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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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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 Presentations

The New Hampshire Behavioral Health Summit is currently accepting [presentation applications](#) for their annual conference, taking place December 7-8 in Manchester, NH. Workshop presentations should be related to the conference goals, supporting integrated substance use, mental health, and primary care services while enhancing the well-being of New Hampshire citizens. The conference is particularly interested in presentations addressing policy-related challenges. The deadline for submissions is May 11th, 2026.

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.



PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

New Hampshire Treatment Drug Court Program Recidivism Study

JSI conducted an [evaluation](#) of New Hampshire's Statewide Drug Court Program (DCP) Drug Treatment Courts (DTC) in 2025 which demonstrates that a multidisciplinary, person-centered approach that is responsive to individual needs significantly outperforms traditional justice system tracks in reducing recidivism and supporting successful reintegration into the community. JSI analyzed 1- and 3-year recidivism rates of DTC participants who completed a program between the years of 2018-2020 from a purposive sample of three DTCs. Using an "intent-to-treat" design to account for all enrolled participants regardless of completion status, the study found that 82% of individuals enrolled in a DTC did not have a subsequent conviction during or after their program involvement. This high rate of successful community reintegration is underscored by a dramatic reduction in short-term and long-term recidivism. Specifically, enrolled participants were nearly three times less likely to be convicted of a new crime within one year of successful completion and remained nearly two times less likely to recidivate at the three-year mark compared to those who were referred but never enrolled in DTC. The study concluded that New Hampshire's Drug Treatment Court programs are highly effective at breaking the revolving door of the justice system.



YOUR RESOURCE CONNECTION

Beyond the Due Date: Being a supportive partner through substance use recovery, pregnancy, and postpartum

The time from the middle of pregnancy up to your baby's first birthday is a very important period. During this time, a pregnant person may face challenges with drugs and alcohol. It can be hard to know the best way to help and support your partner or coparent. The information in [this document](#) is here to help and guide partners of pregnant people.

6 innovative ways state and local governments can deploy opioid settlement funds

This [article](#) describes a set of guiding principles from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health for prioritizing evidence-informed investments of opioid settlement funds. The article discusses opportunities for engaging emergency medical teams, investing in re-entry supports, and increasing access to harm-reduction programming.

Advisory: Peer Recovery Supports for Behavioral Health in Rural Communities

This [advisory](#) from SAMHSA highlights opportunities for engaging peer support specialists in rural communities. The guide includes information on barriers within rural communities, hosting recovery listening sessions, and case studies highlighting prior successes.

Community-Initiated Care in Behavioral Health: Exploring Funding Mechanisms for Substance Use Disorders

This [report](#) from SAMHSA provides guidance for communities looking to start or expand community-initiated care (CITC) programs. The report describes the importance of coalition anchors, environmental scans and surveys, and provides an overview of funding sources.

Refocus and Renew: Moving Towards Health Technical Assistance Papers

This [resource](#) from SAMHSA is the start of a series of papers calling on state leaders to renew their commitment to expanding treatment and recovery services for serious mental illnesses. The first few papers focus on maternal mental health, serious emotional disturbances in youth, and eating disorders.



MARK YOUR
CALENDAR



A Primer on the Revised ASAM Criteria for Pregnant and Parenting Adolescents with Substance Use Disorders

This [virtual training](#) will focus on ASAM Criteria 4th Edition updates empowering pregnant and parenting adolescents. The session will discuss developmentally appropriate approaches, system-level implications, and practical implementation strategies for improving behavioral health outcomes.



A Practical Overview of Treating Cannabis Use in the Perinatal Period

This [virtual training](#) provides an evidence-based framework for addressing cannabis use in perinatal populations. The framework includes the management of co-occurring mental health conditions. Participants will also discuss practical interventions through applied case studies.



Older Adults and Casino Gambling: Behaviors, Motivations, and Risk

This [virtual training](#) will discuss gambling motivations and key factors that may increase older adult's risk for Gambling Disorder. The session will also cover prevention tools to reduce gambling-related harms.



OTP 101 Training

This [virtual training](#) opportunity bridges basic awareness of Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) services with opportunities to partner, from navigating chain-of-custody delivery to understanding the new flexibility in methadone treatment admissions. All staff (clinical, administrative, and support) who work with patients who receive methadone for OUD are welcome to attend.



Partnership Convening: Unregulated Intoxicants in NH: What to Know about Kratom, Inhalants, and other "Convenience Store" Substances

Join the Partnership for Drug Free NH at the next [virtual convening](#) where we explore a new and growing category of dangerous substances available for purchase in gas stations and convenience stores across the state. An expert panel will share how they identified the use of substances easily available at gas stations and convenience stores and leveraged data to quickly craft educational materials and policy to respond. We will take a deeper dive into the factors driving the interest of these products, the health impacts of their use and the proposed policy initiatives to regulate them.



ASAM 4th Edition Symposium

This [in-person training](#) will share updates from the ASAM Criteria Third Edition, identify potential impacts on patient care, discuss changes in insurance processes, and provide an overview on the ASAM levels of care. The training will also offer various networking opportunities during mealtimes and breaks.



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.

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