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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

We're excited to announce new ways for our prevention partners to get ahead with their planning and expand their knowledge: a new series of [Prevention Toolkits](#) and our upcoming [Solution-Focused Convenings](#)! [Sign up](#) for our notifications today.



Get Ahead Prevention and Early Intervention Toolkits

The Partnership is developing a series of Get Ahead Prevention and Early Intervention Toolkits on critical topics to help you plan and prepare your activities. These toolkits are designed for school staff (counselors, Student Assistance Program coordinators, teachers, administrators) and community partners who support youth.

Now Available: School Mental Health

Check out the [Mental Health toolkit](#). It's packed with ready-to-use materials, including:

- Content for newsletters, caregiver communications, and staff brief
- Fact sheets
- Bulletin board materials and graphics
- State, local, and national resources
- Environmental strategies for your school or community group



ADDICTION
UPDATES

CALLING ALL BIRTH HOSPITALS!

[The Perinatal Substance Exposure Collaborative](#) needs your help!

- If you work at a New Hampshire birth hospital please consider participating in a one-hour individual or group interview to share experiences with implementing policies and practices for pregnant and parenting people with substance use disorder and ways in which these practices may impact access to care.
- Please fill out this [form](#) to participate in this study. If you have questions or would like more information, please email Cora Kakalec at cora.kakalec@jsi.org.
- Thank you to all of the birth hospitals who have already participated in this study so far!
- For those not working at a birth hospital, please feel free to share this study opportunity with your colleagues who are working in birth hospitals. Thank you for your consideration!

UVM Center on Rural Addiction Opioid and Substance Use Treatment Training Scholarship Program

The Rural Center of Excellence on Substance Use Disorder Treatment at the University of Vermont Center on Rural Addiction (UVM CORA) is accepting applications for their Opioid and Substance Use Treatment Training Scholarship Program. The program aims to support providers in New Hampshire who treat patients with Opioid Use Disorder. Program participants will develop skills through small group instruction and education on MOUD treatment challenges, supporting patients with complex needs and OUD or other SUDs, motivational interviewing, and other non-pharmacological strategies for supporting patients with OUD. Anyone interested in the program, which will be held from April 9th - 10th, 2026 in Burlington, Vermont, can learn more on their [website](#) or contact CORA directly (cora@uvm.edu).



**PROJECT
SPOTLIGHT**

Treating Addiction in Jails and Prisons ECHO

The goal of the Treating Addiction in Jails and Prisons ECHO project is to increase organization and staff capacity, knowledge and skills through evidence-informed practices and case-based learning for professionals working in carceral settings. ECHO participants discuss systemic and individual knowledge and challenges related to the delivery of substance use, mental health, and infectious disease care for individuals experiencing incarceration.



The project is currently starting its second year and is actively recruiting new organizations to participate. In this team-based opportunity, participating jail or prison engage in nine one-hour monthly sessions, commencing in January 2026. Jails and prisons interested in this opportunity are encouraged to complete the [interest form](#).

The project is funded by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) through the [Technology-enabled Collaborative Learning Program \(TCLP\)](#) grant.



**YOUR RESOURCE
CONNECTION**

The Importance of Family-Based Interventions in Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery

This [blog post](#) from PTTC and related resources discuss the importance of family-based substance use interventions when promoting long-term recovery strategies.

Dr. Kristen Gilliland: A Mother's Journey from Neuroscience to Advocacy

In this [podcast episode](#) from the Partnership to End Addiction, neuroscientist Dr. Kristen Gilliland shares information on the effects of marijuana on adolescent brains and potential impacts of legalization.

Overdose in America: analysis reveals deaths rising in some regions even as US sees national decline

This [article](#) from the Guardian discusses recent trends on drug overdose deaths across the US. The article also features an interactive map that shows county and state-level statistics from 2020 through December 2024.

In the Well: The Stories We Tell About Addiction, 2025

This [multipart artwork](#), created by Caledonia Curry, also known as Swoon, aims to question prevailing narratives about addiction. Swoon's work is featured throughout Boston including at the Boston Public Library's Central Branch as part of the 2025 Boston Public Art Triennial.

Using Culture to Promote Youth Mental Health and Well-being: Lessons from Community Providers

This [report](#) from the [Center for the Study of Social Policy](#) describes findings from 14 interviews with community-based youth mental health providers. The report highlights the importance of engaging young people of color and key community members when developing youth-focused mental health care.



MARK YOUR
CALENDAR



Unlock Sustainable Funding: Leveraging Individual Donor Development for Substance Misuse Prevention

In this [virtual webinar](#), participants will learn about the donor lifecycle, strategies for identifying potential donors, and practice drafting compelling organization “asks” with support from trainer templates.



November 2025 Partnership Convening: Uncovering the Connection – The Link Between Mental Health and Substance Use in Adolescence

Join The Partnership and their host Julie Yerkes, for a virtual solution focused [learning opportunity](#) designed to expand your knowledge on state-specific topics and strengthen your connection with the NH prevention community. 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. Stay tuned for additional Partnership Convenings in January and March 2026.



Dealing with Loss from Overdose and Suicide: Ethical and Soul-Care Implications

During this [in-person training](#), participants will discuss the impact of the death of a client/participant from suicide or overdose on friends, family, community members, and their treatment team. The training will also discuss steps that organizations can take to support staff after the loss of a client.



Talking to Adolescents about Substance Use Disorder: Scripts, Tips, and Evidence-Based Considerations to Addressing and Detering Substance Use Disorder

In this [virtual training](#), participants will discuss common communication challenges when discussing substance use with adolescents. Participants will learn how to integrate best practices and approaches into their current work.



Trauma-Related and Substance Use in Underserved Communities: Co-Occurring Disorders

At this [in-person training](#), participants will learn about the interconnected relationship between trauma and substance use among underserved and high-risk populations. The content will also discuss the impact of stigma on recovery and how to apply trauma-specific strategies.



Group Counseling with Adolescents: An Interactive Skills-Based Workshop for School and Community Professionals

This [virtual workshop](#) is aimed at school and community-based professionals who are interested in building their group counseling skills. Participants will learn basic information about group counseling including group composition and will identify strategies for engaging adolescent groups.

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