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NASADAD News

New Fact Sheet: The Current Landscape of Alcohol Use in the U.S.

NASADAD is pleased to share a new fact sheet on The Current Landscape of Alcohol Use in the U.S. This fact sheet dives into the current landscape of alcohol use, emergency room/motor vehicle accidents, impact of COVID-19, benefits of prevention, benefits of treatment and recovery, key federal programs related to alcohol, and the role of State alcohol and drug agencies in supporting prevention, treatment, and recovery.

NPN Conference - Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who attended the National Prevention Network Conference from August 22-25. We hope that you found the conference informative and worthwhile. We appreciate you taking the time to share your time and expertise.

New Fact Sheet Released Last Week:
Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant Reauthorization
NASADAD released a new fact sheet on the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant. The SAPT Block Grant supports States to “plan, implement, and evaluate activities that prevent and treat substance [use].” The SAPT Block Grant was last reauthorized in the 21st Century Cures Act (P.L. 114-255) in December 2016. This document provides an overview of House and Senate legislation to reauthorize the Block Grant through FY 2027.

Around the Agencies

SAMHSA CSAT Advisory Council Meeting Next Week

On August 30 from 12:00-4:00 p.m. ET, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA) will host the 87th Meeting of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) National Advisory Council (NAC) meeting. This meeting will include discussions with the advisory council members on CSAT updates (including the State Opioid Response Program), a discussion on the Office of Recovery, and a discussion on the health workforce. For more information about how to watch the meeting and the topics to be discussed, please visit the agenda here.

ONDCP and ED Webinar: Transforming Youth Together: Understanding the Connection between Substance Use, Mental Health, and Student Learning Part 1: What the Data Tells Us

The Department of Education (DE) and the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) are collaborating on the development of a three-part miniseries within the Lessons from the Field Webinar Series to help schools and educators effectively address substance use, mental health, and their impacts on learning.

The first in the three-part miniseries titled, Transforming Youth Together: Understanding the Connection between Substance Use, Mental Health, and Student Learning - Part 1: What the Data Tells Us was on Wednesday, August 24. Speakers included representatives from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The recording and slides are available here.

Future webinars from the Lessons from the Field Webinar Series can be found here.

DEA Recognizes National Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day

On August 21, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) recognized National Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day by joining the many voices dedicated to educating the public on the serious dangers of fentanyl poisoning from fake pills and other illicit drugs. DEA supports the efforts of several organizations to amplify nationwide efforts to increase awareness of the highly addictive and dangerous drugs containing fentanyl that continue driving the opioid epidemic. For more information on the dangers of fentanyl, visit DEA’s Fentanyl
**Training Time**

**The Center of Excellence for Protected Health Information (CoE-PHI) Digital Media Toolkit**

The Center of Excellence for Protected Health Information (CoE-PHI) recently released a new Digital Media Toolkit that includes ready-to-use content and graphics to promote the resources on CoE-PHI’s website. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services (SAMHSA)-funded CoE-PHI’s website contains a resource library, including a suite of elearning modules, and videos to make complex federal health privacy laws easily understandable and applicable. The Digital Media Toolkit is available [here](#).

**Research Roundup**

**Marijuana and Hallucinogen Use Among Young Adults Reached All Time-High in 2021**

A National Institutes of Health (NIH)-supported study found that marijuana and hallucinogen use in the past year reported by young adults 19 to 30 years old increased significantly in 2021 compared to five and 10 years ago. Rates of past-month nicotine vaping, which have been gradually increasing in young adults for the past four years, also continued their general upward trend in 2021, despite leveling off in 2020. Past-month marijuana vaping, which had significantly decreased in 2020, rebounded to pre-pandemic levels in 2021. Additional findings from the Monitoring for Future study can be found [here](#).