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D.C. Update: Bipartisan Bill Introduced to Reauthorize the Second Chance Act, 2024 National Strategy for Suicide Prevention Released, New SAMHSA Report on Core Curriculum for SUD Education, and More.

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Meet The Member

Kathi Fujii, MSCP, CSAC, State Opioid Treatment Authority (SOTA) for Hawaii

Kathi Fujii, MSCP, CSAC, is the Treatment and Recovery Branch Manager for the Department of Health, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division (ADAD), which is the Single State Agency in the State of Hawaii. Kathi also serves as the State Opioid Treatment Authority (SOTA), the Women Services Network (WSN) Coordinator, and the National Treatment Network (NTN) Coordinator for Hawaii. Kathi also oversees all State contracted substance use providers, statewide; the State Opioid Response (SOR) grant, and the treatment section of the Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services (SUPTRS) Block Grant.



She has worked in several treatment programs since 1998 in various roles (intake, residential, intensive outpatient, continuing care, pregnant women and women with dependent children, and adults). Prior to joining ADAD, she was employed at The Judiciary, Adult Client Services Branch (ACSB) for 18 years in various roles: Senior Probation Officer in the high-risk drug unit, Supervisor of the high-risk drug unit, and a Program Specialist managing substance use contracts for the justice involved clients and managed several grants (Adult Drug Court and the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program). Working in the substance use field has always been her passion, but also emphasizes self-care to maintain the work-life balance.

Kathi obtained her Master Degree in Counseling Psychology at Chaminade University in 2000, Bachelors in Psychology at the University of Hawaii at Manoa in 1997, and her Certified Substance Abuse Counselor (CSAC) certification in 2003.

NASADAD News

2024 NASADAD National Prevention Network Conference Registration Now Open



The NASADAD National Prevention Network (NPN) Conference highlights the latest research in the substance use prevention field. It provides a forum for prevention professionals, coalition leaders, researchers, and federal partners to share research, best practices and promising evaluation results for the purpose of integrating research into prevention practice.

The NPN Conference will take place August 13-15 in Phoenix, Arizona, at the Arizona Grand Resort. This year's theme is: *Shining a Light on Prevention: Connecting Research, Practice, Innovation, and Equity*.

Register for the conference here: <https://nnpconference.org/registration/>.

State Spotlight

Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Launches Website for Providers to Apply for Opioid Settlement Funds

Earlier this week, the [Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities \(DBHDD\)](#) launched the [Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust website](#), which offers information on where providers can apply for grants from Georgia's \$638 million opioid settlement as part of the [\\$26 billion National Manufacturers and Distributors Settlement Agreement](#). According to the website, 25% of that \$638 million in settlement funds has already been allocated to local government, with the State -which includes cities, sheriff's offices, community service boards, hospitals and hospital authorities - set to receive the remaining 75%. The Settlement Agreement explicitly requires these funds to go to opioid prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction, including temporary residences for people following in-patient treatment of opioid use disorder (OUD). The new website outlines the various opioid settlements in Georgia, resources for applicants, including eligibility, and a portal for grant applications to be submitted.

The SSA from Georgia is Cassandra Price, who currently serves on the NASADAD Board of Directors as Immediate Past President and Chair of the Public Policy Committee.

Additional details on the National Opioids Settlement can be found [here](#).

The National Manufacturers and Distributors Settlement Agreement can be found [here](#).

Capitol Hill Happenings

Bipartisan Bill Introduced to Reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007

On April 16, a group of bipartisan legislators introduced the [Second Chance Reauthorization Act of 2024 \(H.R. 8028\)](#), a bill to reauthorize the [Second Chance Act of 2007 \(H.R. 1592\)](#), which has made investments across the U.S. to bolster reentry services for individuals after incarceration, for an additional five years. Among the reentry services provided under the *Second Chance Act* are treatments for substance use disorder (SUD), education on drug overdoses and reversal medications, and grants for family-based SUD treatment. The *Second Chance Reauthorization Act* would reauthorize

the program for fiscal year (FY) 2025 through 2029 in addition to adding SUD treatment, including peer recovery services, case management, overdose education, and reversal medications, as well as reentry housing services, to the program's allowable uses.

The bill was introduced by Representative Miller (R-WV-1) and Representative Danny Davis (D-IL-7) and is cosponsored by representatives Darin LaHood (R-IL-16), Bobby Scott (D-VA-3), Kelly Armstrong (R-ND-At Large), Jerry Nadler (D-NY-12), Bruce Westerman (R-AR-4), Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX-18), Barry Moore (R-AL-2), and Mike Turner (R-OH-10).

NASADAD is supportive of the *Second Chance Reauthorization Act of 2024 (H.R. 8028)*.

Representative Miller's press release announcing the bill can be found [here](#).

The *Second Chance Reauthorization Act of 2024* bill text can be found [here](#).

Around the Agencies

Biden-Harris Administration Releases National Strategy for Suicide Prevention and First-Ever Accompanying Federal Action Plan

The Biden-Harris Administration, through the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), released the [2024 National Strategy for Suicide Prevention](#) along with a first-ever accompanying [Federal Action Plan](#). Both resources were developed through an Interagency Work Group (IWG) comprised of over 20 federal agencies led by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in partnership with the [National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention \(Action Alliance\)](#). The 2024 National Strategy is a 10-year, comprehensive, whole-of-society approach to suicide prevention that outlines recommendations for addressing gaps in suicide prevention and meeting the needs of at-risk populations. The National Strategy relies on partnerships across the public and private sectors and input from those with lived experience and is designed to prevent suicide risk in the first place, support people with increased risk through treatment and crisis intervention, promote long-term recovery, and support survivors of suicide loss. The 2024 National Strategy is guided by four strategic directions:

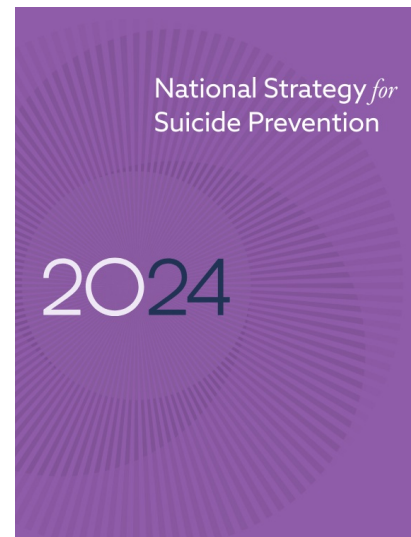
1. Strategic Direction 1: Community-Based Suicide Prevention
2. Strategic Direction 2: Treatment and Crisis Services
3. Strategic Direction 3: Surveillance, Quality Improvement, and Research
4. Strategic Direction 4: Health Equity in Suicide Prevention

The first-ever Federal Action Plan is designed to facilitate implementation of the 2024 National Strategy and to monitor progress. The Action Plan identifies 200 discrete actions to be initiated and evaluated over the next three years across the federal government in support of the goals of the National Strategy.

The National Strategy and Federal Action Plan will include a pillar prioritizing equity for the first time as an essential requirement to meet the specific needs of populations that are disproportionately impacted by suicide.

SAMHSA's press release announcing the 2024 National Strategy and Federal Action Plan can be found [here](#).

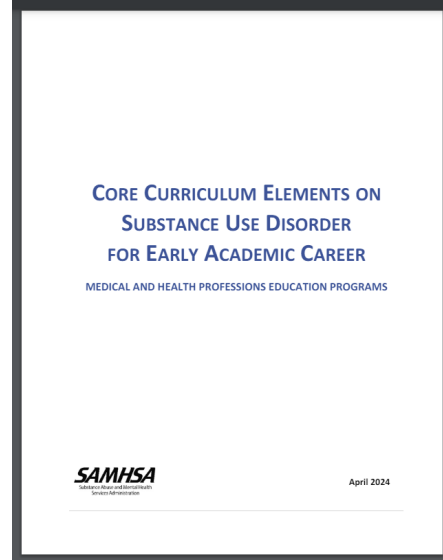
New SAMHSA Report: Core Curriculum Elements on Substance Use Disorder for Early Academic Career, Medical and Health Professions Education Programs



The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) released a new report on [Core Curriculum Elements on Substance Use Disorder for Early Academic Career, Medical and Health Professions Education Programs](#). The report builds on work SAMHSA has done in response to the [Medication Access and Training Expansion \(MATE\) Act's training requirements](#) for substance use disorder (SUD) providers prescribing Schedule II-V medications. The report includes recommendations from experts in health care education regarding core curriculum content for the integration of SUD treatment for early career graduate health care education programs and is designed to ensure students have the training to identify, assess, and treat SUD, as well as support recovery. The report is applicable to medical, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, nurse, social work, public health, and counseling academic programs. Specifically, the report aims to provide:

- “Training early in their students’ academic careers about SUD and how to address stigma about this disease.
- Education that SUD is a chronic, treatable disease, just like diabetes and heart disease.
- Training needed to increase access to SUD screening, assessments and services for the approximately more than 48 million Americans who have SUDs.”

SAMHSA’s press release announcing the report can be found [here](#).



DOJ OJJDP Funding Opportunity: Mentoring for Youth Affected by Opioid and Other Substance Misuse

The Department of Justice’s (DOJ) Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) recently announced a new funding opportunity for [Mentoring for Youth Affected by Opioid and Other Substance Misuse](#). This program seeks to support and expand mentoring services for children and youth impacted by opioids and other substance use to reduce juvenile delinquency, substance misuse, and problem and high-risk behaviors. The program will provide grants to support local, regional, or statewide efforts to implement mentoring services for youth who are misusing or dependent on substances, primarily opioids, youth at risk for misusing substances, and youth with family members who are misusing or dependent on substances. The mentoring services can be one-on-one, group, peer, or a combination. Rural communities and federally recognized tribes are priority populations. OJJDP will offer awards for two categories:

- Project Sites
 - Expected number of awards: up to 9
 - Dollar amount for award: up to \$650,000 per award, per year
 - Project duration: up to 36 months
- Statewide and Regional:
 - Expected number of awards: up to 5
 - Dollar amount for award: up to \$2,000,000 per award, per year
 - Project duration: up to 36 months

Additional details on eligibility and how to apply can be found in the solicitation for the Mentoring for Youth Affected by Opioid and Other Substance Misuse program, [here](#).

OJJDP is hosting a [solicitation webinar](#) on the program on April 29, at 2:00 pm ET. [Registration](#) is required.

CDC Foundation Publishes Updated National and State E-Cigarette Sales Data Briefs



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Foundation recently published its most recent National and State E-Cigarette

Sales Data Briefs with updated e-cigarette sales data for January 2018 through December 2023. These briefs provide an update on trends in unit sales of e-cigarettes in the U.S. by product type and flavor, including a list of the top 10 selling brands and their combined market share. For the first time, these briefs include data on sales of “clear” flavor e-cigarettes in light of the implementation of statewide flavor bans. The respective data briefs can be accessed below:

[Monitoring U.S. E-Cigarette Sales: National Trends](#)

[Monitoring U.S. E-Cigarette Sales: State Trends](#)

These briefs do not yet include online sales or vape store sales.

Additional information on the CDC Foundation’s Monitoring E-Cigarette Use Among Youth can be found [here](#).

Research Roundup

RTI International Study Finds Continuing Pervasive Disparities in Access to In-Network Mental Health and SUD Treatment

A [study](#) published by health economists from RTI International reported “pervasive” disparities in access to in-network mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) treatment in the U.S. due to a “lack of affordable treatment.” The study used claims and enrollment data from more than 22 million people across all 50 States from 2019 through 2021. The study found that, on average, in-network office visit reimbursement was 22% higher for medical/surgical clinicians than mental health and SUD clinicians. Specifically, the study reported that, on average, physician assistants were reimbursed for office visits 19% higher than psychiatrists and 23% higher than psychologists. Further, the study revealed that the use of out-of-network mental health and SUD treatment in the U.S. was higher than medical care, with a larger financial burden for patients. In particular, the study reported that patients went out-of-network 3.5 times more often for a mental health or SUD clinician than a medical/surgical clinician; 8.9 times more often for a psychiatrist; 10.6 times more often for a psychologist; 6.2 times more often for acute inpatient care; and 19.9 times more often for sub-acute inpatient care.

RTI concluded that the high out-of-network use for mental health and SUD treatment is not due to a shortage in providers.

The researchers call on employers and purchasers to demand more of their insurance to ensure equitable access to mental health and SUD care under parity requirements.

Webinars to Watch

SAMHSA’s NCSACW Webinar: Peer Support: Path to Hope and Family Recovery



National Center on
Substance Abuse
and Child Welfare

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s (SAMHSA) National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare (NCSACW) is hosting a webinar on [Peer Support: Path to Hope and Family Recovery](#). This no-cost webinar is on May 2, at 1:00 pm ET. The webinar will feature peer support specialists who will outline the components of peer support programs, how to implement one in your community, and the role of peer support specialists in providing a pathway to recovery for individuals and families affected by substance use and involved in child welfare services. Specifically, the webinar will explore the [Four-Module Toolkit for Peer and Recovery Support Programs for Families Affected by Substance Use and Involved with Child Welfare Services](#). Learning objectives include:

1. Understand the benefits of peer support specialist programs to engage families in substance use and other services.
2. Identify considerations to design a peer support specialist program.

3. Identify strategies to hire and retain peer support specialists.

Registration is required.

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