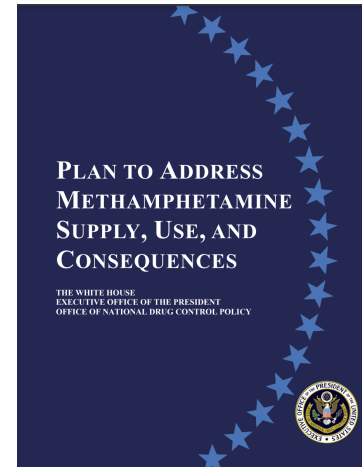
SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) improves health through evidence-based prevention approaches. The largest program within CSAP is the Strategic Prevention Framework Partnership for Success (SPF/PS) grant program. The SPF/PS grant program is needed to prevent the onset and reduce the progression of substance misuse and its related problems while strengthening prevention capacity and infrastructure at the state, tribal, and

White House Happenings

ONDCP Releases Plan to Address Methamphetamine Health and Safety Concerns

On May 7, the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) released the Administration's [Plan To Address Methamphetamine Supply, Use, And Consequences](#). This plan is designed to reduce methamphetamine use, prevent meth-involved overdoses, expand access to evidence-based treatment, and reduce the trafficking and supply of methamphetamine. The plan emphasizes an approach that prioritizes:

- Treatment services
- Harm reduction services
- Prevention in schools across the county
- Training and education
- Domestic law enforcement coordinator
- Federal oversight of pill press equipment
- International partnerships to disrupt trafficking
- International capacity for law enforcement agencies



Capitol Hill Happenings

SAPT Block Grant Mark-Up in the House Committee on Energy and Commerce



On May 11, the House Committee on Energy and Commerce met for a mark-up of six health-related bills, including the H.R. 7666, the [“Restoring Hope for Mental Health and Well-Being Act of 2022”](#) that would reauthorize Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) programs, including the Substance Abuse and Prevention Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant.

- The full hearing can be watched [here](#).
- The markup documents can be found [here](#).
- The Subcommittee Action Summary Sheet is available [here](#).

Congressional Hearing: Examining the Department of Homeland Security's Efforts to Combat the Opioid Epidemic



On Wednesday, May 18, the House Committee on Homeland Security will hold a hearing on [Examining the Department of Homeland Security's Efforts To Combat The Opioid Epidemic](#). Additional information on the hearing can be found [here](#).

Bill to Establish Fentanyl Awareness Day

On May 10, Representative David Trone (D-MD-6) introduced [H. Res. 1102](#) to recognize a National Fentanyl Awareness Day. The day would “increase individual and public awareness of the presence of fentanyl in fake or counterfeit pills and drugs such as heroin and cocaine, as well as its impact on families and young people; applauds the work of Federal, State, and local public health, law enforcement, and other agencies that work to combat the proliferation of counterfeit pills and their harms to health; and encourages the use of existing strategies and authorities to proactively stop and prevent the spread of illicit synthetic opioids.”

Around the Agencies

CDC Provisional Drug Overdose Data Updated



Vital Statistics Rapid Release Provisional Drug Overdose Death Counts

Last week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [updated](#) the provisional drug overdose death data, which show 107,622 predicted overdose deaths in the 12-month period ending in December 2021.

988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Volunteer and Job Opportunities

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has recently created a webpage that links prospective applicants to 988 crisis center hiring or volunteer pages. The Lifeline suicide & crisis network is looking to bring on new volunteers and paid employees to answer calls, chats, and texts from people in crisis. All employees and volunteers will receive training. For more information, visit SAMHSA’s new webpage [here](#). Read more about 988 [here](#).



NIAAA's Healthcare Professional's Core Resource on Alcohol

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) recently released [The Healthcare Professional's Core Resource on Alcohol](#), also known as the *Core Resource*. This new online resource will help a wide range of healthcare professionals improve care for patients whose alcohol issues may be affecting their health. This resource includes free CME/CE credit with [14 articles](#) on alcohol and health covering basic principles, clinical impacts, and patient care from screening through recovery. In addition to filling training gaps for providers who are not addiction specialists, including ways to counteract patient stigma.



DEA Recognizes First Ever National Fentanyl Awareness Day

On May 10, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) recognized [National Fentanyl Awareness Day](#). National Fentanyl Awareness Day aims to amplify nationwide efforts to increase awareness and decrease demand for fentanyl, which is a highly addictive synthetic opioid that continues to drive the overdose epidemic. In recognition of the day, DEA shared DEA-specific resources, in addition to other resources on fentanyl from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), National Institutes of Health (NIH) HEAL Initiative, and



more.

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