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Meet The Member

Kelley Caravona, National Prevention Network (NPN) Coordinator for New Hampshire

Kelley (Gaspa) Caravona is a certified prevention specialist, certified harm reduction specialist, and certified school counselor who serves as Prevention Services Administrator at the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services (BDAS) within the Division for Behavioral Health for the New Hampshire Department for Health and Human Services. Ms. Caravona also currently serves as the National Prevention Network (NPN) Coordinator for New Hampshire.



Prior to joining BDAS, Kelley served as the Student Support and Crisis Counselor at Gilford High School, where she also served as the district's behavioral health coordinator. Ms. Caranova also previously served in the Winnepesaukee Regional Public Health Network (RPHN) as the Assistant Director and the Director of Substance Use Disorder Systems Integration at the Partnership for Public Health.

Kelley is a skilled suicide prevention instructor, knowledgeable in Question, Persuade, and Refer (QPR), National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) New Hampshire Connect, and American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) programs. She was honored in 2017 as the Certified Prevention Specialist of the Year from the Prevention Certification Board of New Hampshire for her work in substance use prevention. Then, in 2019, Kelley was awarded the Community Integration Award from NAMI New Hampshire.

Ms. Caranova earned her graduate degree from Southern New Hampshire University.

When she is not working, Kelley enjoys gardening and spending time with her family on Lake Winnepesaukee, as well as loves all things outdoors.

NASADAD News

Last Call: 2024 NASADAD National Prevention Network Conference Registration



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*.

Last call: registration closes July 26, 2024!

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

Around the Agencies



Call for Presentations for SAMHSA's Prevention Day 2025

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) opened calls for presentations at [SAMHSA's Prevention Day 2025](#) taking place on February 3, 2025, at Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland. The theme for SAMHSA's Prevention Day 2025 is: "Telling the Prevention Story." To celebrate Prevention Day 2025, SAMHSA is seeking presentations for the conference that will share successes, challenges, and lessons learned from personal experience with substance use prevention strategy, policy, program, or research. Interested applicants must submit an abstract that addresses one of the following aims and tracks:

- Event Aims
 - Preventing initiation of substance use
 - Preventing progression of substance use
 - Preventing harms associated with substance use
- Event Tracks
 - Youth-led Prevention
 - Prevention Science, Public Health Research, and Evaluation
 - Innovative Prevention Strategies
 - Prevention Efforts in Public Health Policy
 - Prevention Across the Lifespan and Continuum of Care
 - Prevention Workforce

The deadline to submit an abstract for consideration is September 4, 2024. Abstracts can be submitted [here](#).

SAMHSA's 7 Generations AI/AN Behavioral Health Center of Excellence Training and Technical Assistance Survey

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)-funded [7 Generations American Indian and Alaska Native \(AI/AN\) Behavioral Health Center of Excellence \(CoE\)](#) recently released the [7 Generations AI/AN Behavioral Health CoE Training and Technical Assistance Survey](#). The survey is designed to assist the Center in developing culturally appropriate training curricula and technical assistance for mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) providers and paraprofessionals serving AI/AN communities. The short survey takes approximately 10 minutes to complete.

Responses are due by July 31.

PCSS-MAUD Microlearning Mini Video Series: FDA-Approved Medications for AUD



The [Providers Clinical Support System - Medications for Alcohol Use Disorder \(PCSS-MAUD\)](#) announced the release of a microlearning mini video series on [Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\)-Approved Medications for Alcohol Use Disorder](#). This three-part video series

is designed for health providers to learn about FDA-approved MAUD, including Acamprosate, Disulfiram, and Naltrexone, with each episode lasting less than 8 minutes. Each episode provides a comprehensive overview of the medications and evidence-based tips for integrating these medications into clinical practices to improve care for individuals with AUD.

Additional PCSS-MAUD resources and technical assistance can be found [here](#).

Research Roundup

NIDA Study Examines Reasons Behind Physician's Reluctance to Intervene to Treat SUD



National Institute
on Drug Abuse

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) recently published a new study in JAMA Network Open on [Physician Reluctance to Intervene in Addiction: A Systematic Review](#) that examined the reasons physicians give for not addressing substance use disorder (SUD) in their clinical practice. The systematic review of 238 articles from 1960 to 2021 found that the most commonly reported reason for physicians not intervening to treat SUD was a lack of institutional support. Key findings from the study include:

- The most commonly cited reasons for physicians not intervening in SUD were: institutional environment (81.2% of articles), lack of skill (73.9%), cognitive capacity (73.5%), and knowledge (71.9%).
- Lesser cited reasons were negative social influences - or beliefs about public and community acceptance of addiction care (~66%) and fear of harming the patient-physician relationship (~56%).
- Reimbursement concerns were also noted.

Further, the study revealed associations between these reasons and physician specialty, intervention type, and drug.

The authors note that the findings identify a need for institutional and societal changes to improve access to evidence-based treatment for physicians to treat people with SUD.

NIDAs press release on the study can be found [here](#).

Webinars to Watch

PCSS-MOUD & ORN Webinar: Addressing Disparities: Equitable Prescribing of Medications for Opioid Use Disorder in Black Populations



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The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA)-funded [Providers Clinical Support System - Medications for Opioid Use Disorder \(PCSS-MOUD\)](#) and the [Opioid Response Network \(ORN\)](#), in collaboration with the [African American Behavioral Health Center of Excellence \(AABH CoE\)](#), are hosting a webinar on [Addressing Disparities: Equitable Prescribing of Medications for Opioid Use Disorder in Black Populations](#). This no-cost webinar is on July 31, at 1:00 pm ET. Part of PCSS-MOUD and ORN's Learning Community Series, this webinar will explore differences in prescribing practices for medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) for black patients compared to other patients, as well as strategies for health professionals to address these disparities to more equitably prescribe MOUD across populations.

Registration is required.

PCSS-MAUD Webinar: Case-Based Discussion on MAUD Basics for Social Workers and Counselors

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA)-funded [Providers Clinical Support System - Medications for Alcohol Use Disorder \(PCSS-MAUD\)](#), in collaboration with the [Addiction Technology Transfer Center \(ATTC\) - University of Missouri - Kansas City](#), is hosting a webinar on [PCSS-MAUD Case-Based Discussion on MAUD Basics for Social Workers and Counselors](#). This no-cost webinar is on August 12, at 12:00 pm ET. This case-based discussion webinar is intended to develop the foundational knowledge and skills of social workers and counselors to better educate and support clients taking MAUD. Learning objectives include:

1. "What is MAUD and what we should know
2. Understanding medications used to treat Alcohol Use Disorder and the history that brought us here
3. Basic principles of Harm Reduction
4. Lived experience(s) as a harm reduction strategy
5. Implementing peer support services
6. Clinical supervision of peer supporters"

The webinar is eligible for up to 1 Continuing Education (CE) credit.

Registration is required.

We're Hiring!

The National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD) is hiring for a Public Policy Intern within the Public Policy Department. See the job listing and link to apply below:

Public Policy Internship

NASADAD is accepting applications for a paid internship position within the Public Policy Department. Interns work directly to support the Executive Director and Public Policy Staff on legislative, regulatory, and other matters related to substance use disorders (SUD). This position offers an excellent opportunity to gain first-hand exposure working with Congress, government agencies, and other stakeholders on issues around addiction.

More information on the position, including qualifications and how to apply, can be found [here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Daniel Diana, Legislative Coordinator, at ddiana@nasadad.org.

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