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# CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE ON ADDICTION

## ADDICTION ROUND UP

The Addiction Round Up is a monthly newsletter providing current information and research related to alcohol and other drugs.



WE CAN HELP

### Center for Excellence on Addiction

The Center for Excellence on Addiction is available to assist with a variety of needs related to alcohol and other drugs. If you or your organization are interested in receiving expert consultation, technical assistance, and/or training, please complete this [request form](#).

### Updates from The Partnership

Check out our [latest blog](#) by Julie Yerkes, Director of the SAP Network, capturing the seven key lessons from the cannabis workshop Keeping Up with Cannabis: How to Support Youth in 2026. Ms. Yerkes reminds us that fact-based information about cannabis is the foundation of effective communication with youth.



ADDICTION  
UPDATES

### New Standards for Adolescent Substance Use Disorder Care Announced

The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) has released a [new volume](#) focused on adolescents and transition-aged youth. This framework reflects new research and best practices for preventing and treating substance use disorders in youth.

### Call for Conference Poster and Breakout Session Submissions

The New England Rural Health Association is currently accepting [poster](#) and [breakout session](#) submissions for their annual conference, taking place November 17-18 in Concord, New Hampshire. The conference theme will be Weaving Transformation into the Rural Fabric, with an emphasis on partnerships strengthening rural health across New England. Submissions are limited and reviewed on a rolling basis.

### ASAM Criteria Correctional Settings and Reentry Volume Case Sketch Interest Survey

The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) is [seeking volunteers](#) to help develop substance use disorder treatment case studies for their upcoming publication, The ASAM

Criteria, Fourth Edition, Correctional Settings and Reentry. ASAM will provide a case template and general guidelines on information to include.

### 2026 Addiction Medicine Research Priorities

The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) is requesting [input](#) on which areas of addiction clinical practice are in need of further research support. ASAM will be sharing this feedback with various federal agencies. They are also planning a listening session, “Bridging the Gap between Science and Clinical Practice” at the 57th Annual ASAM Conference.

### Opioid Abatement Community Grants Program – Multiyear Project Grants

Granite United Way and the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation are partnering to ensure New Hampshire’s opioid settlement funds are invested thoughtfully, transparently, and for the greatest possible community impact. This program is for one or two years of project grant support for up to \$75,000 per year. Read the [press release](#) and learn more [here](#).

### New ASAP Alliance Launches to Strengthen New Hampshire’s Substance Use Disorder Professionals and Organizations

The [Addiction Supports and Advocacy Professional \(ASAP\) Alliance](#) will serve organizations dedicated to advancing the interests of addiction service providers through advocacy, awareness building, representation, and technical assistance across an array of issues and needs. Learn more about its founding [here](#).



PROJECT  
SPOTLIGHT

### Prevention Certification Board

The mission of the Prevention Certification Board of NH is to prevent the misuse of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs by providing a professional prevention credential, Certified Prevention Specialist (CPS), which ensures that individuals working in communities to reduce risk and promote health have current and comprehensive knowledge, skills, and attitudes to carry out successful prevention approaches. If you’re interested in learning more about becoming a CPS, visit the [PCBNH website](#).

Upcoming Prevention Certification Board Events and Opportunities:

- Submit a [nomination](#) for the 2026 CPS of the Year! The CPS of the Year award is presented each year to a NH CPS who has demonstrated excellence and whose service has made a significant impact in the field of prevention. The deadline for nominations is **Friday, April 17th**.
- Full-day in-person [Prevention Ethics training](#) on **Thursday, May 21st**. This is a key training for the CPS certification. It reviews the six principles of the Prevention Code of Ethics and prepares attendees to address ethical dilemmas in their prevention practice.
- The Board’s [Annual Meeting](#) is **June 11th** at the Tom Fox Chapel in Concord, NH.
- Monthly virtual [office hours](#) the **first Friday of every month from 11:30am - 12:30pm**. Learn more about becoming a CPS, how to take the exam, what the requirements are and how to get started.



YOUR RESOURCE  
CONNECTION

**Disaster Behavioral Health Family Peer Support Guide**

This new [guide](#) from SAMHSA aims to help peer support providers apply disaster-specific behavioral health support strategies and connect families to relevant resources.

### **Expanding Behavioral Health Teams in Care Deserts With Community Health Workers and Peer Support Specialists**

This new [advisory](#) from SAMHSA highlights community-driven approaches to improve access to behavioral health services. The advisory also provides an overview of current unmet community needs, the role of community health workers, and the role of peer support specialists in behavioral health settings.

### **Engaging Service Members, Veterans, and Families: A Toolkit for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics**

This [toolkit](#) from SAMHSA is designed to help Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics understand and address the unique needs of service members, veterans, and families. The kit highlights common military experiences, clinical considerations, and key partnerships.

### **Recovery Housing: Funding Sources and Financial Sustainability – Insights from NARR-Certified Recovery Residences**

This [report](#) from SAMHSA discusses funding mechanisms for sustain recovery housing programs. A webinar and accompanying slides are also available.



**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR**



#### **HIV Update for Substance Use Professionals**

This [in-person training](#) will provide an overview of HIV and other STDs for substance use professionals. The session will cover risk factors, modes of transmission, signs and symptoms, disease prevention, and co-occurring conditions.



#### **Governor's Commission on Addiction, Treatment, and Prevention 2026 Meetings**

The Governor's Commission meets regularly on the second Friday of even-numbered months. Meetings are open to the public. The next meeting is on April 10th at the New Hampshire Department of Justice Press Room. Please see the [full 2026 meeting schedule](#) for future meeting dates.



#### **Understanding Hepatitis C for Human Service Professionals**

The New England Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC) is hosting this [virtual training](#) to discuss effective interventions and treatment for Hepatitis C (HCV). This is an interactive training and will also provide information on key disease trends and affected populations.



#### **Adolescent and Transition-Aged Youth in The ASAM Criteria, Fourth Edition: Volume 2**

This [training](#) will focus on the recently released guides for treating and preventing youth substance use, ASAM Criteria, Fourth Edition, Volume 2: Adolescents and Transition Aged Youth. The session will identify best practices for prevention, early intervention, and treatment approaches.



#### **Understanding and Responding to the Impact of Substance Use and Mental Health Challenges on LGBTQ+ Youth**

This [virtual training](#) will address the mental health and substance misuse related risks among LGBTQIA+ youth. Participants will learn how to address negative stigma, collaborate with parents, reduce service barriers, and identify available resources.



## Trapped in Cyberspace: Understanding Internet Addiction

The New England Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC) and the Rhode Island Council on Problem Gambling are offering a [virtual training](#) on the signs and symptoms of internet addiction. Participants will also examine technology guidelines and the social effects of internet addiction.

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