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D.C. Update: New SAMHSA, HRSA, and CDC Funding Opportunities, SAMHSA Advisory: Low Barrier Models of Care for SUD, CDC Study on Routes of Drug Use Among Drug Overdose Deaths, and More.

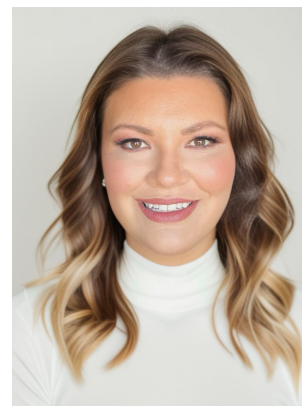
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Meet The Member

Kelly Schultz, National Prevention Network (NPN) Coordinator for Texas

Kelly Schultz is the Director of Prevention and Behavioral Health Promotion at the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. In her role, she manages the primary prevention component of the Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services (SUPTRS) Block Grant. Kelly also serves as the National Prevention Network (NPN) Coordinator for Texas and the current Southwest Region Representative alternate.



Kelly has dedicated the past 13 years of service to advancing the Texas Prevention System. Under her leadership as the Prevention Coordinator for the Texas Department of State Health Service's Tobacco Branch, Texas was awarded three consecutive national awards for the Smokefree Indoor Air Challenge hosted by Americans for Nonsmokers Rights, notably taking first place in 2017 and 2018 for the most cities to enact or strengthen smokefree indoor air laws. Kelly served as the Treasurer/Secretary for the Tobacco Control Network in 2016 and graduated from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Office on Smoking and Health's (OSH) Leadership and Sustainability School in 2018. Throughout her career, she has provided consultant work for curriculum development and graduate certificate programs, and managed the Texas statewide substance use coalition. As a family member of people in long-term recovery, she is passionate about eradicating stigma and enhancing the accessibility of substance use services throughout the continuum.

Around the Agencies

SAMHSA Funding Opportunity: Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment



The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced a new funding opportunity for the [Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment](#) program. This program is designed to help States implement the [Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment \(SBIRT\) public health model](#) for children, adolescents, and/or adults in primary care and community health settings and schools with a focus on underage drinking, opioid use, and other substance use. Ultimately, the program aims to support the expansion of clinically appropriate services for people at risk or diagnosed with substance use disorder (SUD) by promoting the adoption of SBIRT into routine healthcare for a system-level approach to reduce alcohol and other drug consumption.

SAMHSA will provide up to 10 awards of up to \$995,000 per year, per award, for up to 5 years for total program funding of \$9,950,000. Applications are due April 12, 2024.

Additional details on eligibility and how to apply can be found [here](#).

The SBIRT Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) can be found [here](#).

SAMHSA Funding Opportunity: Prevention Technology Transfer Centers Cooperative Agreements

This week, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced a new funding opportunity for the [Prevention Technology Transfer Centers Cooperative Agreements](#). The Prevention Technology Transfer Centers (PTTC) Cooperative Agreements program aims to maintain and enhance the PTTC Network to provide training and technical assistance services to the substance use prevention field. Recipients will work directly with SAMHSA and across the PTTC Network to improve the implementation and delivery of substance use prevention interventions with a focus on equity for underserved, under-reached populations.

SAMHSA will provide up to 11 awards of up to \$739,529 per award, per year for up to 5 years for total program funding of \$8,134,816. Eligible applicants include domestic public and private non-profit entities. Applications are due April 24, 2024.

The PTTC Cooperative Agreements Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) can be found [here](#).

HRSA Funding Opportunity: Licensure Portability Grant Program



The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) recently announced a new funding opportunity for the [Licensure Portability Grant Program](#). The [Licensure Portability Grant Program \(LPGP\)](#) seeks to support innovative multi-State collaborations to enable licensed health care professionals to provide physical health and mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) services through telehealth. Specifically, the LPGP's objective is to: "...provide support for state professional licensing boards to carry out programs under which licensing boards of various states cooperate to develop and implement state laws and related policies that will reduce statutory and regulatory barriers to telehealth."

HRSA will provide Competing Continuation Awards of up to \$100,000 per award, per year for a 5-year period of performance or New Awards of up to \$150,000 per award. HRSA is also including a special consideration for multi-State licensure collaboratives focused on

Additional details on eligibility and how to apply can be found [here](#).

The LPGP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) can be found under "Related Documents," [here](#).

CDC Funding Opportunity: Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently announced a new funding opportunity for the fiscal year (FY) 2024 [Drug-Free Communities \(DFC\) Support Program - NEW \(Year 1\)](#). The [DFC Support Program](#) is designed to strengthen collaboration among community coalitions working to prevent youth substance use and build safe, healthy, and drug-free communities. In statute, the DFC Support Program has two primary goals:

1. "Establish and strengthen collaboration among communities, public and private non-profit agencies, as well as federal, state, local, and tribal governments to support the efforts of community coalitions working to prevent and reduce substance abuse among youth (individuals 18 years of age and younger).
2. Reduce substance abuse among youth and, over time, reduce substance abuse among adults by addressing the factors in a community that increase the risk of substance abuse and promoting the factors that minimize the risk of substance abuse."

CDC will provide up to 100 awards of up to \$125,000 per award, per year for up to 10 years for total program funding of \$62,500,000. Applications are due April 17, 2024.

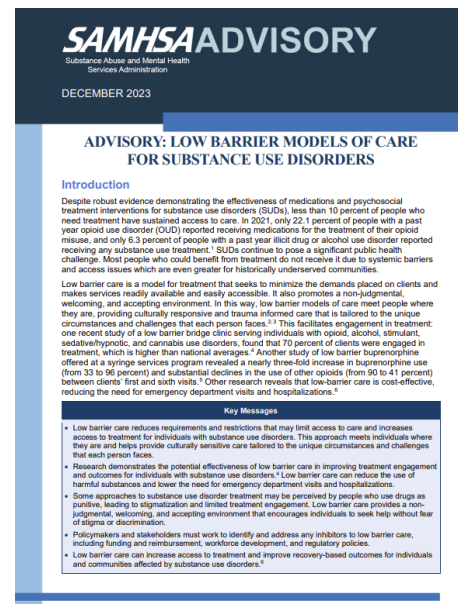
Additional details on eligibility and how to apply can be found [here](#).

The DFC Support Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) can be found under "Related Documents," [here](#).

SAMHSA Advisory: Low Barrier Models of Care for Substance Use Disorders

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) recently issued an [Advisory on Low Barrier Models of Care for Substance Use Disorders](#). The Advisory outlines the components of low barrier care and recommendations for implementation of low barrier models of care. The Advisory also describes key principles of low barrier care with the goal of providing actionable guidance to treatment providers to expand patient-centered, low barrier SUD treatment, especially for marginalized populations. A webinar on the Advisory is expected in the future.

The Advisory can be downloaded [here](#).



Research Roundup

CDC Study on Routes of Drug Use Among Drug Overdose Deaths in the United States, 2020-2022

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released a study in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) on [Routes of Drug Use Among Drug Overdose Deaths – United States, 2020-2022](#). The research found that, from January-June 2020 to July-December 2022, the leading route of use in drug overdose deaths changed from injection to smoking, with injection overdose deaths declining by 29% and smoking overdose deaths increasing by 73.7%. The study is based on data from CDC's State

Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System (SUDORS) in 27 States and Washington, D.C. Key findings include:

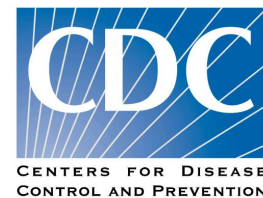
- From January 2020-December 2022, a total of 139,740 overdose deaths occurred in the 28 selected jurisdictions
 - Overdose deaths increased 20.2% from 21,046 during January-June 2020 to 25,301 during July-December 2022
- The leading route of use in drug overdose deaths changed from injection during January-June 2020 (22.7%) compared with smoking (13.3%) to smoking during July-December 2022 (23.1%) compared with injection (16.1%)
- From January-June 2020 to July-December 2022, the number of smoking overdose deaths increased 109.1% from 2,794 to 5,843
- From January-June 2020 to July-December 2022, the number of injection overdose deaths decreased 14.6% from 4,780 to 4,080

The study also reviewed other routes of drug use, such as ingestion and snorting, as well as the presence of illicitly manufactured fentanyl (IMF).

The researchers maintain that these regional trends are consistent with overall trends.

Webinars to Watch

CDC Webinar: Overdoses Involving Xylazine Mixed with Fentanyl: Clinical and Public Health Implications



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Injury Prevention and Control's (NCIPC) Division of Overdose Prevention is hosting a Clinician Outreach and Community Activities (COCA) webinar on [*Overdoses Involving Xylazine Mixed with Fentanyl: Clinical and Public Health Implications*](#). This no-cost webinar is on February 29, at 2:00 pm ET. The webinar will cover the latest guidance to clinicians regarding the [*emerging threat of xylazine mixed with fentanyl*](#), the epidemiology of overdoses involving xylazine mixed with fentanyl, and treatment strategies. Presenters will also review the status of laboratory testing, potential harm reduction activities, and examples of public health and clinical partnership to mitigate the harms associated with the use of xylazine mixed with fentanyl. Free continuing education (CE) credit is available for those who participate in the call.

Additional details on the call and speakers can be found [here](#).

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