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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

Join us, and our host Julie Yerkes, at an upcoming Partnership Convening! These virtual solution focused learning opportunities are designed to expand your knowledge on state-specific topics and strengthen your connection with the NH prevention

community. Why attend? Whether you are new to prevention or a seasoned professional, you'll connect with people and find resources to foster flourishing within your family, workplace, school or community. Register for the events [HERE](#).



March 2026 Partnership Convening: Beyond the Lecture – Building Trust to Guide Youth Conversations About Cannabis

This workshop will equip you with the latest neuroscience and proven communication strategies to effectively address youth cannabis use. Join Dr. Amy Turncliff, Neuroscientist and Public Health Advocate, as she shares the newest research on THC's impact on the developing brain. Following her presentation, practitioners from Granite Recovery Centers will provide hands-on techniques to shift the conversation from confrontation to that of curiosity to engage youth about their behavior. **Certified Prevention Specialists earn CEUs!** Register [HERE](#) for this training on March 6th from 10:00 - 11:00am.



ADDICTION
UPDATES

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](#).

Call for NERHA Board Members

The [New England Rural Health Association](#) is currently accepting nominations for three open board states for individuals representing New Hampshire, Connecticut, or Massachusetts. Nominees should be passionate about advancing rural health across New England and be willing to commit to a two-year board commitment. Individuals interested should complete the [nomination form](#) or reach out to admin@newenglandrha.org with any questions.



**PROJECT
SPOTLIGHT**

The Partnership @drugfreeNH

At The Partnership @drugfreeNH, our mission is to expand the capacity of parents, caregivers, and prevention and public health professionals to deliver high-impact prevention messaging. We believe prevention is more than just a strategy - it's a smart, proven investment that yields lifelong returns for our communities.

As a collaboration between the NH Charitable Foundation and the NH Center for Excellence on Addiction/JSI, we work to ensure that research-driven, audience-informed strategies are accessible at the local level.

The Partnership @drugfreeNH creates messages and materials to reduce barriers to substance use and mental health, support approaches that prioritize youth outcomes over exclusionary discipline, encourage fact-based conversations on how substances affect young people, and promote pathways for youth to repair harm and stay connected to their community. We also elevate the stories and experiences of people across New Hampshire working to prevent substance use in our youth. These stories make a difference. We support our dedicated partners across New Hampshire who create the conditions for youth to thrive because prevention happens in the spaces where youth live, learn, and play.

Let's Stay Connected:

Explore: Visit drugfreenh.org for our latest toolkits, videos, and factsheets.

Learn: [Register](#) for an upcoming training or event.

Join: [Sign-up](#) for our newsletter to stay informed on the issues that shape NH.



**YOUR RESOURCE
CONNECTION**

Fourth Temporary Extension of COVID-19 Telemedicine Flexibilities for Prescription of Controlled Medications

A [ruling](#) from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration has extended telemedicine policies to ensure continued access to remote prescription care. Medications for maintenance and withdrawal management treatment of opioid use disorder are covered through the extension.

988 & 911: Strengthening Crisis Response While Managing Risk and Liability

This new [resource](#) from SAMHSA discusses strategies for using behavioral health crisis response systems to help community safety and care access.

For those with addiction, going into and coming out of prison can be a minefield.

This [article](#) from NPR describes the role of community clinics in Rhode Island and Alaska in connecting justice-involved individuals with medications for opioid use disorder, who may not receive care in carceral settings. The article also highlights the risk factors and challenges of interrupted care.

One doctor's experience shows the battle for the future of addiction medicine

This [article](#) from NPR highlights the work of Dr. Elyse Stevens, a doctor in New Orleans who specializes in treating patients with substance use disorder and co-occurring health challenges. The article discusses harm reduction and flexible care techniques to help engage patients who are experiencing homelessness.



MARK YOUR
CALENDAR



CRAFT in Practice: Introduction to the Leading Evidence-Based Family Approach for SUD Intervention

This [virtual training](#) will introduce participants to the Community Reinforcement and Family Training (CRAFT) program. Attendees will learn about positive reinforcement approaches and identify resources to support them in implementing CRAFT approaches to their practice.



Understanding Medications in the Treatment of Substance Use Disorders and Co-Occurring Disorders

In this [virtual training](#) session, participants will learn about the various classes of medication used in substance-use recovery, identify common side-effects, and describe how to integrate medication management into comprehensive treatment models.



Political Drivers of Health ECHO: Policies to Advance the Health & Economic Prosperity of NH Communities

This [ECHO](#) will examine NH legislation and executive action on key current issues and consider together how we can best advocate to assure that NH policies advance the health of Granite Staters. This ECHO program launches on February 12th and will meet every other Thursday from 8:00-9:00am EST.



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 February 13th at the NH State House, Executive Council Chambers Room 208. Please see the [full 2026 meeting schedule](#) for future meeting dates.



Opioid Addiction, the Impacts of Overdoses, and Treatment and Prevention Strategies

In this [virtual training](#), participants will learn about the history of the opioid crisis in the United States, including its impact on families and communities. The training will also cover evidence-based treatments for opioid use disorder and overdose prevention strategies.



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

This [virtual training](#) will share quantitative and qualitative data on mental health and substance misuse related risks among LGBTQIA+ youth. Participants will learn about available resources, the role of peers and parents/guardians, and strategies to reduce risk.

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