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ADDICTION ROUND UP

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



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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](#).



ADDICTION
UPDATES

What you need to know about unregulated intoxicants

The NH Department of Health and Human Services is highlighting the serious risks associated with unregulated intoxicating products sold in local smoke/vape shops, gas stations, and convenience stores. Despite being packaged to appeal to youth with bright colors and flavors, none of these substances are FDA-approved.

Check out the [factsheet](#), “What you need to know about Unregulated Intoxicants,” to learn more about kratom, nitrous oxide (Whippets), amyl nitrite (Poppers), mushroom products and hemp-derived THC products, and Blue Lotus.

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

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

The mission of the [NH Governor's Commission on Addiction, Treatment, & Prevention](#) is to significantly reduce alcohol and other drug problems and their behavioral, health, and social consequences for the citizens of New Hampshire by advising the Governor and Legislature regarding the delivery of effective and coordinated substance misuse prevention, treatment, and recovery services throughout the state.

Take a look at the recently published [FY26 Funding Crosswalk](#) to review the investment areas of the Commission, and keep an eye out for the published FY25 Annual Report on the Center for Excellence's [Governor's Commission website](#) - coming soon!



YOUR RESOURCE CONNECTION

Integrating Substance Use Disorder Prevention with Physical Health Care: Progress in States

This [report](#) and accompanying [webinar](#) explores how states are working to integrate SUD prevention into physical health care settings, particularly for adolescents.

Drug injection fades as smoking grows more common, marking sea change in U.S. fentanyl epidemic

This [article](#) highlights a shift in drug use patterns toward using glass pipes rather than injection drugs. Harm reduction advocates noted that previous syringe use exposed individuals to higher risks of infection, vein damage, and overdose. Advocates are seeing an increase in pipe distribution campaigns and need for increased public education.

What You Need to Know About the New \$50 Billion Rural Health Fund

This [article](#) provides an overview of the federal Rural Health Transformation Program including the program's history and next steps for states. KFF also provides [more detailed information](#) on the range of award amounts.

Demand grows for doulas who can help moms with addiction

This [article](#) highlights the work of specialized doulas who support pregnant and postpartum people with substance use disorders. Stigma around substance use disorders and mental health conditions have been a barrier for many individuals seeking support during pregnancy.

Advisory: Evidence-Based Care for Clients with Co-Occurring Substance Use Disorders and Eating Disorders

This new [advisory](#) from SAMHSA provides tools for healthcare providers helping individuals with co-occurring substance use and eating disorders. The advisory includes brief descriptions of

various eating disorders, relevant screening tools, clinical warning signs, treatment best practices and referral information.

Medicaid Primer: An Overview of Medicaid and Behavioral Health

This [report](#) by SAMHSA is aimed at new behavioral health staff looking to better understand Medicaid and its role in accessing behavioral health care. The resource discusses covered Medicaid services, state plans, financing, and building collaborative partnerships with state Medicaid agencies.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR



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

This [workshop](#) will equip participants 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.



Understanding the Ethics of Bias and Resolving Cultural Differences

In this [virtual training](#), participants will learn about the importance of cultural awareness, examining personal bias, and exploring cultural identity in therapeutic environments. The primary goal is to support providers in creating more inclusive treatment experiences for diverse populations.



Mental Health First Aid

This is an [in-person workshop](#), however attendees are expected to complete a 2-hour self-paced online course beforehand. This workshop is designed to teach the public how to identify warning signs for mental health crisis, draft action plans to connect individuals with professional help, and describe the impact of stigma in their communities.



2026 NNEPQIN Winter Conference

The Northern New England Perinatal Quality Improvement Network ([NNEPQIN Winter Conference](#)) will focus on understanding the federal and state rural health landscape, increasing access to doula care, anesthesia care, stabilization of newborns for transport, and cystic fibrosis innovation. This is a virtual conference.



Families & Addiction

In this [in-person training session](#), participants will learn about the effects of addiction on families, especially on children. The training will also cover strategies and resources for building family resilience and coping skills.



Adolescent Substance Use: Rapid Identification, Acute Management, and Emerging Trends

This [virtual training](#) will focus on adolescent substance use including developmental risk factors, early warning signs, and key screening tools. The training will also cover emerging trends, referral pathways, and recovery supports across care settings.

6th Annual 2026 RICH Conference

The SOS Recovery community organization is hosting their 6th Annual Recovery, Inclusion, Community, Harm Reduction (RICH) [conference](#) in

Manchester, NH. Attendee, sponsorship, and exhibitor registration is open now.



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