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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

Missed the convening on Unregulated Intoxicants: Kratom, Inhalants, and Other “Convenience Store” Substances? The recording, speakers’ slides, and factsheets are now available at [The Partnership @drugfreeNH](#). Discover how NH partners are working together to increase awareness and limit access to these emerging drugs.



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.

Save the Date: NH Treatment Court Conference

The NH Treatment Court Conference brings together treatment court coordinators, case managers, community support organizations, probation and parole staff, judges, attorneys, behavioral health providers, social workers, and law enforcement for two days of education on how to better support persons throughout NH involved with treatment courts. [Save the date](#) for this two-day (September 16th -17th), in-person event that will include educational sessions with continuing education credit, networking opportunities, and exhibits. Registration opens in early summer.



PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

New Hampshire Medicaid to Schools Resource Center

Over the past five years, the [NH Medicaid to Schools \(MTS\) Resource Center](#) has supported statewide activities amid momentous [national-level program evolution](#). The team developed state-level resources, conducted assessments, shared relevant updates, and supported the creation of networks to help connect schools in their mission to better recover the costs of school-based health services. Currently, the NH MTS Resource Center participates in or supports relevant training, technical assistance, and coalition-building activities. The Center's 800+ distribution list is attributed to regular facilitation of the NH MTS Collaborative, a space for anyone interacting directly or indirectly with the [program](#); regular newsletter distribution; responsive email inbox; and an open invitation to connect 1:1 with the resource center or to be connected to partners.

The NH MTS Resource Center (2021 - 2026), funded generously by The [NH Charitable Foundation](#), is scheduled to close in 2026. The team greatly appreciates the opportunity to work on this important and valuable program, and we have learned an incredible amount in trying to understand the unique challenges to navigating this complex program.

Over the next year, the NH MTS Program will continue to evolve to comply with Federal requirements set by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). As the NH MTS Resource Center closes out, we want to ensure partners across the state are aware of the available resources and can remain connected. To learn more, or if you have questions, check out the [NH MTS Resource Center Website](#) (while it remains active) or connect with the NH State Medicaid to School Program Manager, [Heather Clogston](#).



YOUR RESOURCE CONNECTION

Best Practices for Hospital-Based Initiation of Medications for Opioid Use Disorder

This recent [paper](#) surveyed 48 experts in addiction medicine to determine best practices for hospital-initiated MOUD and treatment approaches for opioid withdrawal.

Orphines: New Opioids Stronger Than Fentanyl — What Parents Should Know

This [resource](#) from the Partnership to End Addiction provides information on Orphines, a group of synthetic opioids. Orphines have been associated with a growing number of fatal overdoses in North America in the past two years.

Advisory: Addressing Cannabis Use Disorder in Primary Care Settings—A Lifespan Approach

This new [resource](#) from SAMHSA provides guidance to medical providers on addressing cannabis use disorder (CUD) across a patient's lifespan, including during pregnancy. The Advisory also includes information on screening, patient education, and treatment referrals, if indicated.

Revised Regulations for Opioid Treatment Programs: Establishing a Baseline to Measure Progress Over Time

This [report](#) from SAMHSA provides an overview of opioid treatment programs (OTP), discusses how OTPs are implementing revised 42 CFR guidelines, and provides recommendations to improve uptake of regulations. Updates to the 42 CFR regulations expand access to MOUD, increase flexibility of patient-centered care, and promote care retention.

Advisory: Promoting Integrated Physical and Behavioral Health Care for Older Adults

This [advisory](#) from SAMHSA includes information on the importance of integrated care, common behavioral health screening tools for older adults, and strategies to address barriers in behavioral health integration. The advisory also includes recommendations for engaging policy makers, healthcare payers, and community partners to support integrated care models.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Someone on the Line: SafeSpot and the Value of Staying Connected

This [virtual training](#) will provide an overview of the SafeSpot program, an overdose monitoring hotline. The training will explain how SafeSpot helps reduce stigma and provide examples of low-pressure referral strategies to use in clinical practice.



2026 Prevention Certification Board of NH Annual Meeting

Join the Prevention Certification Board at their [annual meeting](#) to connect with the NH prevention community and to celebrate the 2026 CPS of the Year winner! Refreshments will be provided.



Governor's Commission on Addiction, Treatment, and Prevention

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 June 12, 2026 at NH State House, Executive Council Chambers in Room 208. Please see the full [2026 meeting schedule](#) for future meeting dates.



Advanced Motivational Interviewing

In this virtual, [two-day training](#) (June 16th & 17th) participants will build confidence in their MI skills through practice conversations. Participants will also learn about integrating Brief Action Planning into their coaching.



Basic Motivational Interviewing

This [virtual training](#) will introduce participants to the core concepts of MI. Participants will begin building their skills through practice with peers and constructive feedback from the presenters.



OTP 101 For Community Partners: Collaboration and Connecting Systems of Care

The Massachusetts OTP TTA Center is hosting a [webinar](#) on Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs), presented by Dr. Ruth A. Potee, a Massachusetts-based addiction medicine physician who speaks nationally on

addiction, substance use, and the development of the teenage brain. This session will include dedicated time for Q&A.

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