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Welcome & Opening Remarks

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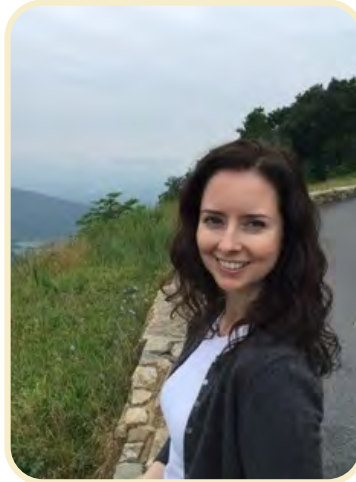
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PRESENTER BIO

Shannon Kelly, MA



Shannon Kelly currently is an Assistant Director with the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and the National High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Director. Ms. Kelly has been with the HIDTA Program since 2012 and, from 2015 through 2018, served as its Deputy Director. Prior to joining the National HIDTA Program, Ms. Kelly spent two years on assignment to the Office of the ONDCP Director where she oversaw the Delivery Unit, a team charged with implementing the National Drug Control Strategy and monitoring the progress on more than 140 action items. Ms. Kelly previously worked as a policy analyst in ONDCP's Office of Research and Data Analysis where she oversaw numerous research projects and led interagency initiatives focused on emerging drug-related threats.

Ms. Kelly has more than 21 years' counterdrug experience and worked previously for the U.S. Department of Justice, National Drug Intelligence Center as a liaison to the Drug Enforcement Administration and ONDCP. She earned a BA from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown and an MA degree from the University of South Carolina.

PRESENTER BIO

Jayme Delano, MSW



Jayme A. Delano, Deputy Director for the HIDTA program at the Office of National Drug Control Policy, has experience spanning years working in public health and public safety. She is characterized in multiple areas to include oversight of Federal grant programs; subject matter expert supporting interagency task forces and work groups; leader of daily operations of alternative to incarceration programs for substance use disorder population; hiring manager and supervisor of management teams that worked with organizations to affect the culture and climate necessary for programmatic success; developer and overseer of research activities; provision of technical assistance and training to criminal justice agencies; therapist in community-based clinics; and private practitioner treating people with varied mental health diagnoses.

Ms. Delano is an adjunct professor at Ottawa University and Rio Salado Community College. She holds an MSW from New York University, and a BA in Criminal Justice from Long Island University, C.W. Post Campus.

PRESENTER BIO

Thomas H. Carr, MA



Director Carr has served as the Executive Director of the Washington/Baltimore HIDTA since its formation in 1994. He also serves as the Executive Director of the Center for Drug Policy and Prevention at the University of Baltimore. Director Carr designed and implemented over 150 drug task forces, 18 drug treatment/criminal justice, and five drug prevention initiatives during the last 26 years.

As chairperson of the HIDTA Program's Performance Management effectiveness of drug law enforcement, treatment, prevention and criminal intelligence initiatives, Director Carr worked with ONDCP and nine other HIDTAs to develop an Opioid Response Strategy.

He also led the development of the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP), a real-time overdose surveillance system used to identify spikes in fatal and non-fatal drug overdoses.

PRESENTER BIO

Lora Peppard, PhD, DNP, PMHNP-BC



Dr. Lora Peppard is the Deputy Director for Treatment and Prevention for the Washington/ Baltimore HIDTA and the Director of ADAPT, a national training and technical assistance division supporting the integration of evidence-based substance use prevention strategies into communities. She also serves as Executive Director for the new Center for Advancing Prevention Excellence at the University of Baltimore and President of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association. Prior to her appointment with HIDTA, she was an Associate Professor at George Mason University and Project Director for several federally funded substance use and behavioral health prevention grants.

Dr. Peppard has over 20 years of clinical experience as a psychiatric nurse practitioner in emergency, inpatient and outpatient settings. She has developed innovative, system-wide programs to address the unmet substance use and behavioral health needs across a variety of populations. Dr. Peppard serves as a community, state, national, and international consultant on substance use and behavioral health prevention. She has authored several peer-reviewed publications on her work.

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ADAPT's Mission

To advance knowledge, skills, and quality outcomes in the field of substance use prevention while supporting successful integration of strategies informed by the best available evidence into HIDTA communities.

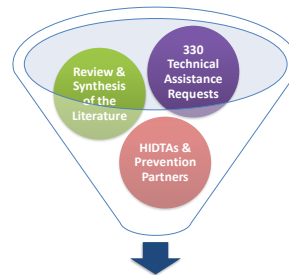
Primary Goal: Provide essential training and technical assistance (TTA) services in the identification, implementation and evaluation of substance use prevention strategies.



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What can you expect from today's Summit?

Purpose: To address complex prevention issues of today with a focus on integration of activities addressing current and emerging substances into a comprehensive strategy.



Summit Theme, Tools, & Future Support



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1. **Main message:** Any prevention interventions addressing current or new substances should be 1) grounded in a comprehensive prevention strategy and 2) thoughtfully developed and evaluated using the best available evidence to prevent unintended harm.
2. **Transparency**
3. **Tools**
 - Developing a Comprehensive Community-Based Prevention Strategy
 - Sharing Substance-Related Information with Youth 12-18: Integrating the Best Available Evidence to Prevent Unintended Harm



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Housekeeping

- General Zoom operations
- Navigating your screen
- Logging on to each session
- Resource Supplements
- Evaluations
- CEs & Certificates



ADAPT: A Division for Advancing Prevention & Treatment

Mission

The mission of ADAPT is to advance knowledge, skills, and quality outcomes in the field of substance use prevention while supporting successful integration of strategies informed by the best available evidence into communities.

Goals

1. Advance substance use prevention strategies through essential training and technical assistance services and resources.
2. Promote public health and public safety partnerships in substance use prevention.

HIDTA Prevention

ADAPT supports the National High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Program by operationalizing the National HIDTA Prevention Strategy. ADAPT assists HIDTAs with implementing and evaluating substance use prevention strategies within their unique communities. ADAPT also keeps HIDTA communities up to date with advances in prevention science. A variety of trainings, technical webinars, and other resources to cultivate, nurture, and support hospitable systems for implementation are offered throughout the year.

Technical Assistance

Technical assistance is available to all HIDTA communities in the following domains:

1. Identification of the Best Available Evidence in Substance Use Prevention
2. Training
3. Implementation
4. Evaluation
5. Finance/Budgeting
6. Sustainability
7. Early Response
8. Prevention Communication
9. Systems Development
 - Infrastructure
 - Assessment

Learn More

Visit us at <https://www.hidta.org/adapt/> to learn about our technical assistance services, event and training announcements, resources, and more!

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Substance Use Prevention Fundamentals

- Designed to help you understand the field of substance use prevention.
- Defines key prevention concepts and connects HIDTA's mission with the goals of substance use prevention.
- Introduces critical targets for prevention, explores the ways prevention exists in multiple contexts, and shares what works (and what doesn't) in substance use prevention.



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National Drug Priorities

Rahul Gupta, MD, MPH, MBA

Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy

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Rahul Gupta, MD, MPH, MBA



Rahul Gupta, MD, MPH, MBA, FACP, is the first medical doctor to serve as the Director of National Drug Control Policy and lead the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), a component of the Executive Office of the President. ONDCP coordinates the nation's \$40 billion drug budget and federal policies, including prevention, harm reduction, treatment, recovery support, and supply reduction.

Through his work as a physician, a state and local leader, an educator, and a senior leader of a national nonprofit organization, Dr. Gupta has dedicated his career to improving public health and public safety.

A board-certified internist, Dr. Gupta has been a practicing primary care physician for more than 25 years, and has served in private practice and public health in towns as small as 1,900 residents and cities as large as 25 million. He has served as a local public health official and as the West Virginia Health Commissioner under two governors, where he brought together public health, law enforcement, healthcare, faith-based, business, and other community partners to solve local problems in novel and innovative ways. As the state's Chief Health Officer, he led the opioid crisis response and launched a number of pioneering public health initiatives, including the Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Birthscore program to identify high-risk infants, and the groundbreaking statewide Social Autopsy, which examined the lives of overdose victims to determine the factors that led to their deaths and what services could have prevented their deaths. This led the state to expand access to naloxone as well as treatment services including those for incarcerated individuals in order to save lives and help people transition back into society. He supported the expansion of harm reduction programs to more than a dozen sites across the state. He was also instrumental in expanding state-of-the-art, comprehensive and integrative medical and behavioral health programs for pregnant and postpartum women.

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Rahul Gupta, MD, MPH, MBA (Cont.)

His lifelong commitment to educating the next generation of physicians and policymakers has led him to hold academic appointments throughout his career including as a clinical professor in the Department of Medicine at Georgetown University School of Medicine and as visiting faculty at the Harvard University T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Additionally, his passion for global health led him to join the March of Dimes as Chief Medical and Health Officer and Senior Vice President, where he provided strategic oversight for the organization's domestic and global medical and public health efforts.

Dr. Gupta is a national and global thought leader and a driver of innovative public policies who practices what he preaches. He is a buprenorphine-waivered practitioner, providing medication-assisted treatment for people with opioid use disorder. He has been recognized for his career of public service by the American Medical Association, the American Public Health Association, and by *Governing Magazine*, which named him their Public Health Official of the Year in 2018. Additionally, the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Charleston Gazette-Mail* named him as one of its West Virginians of the Year in 2017 for his service to the state.

The son of an Indian diplomat, Rahul was born in India and grew up in the suburbs of Washington, D.C. At age 21, he completed medical school at the University of Delhi followed by subspecialty training in pulmonary medicine. He earned a master's degree in public health from the University of Alabama-Birmingham and a global master's of business administration degree from the London School of Business and Finance. He is married to Dr. Seema Gupta, a physician in the Veterans Administration for over a decade. They are the proud parents of identical twin sons, Arka and Drew.

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Morning Keynote Prevention in the U.S. – Our Moment Is Now

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CAPT, US Public Health Services
Director, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

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Christopher M. Jones, PharmD, DrPH, MPH



Christopher M. Jones, PharmD, DrPH, MPH (CAPT U.S. Public Health Service), serves as Director of the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. In this role, he provides scientific leadership and overall management of the Center, overseeing a broad portfolio of substance use, harm reduction, and overdose prevention activities. Prior to this role, CAPT Jones served as the Director of the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control at the CDC. During his career, CAPT Jones has served in leadership positions at SAMHSA, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. CAPT Jones maintains an active research portfolio and has authored more than 100 peer-reviewed publications on substance use and overdose, mental health, adverse childhood experiences, and suicide, among other injury and violence topics.

Prevention in the U.S. - Our Moment is Now

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Learning Objectives

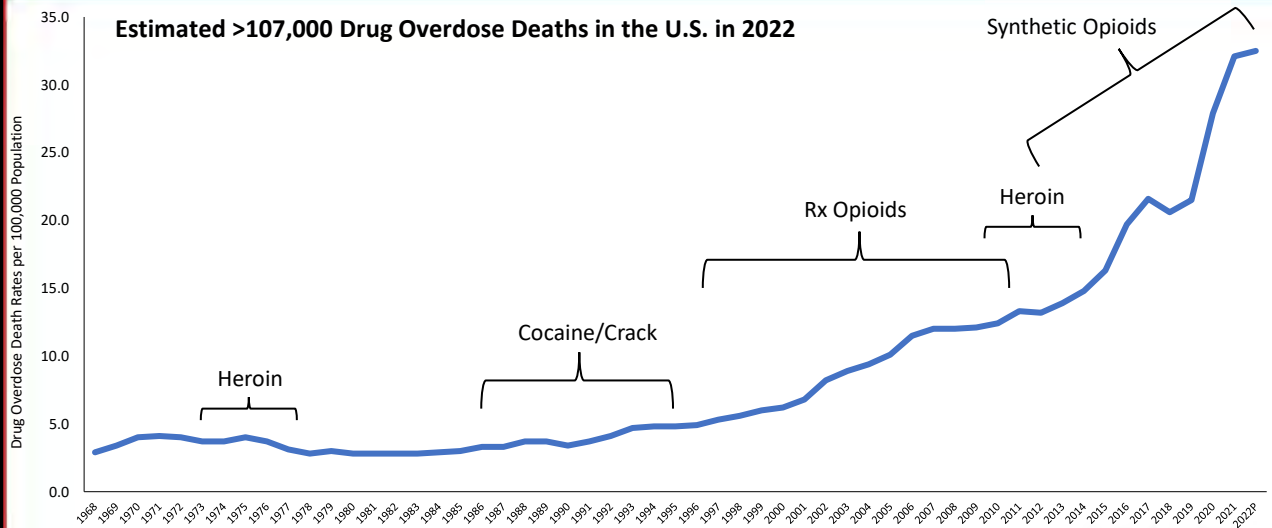
- Characterize the current landscape of substance use in the nation.
- Describe the importance of prevention in the context of today's drug threats and its role within the continuum of care.
- Examine how established and emerging prevention strategies can be utilized to address the ever-changing drug landscape.
- Present a rationale for a comprehensive prevention strategy.
- Explain the need for evaluation when sharing drug information with youth and adapting evidence-based practices to fit local contexts.

Current Overdose Trends



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Historically High Levels of Overdose Deaths in the U.S.

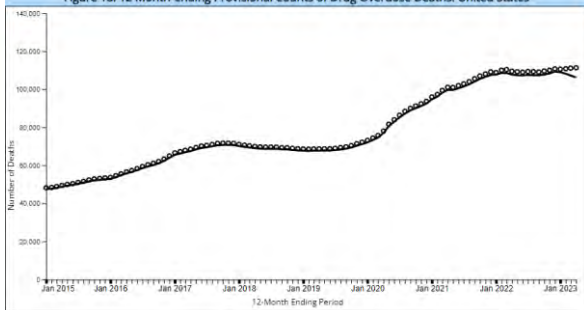


4 Source: CDC NCHS, NVSS/WONDER, 2023. 2022 data are provisional as of 9/25/23

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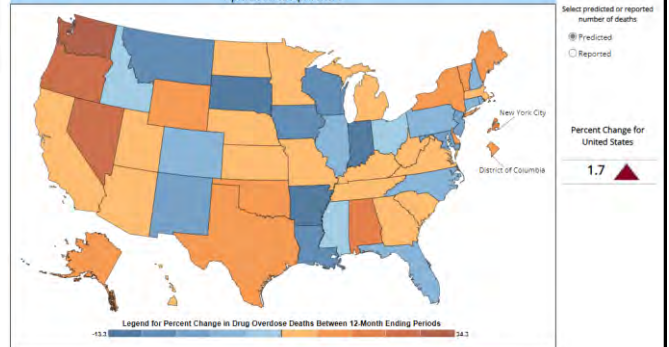
Provisional Predicted Mortality Data Through April 2023

Figure 1a. 12 Month-ending Provisional Counts of Drug Overdose Deaths: United States



Select jurisdiction
 United States
 ○ Predicted Value
 ■ Reported Value

Figure 1b. Percent Change in Predicted 12 Month-ending Count of Drug Overdose Deaths, by Jurisdiction: April 2022 to April 2023



[Products - Vital Statistics Rapid Release - Provisional Drug Overdose Data \(cdc.gov\)](#)

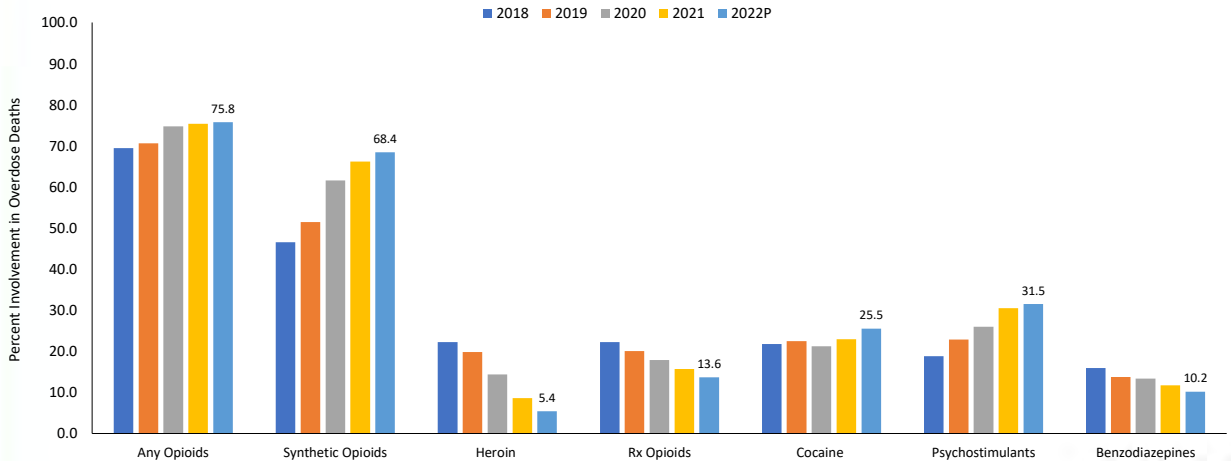
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Source: CDC WONDER National Vital Statistics System and NCHS Provisional Data, 2023.

Substances Involved in Overdose Deaths, Percentages

Estimated >107,000 Drug Overdose Deaths in the U.S. in 2022

Percent of Overdose Deaths Involving Specific Drug/Drug Class



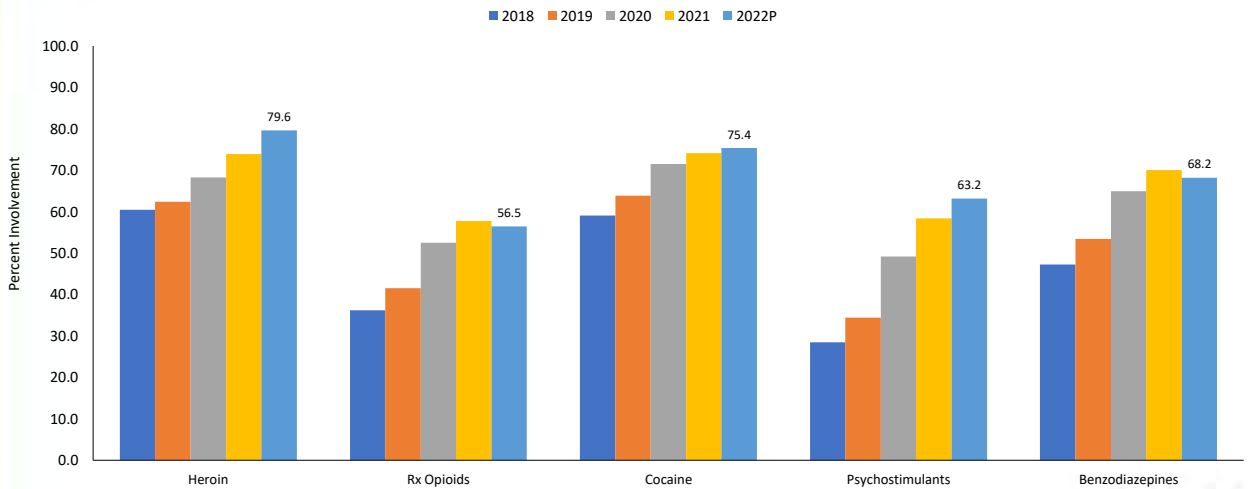
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Synthetic Opioid Involvement in Overdose Deaths

Percent of Overdose Deaths by Specific Drug or Drug Category Also Involving Synthetic Opioids

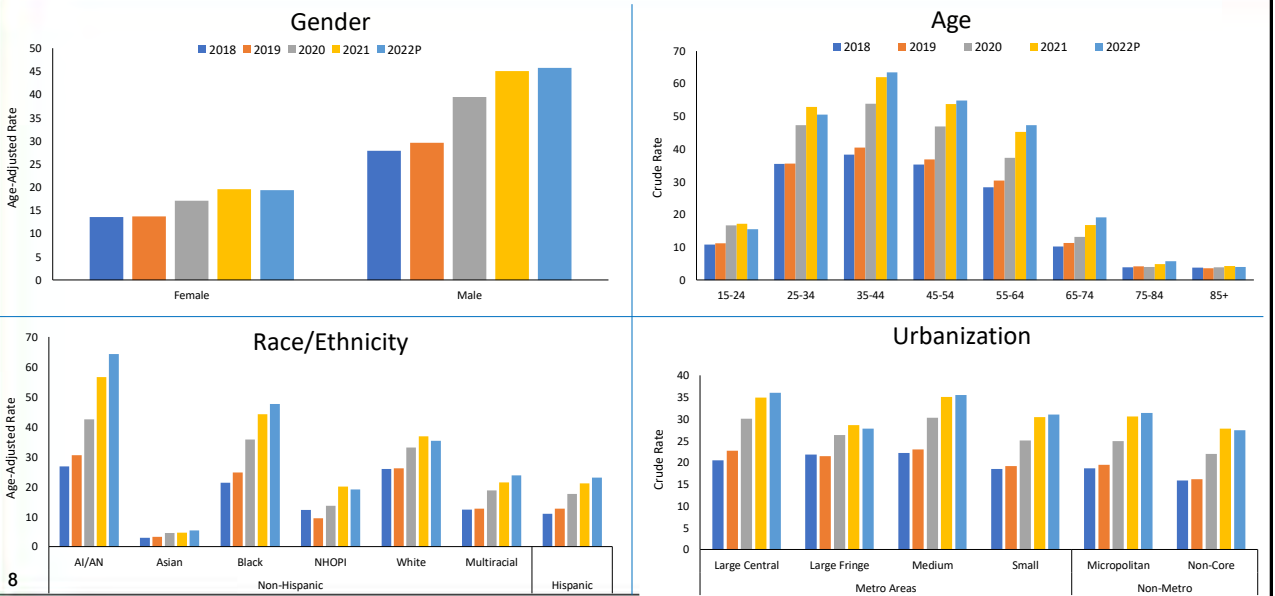


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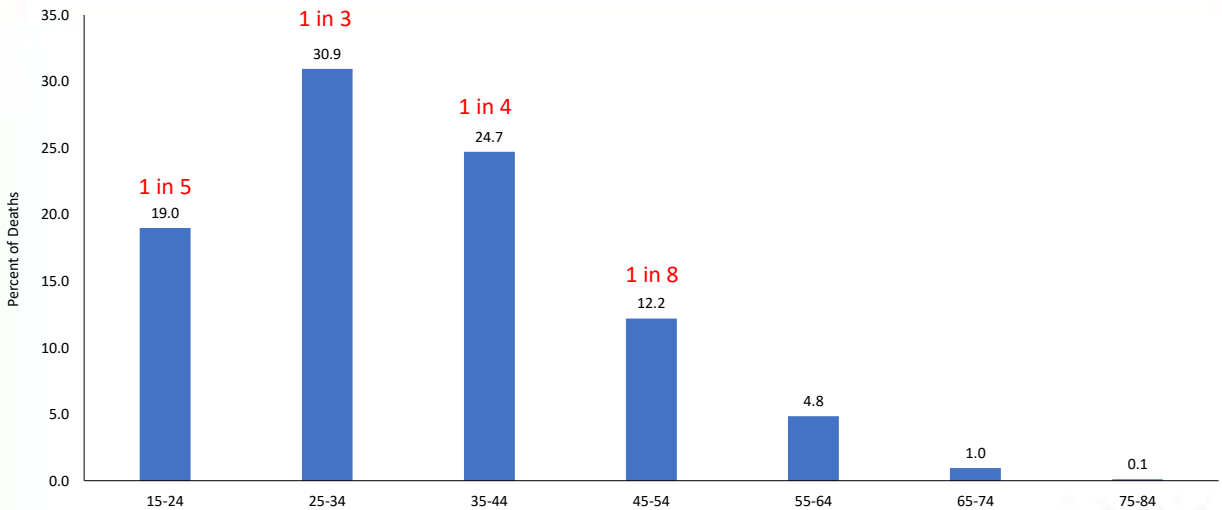
Drug Overdose Death Trends by Select Demographics, 2018-2022P

Source: CDC NCHS, NVSS/WONDER, 2023. 2022 data are provisional as of 9/25/23



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Percent of All Deaths by Age Group Due to Drug Overdose, 2022P



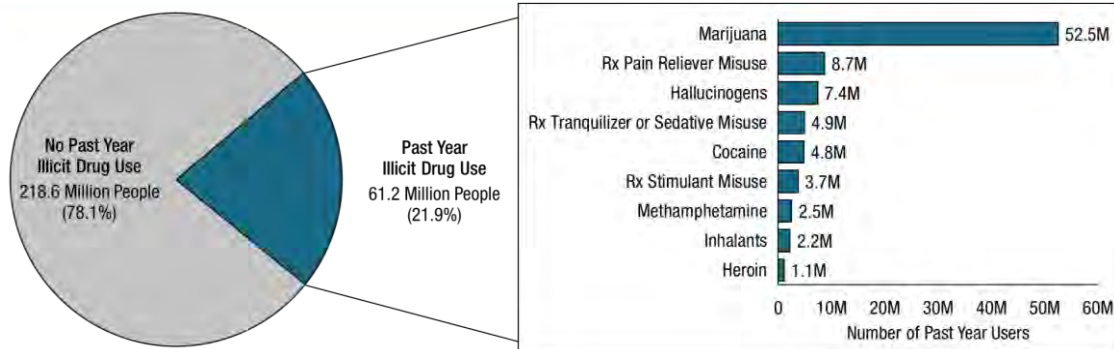
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Current Substance Use Trends



Past Year Illicit Drug Use: Among People Aged 12 or Older; 2021



- 61.6M Past-month tobacco or nicotine vaping
- 133.0M Past-month alcohol use
- 60.0M Past-month binge alcohol use
- 16.3M Past-month heavy alcohol use

Rx = prescription.

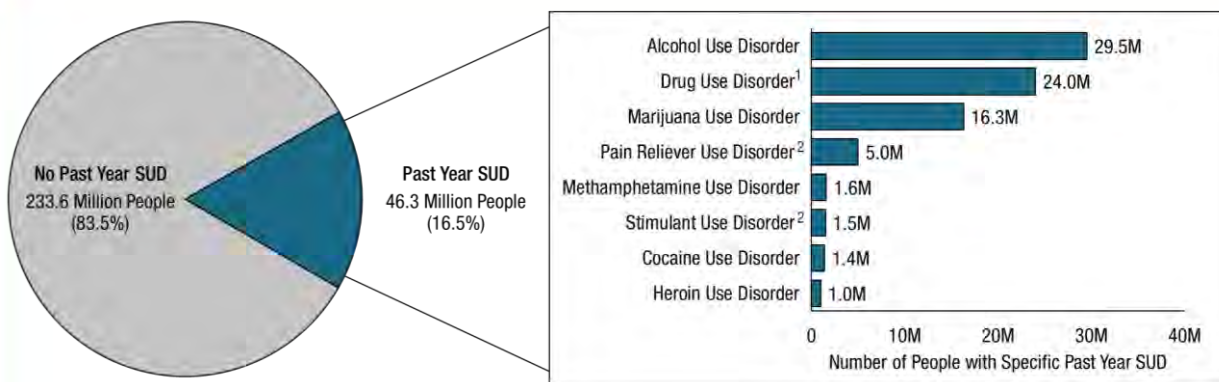
Note: The estimated numbers of past year users of different illicit drugs are not mutually exclusive because people could have used more than one type of illicit drug in the past year.

Source: SAMHSA, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2021



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Past Year Substance Use Disorder (SUD): Among People Aged 12 or Older; 2021



Note: The estimated numbers of people with substance use disorders are not mutually exclusive because people could have use disorders for more than one substance.

¹ Includes data from all past year users of marijuana, cocaine, heroin, hallucinogens, inhalants, methamphetamine, and prescription psychotherapeutic drugs (i.e., pain relievers, tranquilizers, stimulants, or sedatives).

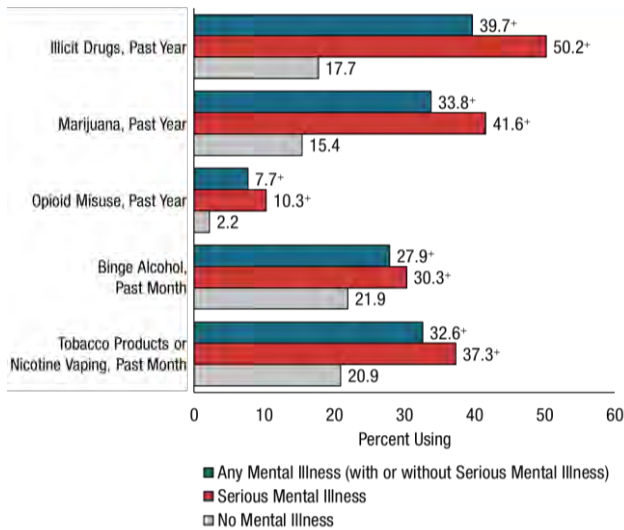
² Includes data from all past year users of the specific prescription drug.

Source: SAMHSA, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2021



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Substance Use: Among Adults Aged 18 or Older; by Mental Illness Status, 2021

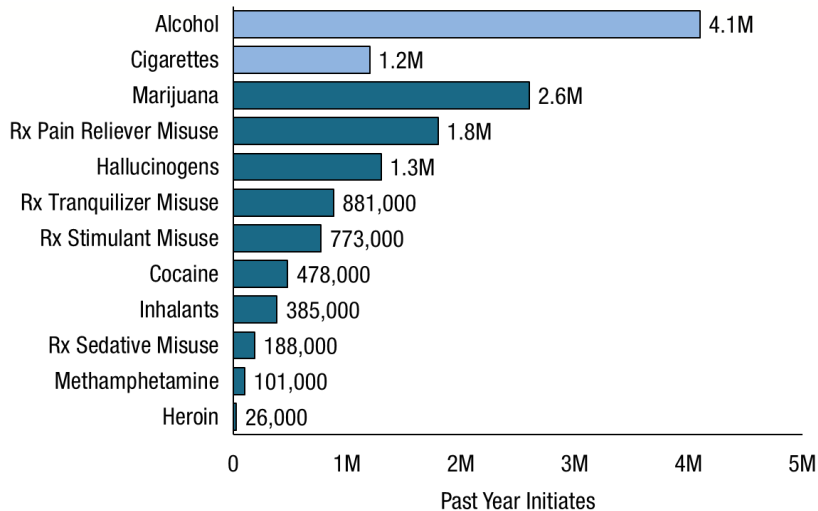


+ Difference between this estimate and the estimate for adults aged 18 or older without mental illness is statistically significant at the .05 level.

13 Source: SAMHSA, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2021



Past Year Initiates of Substances: Among People Aged 12 or Older; 2021



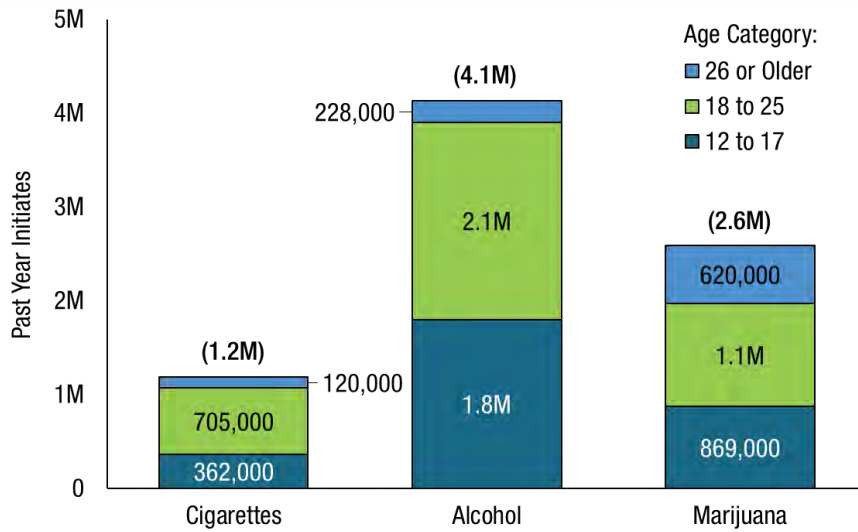
Rx - prescription.

Note: Estimates for prescription pain relievers, prescription tranquilizers, prescription stimulants, and prescription sedatives are for the initiation of misuse.

14 Source: SAMHSA, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2021



Past Year Cigarette, Alcohol, and Marijuana Initiates: Among People Aged 12 or Older; 2021



Note: The number in parentheses above each bar shows the total number of past year initiates aged 12 or older for that category.

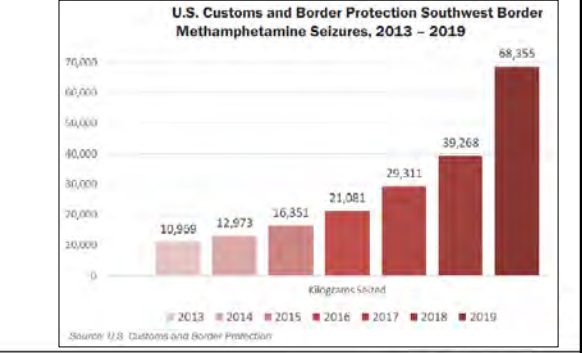
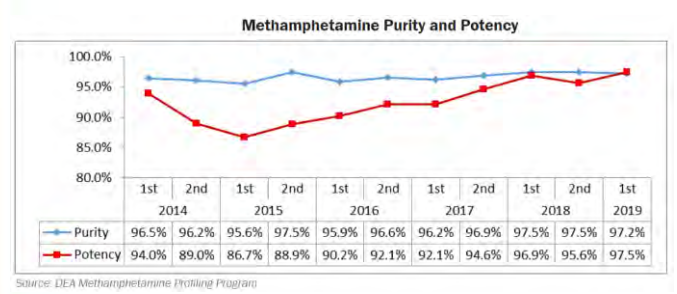
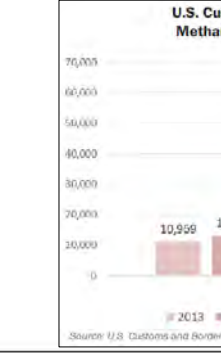
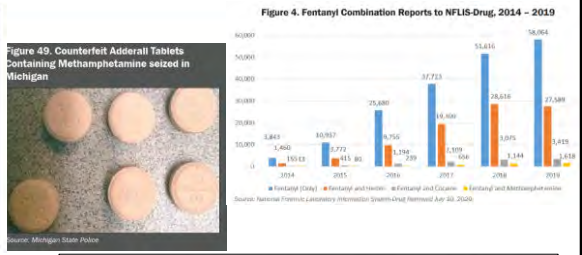
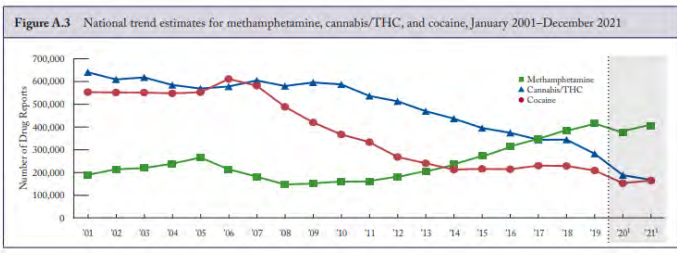
15 Source: SAMHSA, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2021



Resurgent Methamphetamine

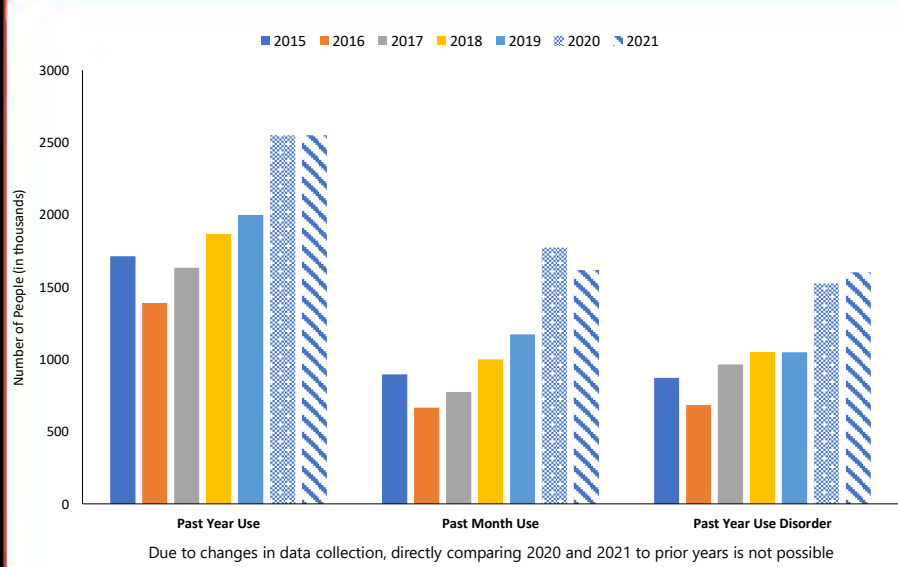


Historically High Levels of Availability, Purity, Potency, and Low Cost



17 DEA, 2020 National Drug Threat Assessment; 2021 DEA NFLIS Report

Methamphetamine Trends – Community Data



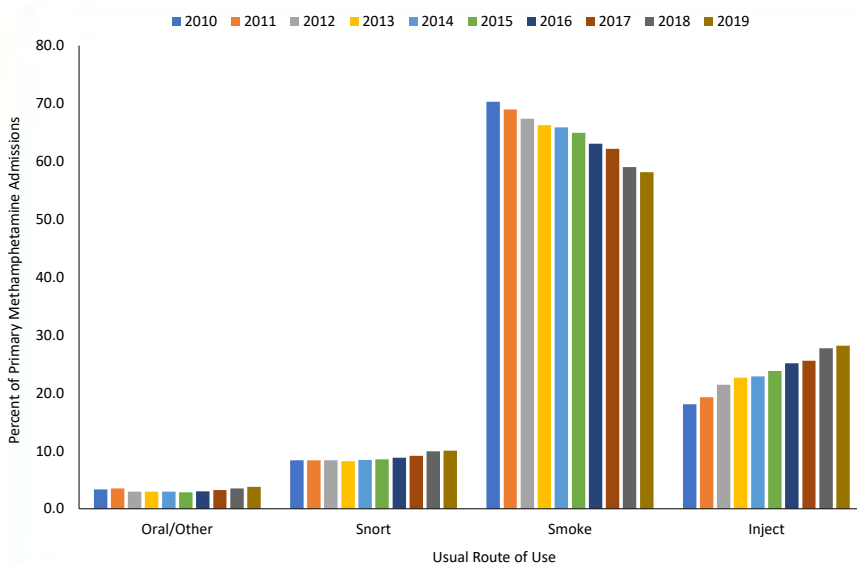
- From 2015 to 2019
- 43% Increase in methamphetamine use
 - 66% Increase in frequent use
 - 105% Increase in use disorder without injection
 - Use disorder or injection more common than use without use disorder or injection each year from 2017-2019
 - Increases were seen among most demographic groups

Due to changes in data collection, directly comparing 2020 and 2021 to prior years is not possible

18 Source: SAMHSA, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2021; Han et al, 2021. JAMA Psychiatry



Methamphetamine Trends – Treatment Data



- Methamphetamine treatment admissions increased from 1 in 8 admissions in 2010 to 1 in 4 in 2019
- Increases seen among:
 - Men and women
 - All age groups
 - Most racial/ethnic groups
 - All census regions
- Injection increased ~60%
 - Increases seen among most demographic groups
- In 2019, among those injecting
 - 56.0% reported heroin use
 - 44.8% reported Rx opioid use
 - 43.7% reported benzo use
 - 31.2% reported cocaine use
 - 28.6% reported marijuana use
 - 27.5% reported alcohol use

19 Source: Jones CM et al – Increases in methamphetamine injection among treatment admissions in the U.S., Addictive Behaviors, 2022.



Youth Substance Use



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Prevalence of High School Student Substance Use Generally Trending in Right Direction

Alcohol and Other Substance Use Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic Among High School Students — Youth Risk Behavior Survey, United States, 2021

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- **Approximately one third of students (29%) reported current use of alcohol or marijuana or prescription opioid misuse**
- **Among those reporting current substance use, approximately 34% used two or more substances in 2021.**

Behavior/Substance	Prevalence							Linear change [†]
	2009 %	2011 %	2013 %	2015 %	2017 %	2019 %	2021 %	
Current use[§]								
Alcohol	41.8	38.7	34.9	32.8	29.8	29.2	22.7	Decreased 2009–2021
Marijuana	20.8	23.1	23.4	21.7	19.8	21.7	15.8	Decreased 2009–2021
Binge drinking	NA	NA	NA	NA	13.5	13.7	10.5	Decreased 2017–2021
Prescription opioid misuse	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	7.2	6.0	—
Lifetime use								
Alcohol	68.4	66.7	63.4	60.9	56.5	56.5	47.4	Decreased 2009–2021
Marijuana	36.8	39.9	40.7	38.6	35.6	36.8	27.8	Decreased 2009–2021
Inhalants	11.7	11.4	8.9	7.0	6.2	6.4	8.1	Decreased 2009–2021
Ecstasy	6.7	8.2	6.6	5.0	4.0	3.6	2.9	Decreased 2009–2021
Cocaine	6.4	6.8	5.5	5.2	4.8	3.9	2.5	Decreased 2009–2021
Methamphetamine	4.1	3.8	3.2	3.0	2.5	2.1	1.8	Decreased 2009–2021
Heroin	2.5	2.9	2.2	2.1	1.7	1.8	1.3	Decreased 2009–2021
Injection drug use	2.1	2.3	1.7	1.8	1.5	1.6	1.4	Decreased 2009–2021
Synthetic marijuana	NA	NA	NA	9.2	6.9	7.3	6.5	Decreased 2015–2021
Prescription opioid misuse	NA	NA	NA	NA	14.0	14.3	12.2	Decreased 2017–2021

21 Source: Alcohol and Other Substance Use Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic Among High School Students — Youth Risk Behavior Survey, United States, 2021 (nih.gov)

Youth Substance Use = Health Equity Issue

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TABLE 3. Prevalence of and changes in prevalence of current and lifetime use of specific substances among high school students, by race and ethnicity — Youth Risk Behavior Survey, United States, 2019 and 2021*

Behavior/Substance	Race and ethnicity [†]											
	Black or African American				White				Hispanic or Latino			
	2019 %	2021 %	PD (95% CI)	PR (95% CI)	2019 %	2021 %	PD (95% CI)	PR (95% CI)	2019 %	2021 %	PD (95% CI)	PR (95% CI)
Current use[§]												
Alcohol	16.8	13.2 [†]	-3.6 (0.6 to 1.0)	0.8 (0.6 to 1.0)	34.2	25.9	-8.3 (0.7 to 0.8)**	0.8 (0.7 to 0.8)**	28.4	22.9 ^{††}	-5.5 (0.7 to 1.0)**	0.8 (0.7 to 1.0)**
Marijuana	21.7	20.5 [†]	-1.2 (0.9 to 2.2)	0.9 (0.8 to 1.2)	22.1	14.8	-7.3 (0.6 to 0.8)**	0.7 (0.6 to 0.8)**	22.4	16.7 ^{††}	-5.7 (0.6 to 0.9)**	0.7 (0.6 to 0.9)**
Binge drinking	6.2	4.1 [†]	-2.2 (0.4 to 0.5)	0.7 (0.4 to 1.0)	17.3	13.3	-4.0 (0.6 to 0.8)**	0.8 (0.6 to 0.8)**	12.4	10.1 ^{††}	-2.3 (0.7 to 0.9)**	0.8 (0.6 to 0.8)**
Prescription opioid misuse	8.7	8.6 [†]	-0.1 (4.2 to 3.9)	1.0 (0.6 to 1.6)	5.5	4.6	-0.9 (2.5 to 0.5)	0.6 (0.6 to 1.1)	9.8	8.3 [†]	-1.5 (0.6 to 1.1)	0.9 (0.6 to 1.1)
Lifetime use												
Alcohol	47.2	39.4 [†]	-7.8 (13.5 to 2.0)**	0.0 (0.7 to 1.0)**	58.8	50.0	-8.8 (12.0 to 5.6)**	0.9 (0.8 to 0.9)**	60.4	50.4 ^{††}	-10.0 (14.5 to 5.5)**	0.8 (0.8 to 0.9)**
Marijuana	37.5	33.3 [†]	-4.2 (10.5 to 2.2)	0.9 (0.7 to 1.1)	36.8	26.2	-10.7 (14.1 to 7.2)**	0.7 (0.6 to 0.8)**	39.2	31.2 ^{††}	-8.0 (11.2 to 3.4)**	0.7 (0.7 to 0.9)**
Inhalants	7.2	7.0	-0.2 (2.5 to 2.1)	1.0 (0.7 to 1.3)	6.6	8.3	1.7 (0.3 to 3.6)**	1.1 (1.1 to 1.6)**	4.4	2.7	-1.7 (0.1 to 1.6)	0.6 (0.5 to 0.8)**
Ecstasy	3.8	2.7	-1.1 (2.9 to 0.7)	0.4 (0.4 to 1.2)	2.7	2.9	0.2 (0.9 to 1.2)	0.7 (0.7 to 1.5)	4.4	2.7	-1.7 (0.1 to 1.6)	0.6 (0.5 to 0.8)**
Cocaine	4.0	1.9	-2.1 (3.8 to 0.4)**	0.5 (0.3 to 0.9)**	2.9	2.4	-0.5 (1.4 to 0.4)	0.8 (0.6 to 1.1)	5.6	2.9	-2.7 (0.4 to 0.4)	0.5 (0.4 to 0.6)
Methamphetamine	3.8	2.0	-1.8 (3.8 to 0.4)**	0.3 (0.3 to 0.9)**	1.2	1.4	0.2 (0.3 to 0.5)	0.8 (0.8 to 1.8)	2.7	2.3 [†]	-0.4 (0.4 to 0.4)	0.9 (0.8 to 1.0)
Heroin	3.4	1.7	-1.7 (3.4 to 0.1)	0.3 (0.3 to 0.9)**	0.9	1.0	0.1 (0.3 to 0.7)	0.8 (0.7 to 1.7)	2.4	1.6 [†]	-0.8 (1.6 to 0.8)	0.5 (0.5 to 1.3)
Injection drug use	2.9	1.9	-1.0 (2.9 to 0.9)	0.7 (0.3 to 1.5)	0.8	1.1	0.3 (0.3 to 0.8)	0.8 (0.8 to 2.4)	1.0	0.8	-0.2 (0.3 to 0.3)	0.7 (0.6 to 0.9)**
Synthetic marijuana	5.7	6.8	1.1 (1.2 to 3.3)	1.2 (0.8 to 1.7)	6.7	6.5	-0.2 (1.6 to 1.3)	1.0 (0.8 to 1.2)	16.0	13.8	-2.2 (4.9 to 1.3)	0.9 (0.6 to 0.9)**
Prescription opioid misuse	15.3	13.6	-1.7 (5.4 to 1.9)	0.7 (0.7 to 1.1)	12.7	11.2	-1.4 (3.7 to 0.8)	0.7 (0.7 to 1.1)				

22 Source: Alcohol and Other Substance Use Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic Among High School Students — Youth Risk Behavior Survey, United States, 2021 (nih.gov)

TABLE 2. Prevalence of and changes in prevalence of current and lifetime use of specific substances among high school students, by sex — Youth Risk Behavior Survey, United States, 2019 and 2021*

Behavior/Substance	Sex							
	Male				Female			
	2019 %	2021 %	PD (95% CI)	PR (95% CI)	2019 %	2021 %	PD (95% CI)	PR (95% CI)
Current use[§]								
Alcohol	26.4	19.8	-6.7 (1.2 to 0.1)**	0.7 (0.6 to 0.8)**	31.9	26.8 [†]	-5.1 (0.3 to 1.1)**	0.8 (0.8 to 0.9)**
Marijuana	22.3	14.6	-7.7 (1.3 to 4.6)**	0.8 (0.8 to 0.7)**	20.8	17.8 [†]	-3.0 (1.0 to 0.5)**	0.9 (0.7 to 1.0)
Binge drinking	12.7	9.0	-3.7 (0.6 to 1.7)**	0.7 (0.6 to 0.8)**	14.6	12.2 [†]	-2.5 (0.2 to 0.2)**	0.8 (0.7 to 1.0)
Prescription opioid misuse	6.1	4.0	-2.1 (3.5 to 0.8)**	0.2 (0.5 to 0.9)**	8.3	8.0 [†]	-0.3 (0.2 to 1.1)	1.0 (0.8 to 1.2)
Lifetime use								
Alcohol	58.1	42.0	-16.1 (14.2 to 8.0)**	0.8 (0.7 to 0.8)**	60.0	53.2 [†]	-6.9 (1.2 to 3.3)**	0.8 (0.8 to 0.9)**
Marijuana	37.0	24.8	-12.2 (15.9 to 8.7)**	0.8 (0.8 to 0.8)**	36.5	30.9 [†]	-5.6 (0.3 to 1.0)**	0.8 (0.8 to 1.0)**
Inhalants	5.7	6.8	1.1 (1.1 to 2.3)	1.2 (1.0 to 1.5)	6.9	9.4 [†]	2.5 (1.1 to 3.9)**	1.2 (1.1 to 1.6)**
Ecstasy	4.8	2.9	-1.9 (2.8 to 0.7)**	0.5 (0.5 to 0.8)**	2.4	3.7	1.3 (0.5 to 1.3)	0.8 (0.8 to 1.7)
Cocaine	4.9	2.6	-2.3 (3.3 to 1.6)**	0.5 (0.4 to 0.7)**	2.7	2.2	-0.5 (1.8 to 0.5)	0.8 (0.8 to 1.2)
Methamphetamine	2.7	1.9	-0.8 (1.6 to 0.5)	0.3 (0.3 to 1.0)	1.5	1.4	-0.1 (0.8 to 0.6)	0.9 (0.8 to 1.2)
Heroin	2.3	1.6	-0.7 (1.5 to 0.5)	0.2 (0.2 to 1.0)	1.0	0.8 [†]	-0.2 (0.9 to 0.4)	0.8 (0.8 to 1.8)
Injection drug use	2.1	1.7	-0.4 (1.2 to 0.4)	0.4 (0.4 to 1.2)	3.1	0.9 [†]	-2.2 (0.9 to 0.6)	0.6 (0.6 to 1.8)
Synthetic marijuana	7.2	5.8	-1.4 (2.9 to 0.4)**	0.8 (0.8 to 1.0)	7.4	7.5	0.1 (1.9 to 1.3)	0.8 (0.8 to 1.2)
Prescription opioid misuse	12.4	9.5	-2.9 (4.7 to 1.2)**	0.7 (0.7 to 0.9)**	16.1	14.6 [†]	-1.5 (0.3 to 1.1)	0.8 (0.8 to 1.1)

TABLE 4. Prevalence of current and lifetime use of specific substances among high school students, by sexual identity — Youth Risk Behavior Survey, United States, 2021*

Behavior/Substance	Sexual identity — Questioning or other [†]		
	Heterosexual	Lesbian, gay, or bisexual	Questioning or other
Current use[§]			
Alcohol	21.6	29.3 [†]	20.9 [†]
Marijuana	14.0	25.6 [†]	16.5 [†]
Binge drinking	10.3	13.6 [†]	7.6 [†]
Prescription opioid misuse	4.3	11.7 [†]	10.3 [†]
Lifetime use			
Alcohol	45.8	58.0 [†]	46.2 [†]
Marijuana	25.8	41.2 [†]	27.5 [†]
Inhalants	6.0	15.1 [†]	13.4 [†]
Ecstasy	2.1	6.0 [†]	3.9 [†]
Cocaine	1.8	4.4 [†]	3.1 [†]
Methamphetamine	1.1	3.4 [†]	3.0 [†]
Heroin	0.8	1.9 [†]	2.4 [†]
Injection drug use	1.0	1.9 [†]	2.7 [†]
Synthetic marijuana	5.9	9.7 [†]	6.1 [†]
Prescription opioid misuse	9.4	21.5 [†]	18.6 [†]

Nearly Every Indicator of Youth Mental Health is Getting Worse

IN 2021

- Nearly 60% of female students and nearly 70% of LGBTQ+ students experienced persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness.
- 10% of female students and more than 20% of LGBTQ+ students attempted suicide.
- Hispanic and multiracial students were more likely than Asian, Black, and White students to have persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness.

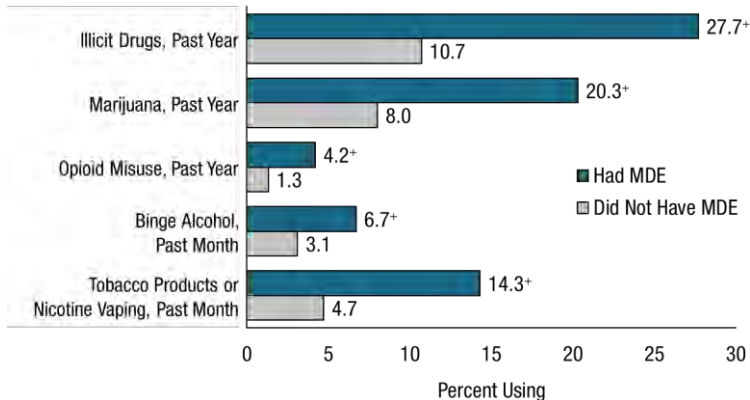
The Percentage of High School Students Who:*	2011 Total	2013 Total	2015 Total	2017 Total	2019 Total	2021 Total	Trend
Experienced persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness	28	30	30	31	37	42	
Experienced poor mental health [†]	-	-	-	-	-	29	-
Seriously considered attempting suicide	16	17	18	17	19	22	
Made a suicide plan	13	14	15	14	16	18	
Attempted suicide	8	8	9	7	9	10	
Were injured in a suicide attempt that had to be treated by a doctor or nurse	2	3	3	2	3	3	

In wrong direction No change In right direction

23 SOURCES: YRBS Trends Report

Connection Between Youth Mental Health and Substance Use

Substance use among people 12-17 years old is greater if you had a Major Depressive Episode (MDE)



+ Difference between this estimate and the estimate for youths without MDE is statistically significant at the .05 level.
Note: Youth respondents with unknown MDE data were excluded.

24 SOURCE: National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) – December 2022

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The Substance Use Landscape Is Changing

Illicitly Manufactured Fentanyl—Involved Overdose Deaths with Detected Xylazine — United States, January 2019–June 2022

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Trends in Nonfatal and Fatal Overdoses Involving Benzodiazepines — 38 States and the District of Columbia, 2019–2020

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Illicit Benzodiazepines Detected in Patients Evaluated in Emergency Departments for Suspected Opioid Overdose — Four States, October 6, 2020–March 9, 2021

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RESEARCH

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Signals of increasing co-use of stimulants and opioids from online drug forum data

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Increases in Availability of Cannabis Products Containing Delta-8 THC and Reported Cases of Adverse Events

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Substance Use Has Never Been Riskier – Across the Spectrum

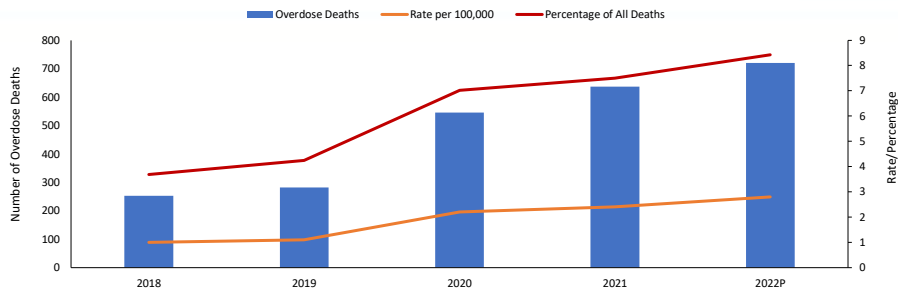


- The risk of drug overdose is elevated with any use of illicitly manufactured fentanyl, given its potency, lethality, and the variability in the illicit supply.
- Historically, risk for a non-fatal or fatal overdose grew as frequency of use grew.
- In a toxic and unpredictable drug environment facilitated by the continued proliferation of fake pills, the risk of death is elevated across the continuum – from those initiating to those with long-standing use disorders.
- The increases in deaths among youth and young adults as well as the increase in polydrug deaths involving fentanyl in all age groups are two markers of this elevated risk.

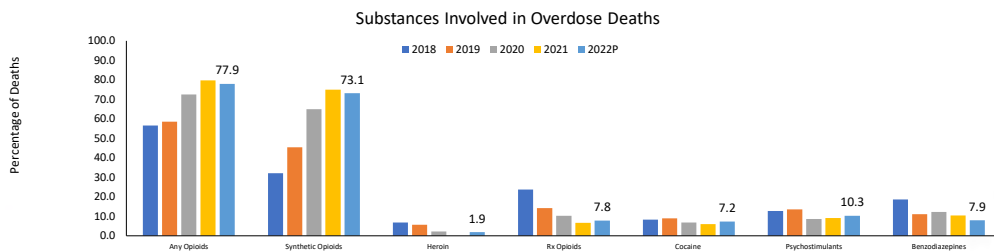


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Overdose Deaths Among 12-17 Year Olds Increasing In Recent Years



185% increase in OD deaths between 2018 and 2022



Risk & Protective Factors: The Prevention Roadmap



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Substance Use Risk Factors – Socioecological Model

Individual

- Genetic factors
- Initiating substance use early
- Low risk perception of use
- Peers who use substances
- Perception that use of substances among peers is high
- Emotional distress or aggressiveness that starts early and is persistent
- Mental health challenges

Relationship

- Substance use in the family and home
- Parental mental health challenges
- Family conflict, abuse, or neglect
- Parents who favorably view or approve of substance use
- Lack of family connectedness

Community

- Lack of community connectedness and supports
- Community norms favorable toward alcohol and drugs
- Violence in schools or community
- Availability and costs of drugs and alcohol
- Poverty

Societal

- Lack of economic and educational opportunities
- Inadequate housing
- Disinvestment
- Discrimination
- Social norms
- Laws and policy environment

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Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

ABUSE



Physical



Emotional



Sexual

NEGLECT



Physical



Emotional

HOUSEHOLD CHALLENGES



Mental Illness



Divorce



Parent Treated Violently



Incarcerated Relative



Substance Abuse

61%

adults report experiencing at least 1 ACE



1 in 6 adults report experiencing 4+ ACEs

Some Groups Are More Likely to Have Experienced ACEs



ACEs not included in the traditional measure:

- Bullying
- Witnessing violence in community or school
- Teen dating violence
- Experiencing homelessness
- Peer to peer violence
- Death of a parent

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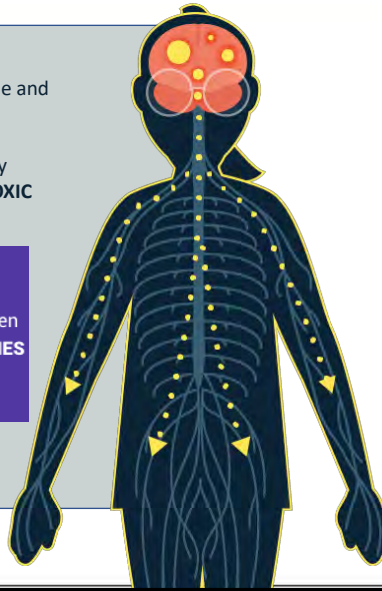


ACEs Manifest Their Effects Through Toxic Stress

The effects of ACEs can add up over time and affect a person throughout their life.

Children who repeatedly and chronically experience adversity can suffer from **TOXIC STRESS**.

Toxic stress happens when the brain endures repeated stress or danger, then releases **FIGHT-OR-FLIGHT HORMONES** like cortisol.



Toxic Stress Has Impacts On:

- Responses to stress
- Reward circuits
- Emotion processing
- Coping strategies
- Executive function
- Decision making
- Cognition
- Organ function

31 Source: De Bellis & Zisk. The biological effects of childhood trauma. 2014

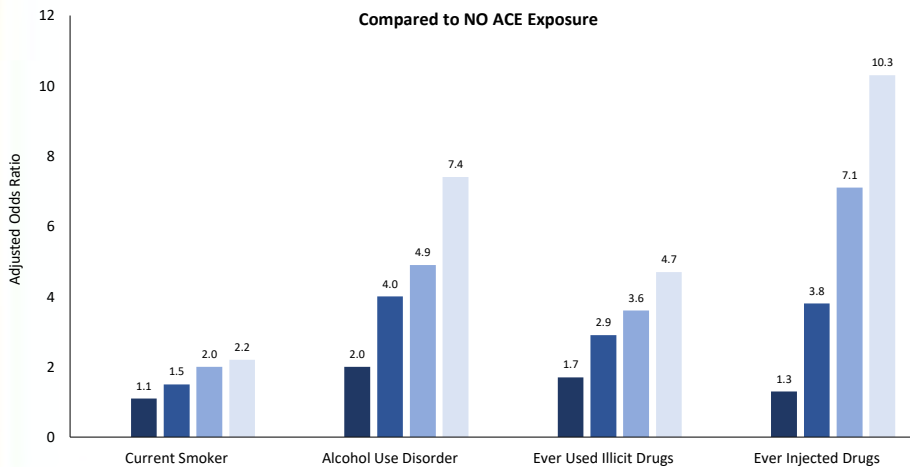


ACEs and Risk for Substance Use

Number of Categories of ACEs

■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ ≥4

Compared to NO ACE Exposure



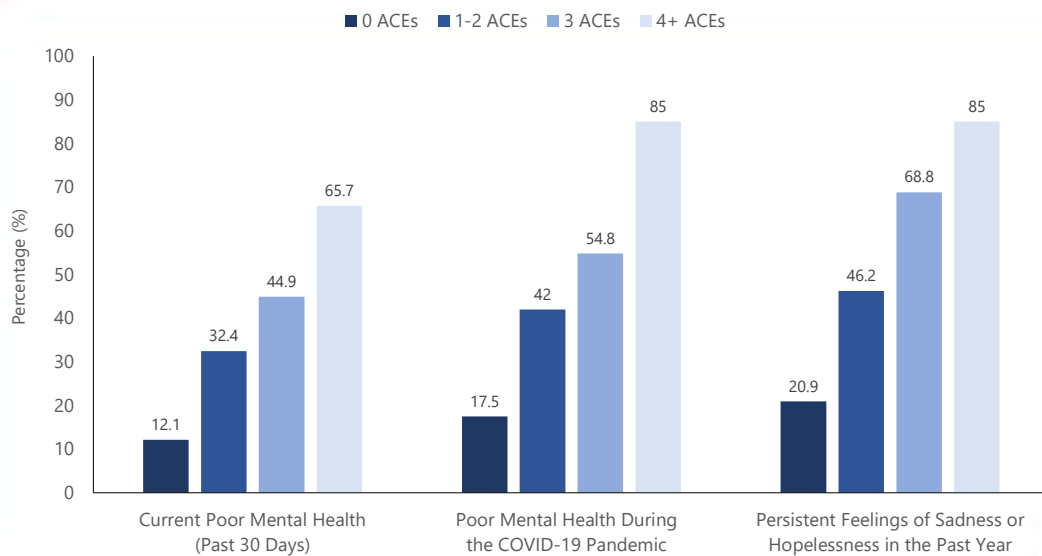
Research shows ACEs increase risk for:

- Rx opioid misuse, illicit opioid use, opioid use disorder, opioid injection
- Cocaine and amphetamine use and use disorder
- Earlier age of initiation of substances

32 Source: Felitti, Vincent J., et al. American journal of preventive medicine 14.4 (1998): 245-258.



ACEs and Poor Mental Health



33 Source: Anderson et al., MMWR, 2022



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Protective Factors Against Substance Use or Psychological Distress

Original Research

Adverse childhood experiences and co-occurring psychological distress and substance abuse among juvenile offenders: the role of protective factors

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- Protective factors reduced likelihood of having psychological distress or a substance use problem, or both
- Protective factors included:
 - High internal resilience
 - Family communication
 - School connectedness
 - Peer role model
 - Non-parental adult role model

Influence of ACEs and Protective Factors on Having Psychological Distress or Substance Use Problem or Both

Influence of ACEs and protective factors on the behavioral health outcomes (N = 429)

		One problem ^{1,2}		Co-occurring problems ^{1,2}	
		AOR (95% CI) ³	95% CI ³	AOR (95% CI) ³	95% CI ³
High internal resilience	ACE score	1.41 (1.24, 1.59)	1.41 (1.24, 1.59)	1.90 (1.64, 2.20)	1.90 (1.64, 2.20)
	High internal resilience ⁴	0.73 (0.43, 1.25)	0.73 (0.43, 1.25)	0.31 (0.17, 0.56)	0.31 (0.17, 0.56)
	ACE score	1.40 (1.24, 1.59)	1.40 (1.24, 1.59)	1.87 (1.61, 2.16)	1.87 (1.61, 2.16)
	High ACE score ⁵ = high internal resilience ⁴	0.83 (0.47, 1.46)	0.83 (0.47, 1.46)	0.40 (0.20, 0.78)	0.40 (0.20, 0.78)
Family communication	ACE score	1.41 (1.24, 1.59)	1.41 (1.24, 1.59)	1.90 (1.64, 2.20)	1.90 (1.64, 2.20)
	Family communication	0.26 (0.15, 0.44)	0.26 (0.15, 0.44)	0.11 (0.06, 0.22)	0.11 (0.06, 0.22)
	ACE score	1.32 (1.16, 1.50)	1.32 (1.16, 1.50)	1.75 (1.50, 2.03)	1.75 (1.50, 2.03)
	Family communication	0.39 (0.22, 0.69)	0.39 (0.22, 0.69)	0.27 (0.13, 0.56)	0.27 (0.13, 0.56)
School connectedness	ACE score	1.41 (1.24, 1.59)	1.41 (1.24, 1.59)	1.90 (1.64, 2.20)	1.90 (1.64, 2.20)
	School connectedness	0.45 (0.26, 0.77)	0.45 (0.26, 0.77)	0.33 (0.18, 0.59)	0.33 (0.18, 0.59)
	ACE score	1.39 (1.23, 1.58)	1.39 (1.23, 1.58)	1.88 (1.62, 2.17)	1.88 (1.62, 2.17)
	School connectedness	0.47 (0.27, 0.83)	0.47 (0.27, 0.83)	0.41 (0.21, 0.80)	0.41 (0.21, 0.80)
Peer role model	High ACE score ⁵ × school connectedness	0.95 (0.26, 3.44)	0.95 (0.26, 3.44)	0.53 (0.12, 2.11)	0.53 (0.12, 2.11)
	ACE score	1.41 (1.24, 1.59)	1.41 (1.24, 1.59)	1.90 (1.64, 2.20)	1.90 (1.64, 2.20)
	Peer role model	0.39 (0.22, 0.66)	0.39 (0.22, 0.66)	0.36 (0.08, 0.29)	0.36 (0.08, 0.29)
	ACE score	1.37 (1.21, 1.55)	1.37 (1.21, 1.55)	1.83 (1.58, 2.12)	1.83 (1.58, 2.12)
Non-parental adult role model	Peer role model	0.46 (0.26, 0.80)	0.46 (0.26, 0.80)	0.21 (0.10, 0.43)	0.21 (0.10, 0.43)
	High ACE score ⁵ × peer role model	2.03 (0.56, 7.31)	2.03 (0.56, 7.31)	1.10 (0.25, 4.82)	1.10 (0.25, 4.82)
	ACE score	1.41 (1.24, 1.59)	1.41 (1.24, 1.59)	1.90 (1.64, 2.20)	1.90 (1.64, 2.20)
	Non-parental adult role model	0.57 (0.32, 1.04)	0.57 (0.32, 1.04)	0.31 (0.17, 0.57)	0.31 (0.17, 0.57)
Non-parental adult role model	ACE score	1.41 (1.24, 1.59)	1.41 (1.24, 1.59)	1.88 (1.62, 2.18)	1.88 (1.62, 2.18)
	Non-parental adult role model	0.84 (0.45, 1.59)	0.84 (0.45, 1.59)	0.61 (0.30, 1.24)	0.61 (0.30, 1.24)
	High ACE score ⁵ × non-parental adult role model	0.89 (0.22, 3.56)	0.89 (0.22, 3.56)	0.43 (0.09, 2.00)	0.43 (0.09, 2.00)

AOR = adjusted odds ratio; CI = confidence interval; ACE = adverse childhood experience; CD-RISC = Connor Davidson Resilience Scale.

¹ Referent group = no problem.

² High psychological distress or substance abuse problem.

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⁴ Multinomial logistic regression model adjusted for sex, age, race/ethnicity, custody status, location, supervision status, detention status, and qualification for free or reduced lunch.

⁵ High internal resilience > mean CD-RISC score.

⁶ High ACE score > mean ACE score.



Protective Factors Against Poor Physical and Mental Health

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Safe, Stable, and Nurtured: Protective Factors against Poor Physical and Mental Health Outcomes Following Exposure to Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

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- People with ≥4 ACEs more likely to have poor health and frequent mental distress
- Effects were blunted when protective factors were present
 - Adult who made you feel safe and protected
 - Adult who made sure basic needs were met

Table 4 Adjusted odds ratios¹ and 95% Wald confidence intervals predicting poor health and experience of frequent mental distress by level of protective factor, among respondents to 2016 SC BRFSS survey

Protective factor	Poor Health		Frequent Mental Distress	
	Point Estimate	95% CI ²	Point Estimate	95% CI
Model 1: Exposure to four or more ACEs	2.08	2.06–2.09	3.05	3.02–3.07
Model 2: Exposure to four or more ACEs and had an adult who made you feel safe and protected <i>some to most of the time</i>	0.61	0.60–0.62	0.69	0.67–0.70
Model 3: Exposure to four or more ACEs and had an adult who made you feel safe and protected <i>all of the time</i>	0.60	0.59–0.62	0.83	0.81–0.85
Model 4: Exposure to four or more ACEs and had an adult who made sure basic needs were met <i>some to most of the time</i>	0.84	0.82–0.87	0.79	0.77–0.82
Model 5: Exposure to four or more ACEs and had an adult who made sure basic needs were met <i>all of the time</i>	0.63	0.61–0.65	0.72	0.70–0.74

¹ Adjusted for sex, age, race/ethnicity, education, and household income. ² 95% CI = 95% Wald Confidence Limits. ACE, adverse childhood experience; SC, South Carolina; BRFSS, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System



Long-term Impacts of Home Visitation Program

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Follow-up of a Randomized Trial Among Children at Age 12 Years

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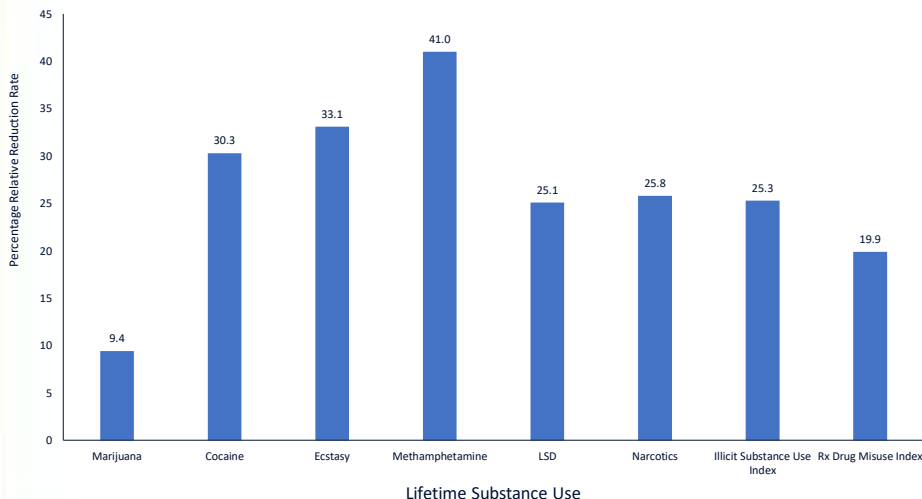
- During the 15-year period after index birth, women in the program had reduced rates of verified reports of child abuse
- Among women from low-SES households, exposure to the program resulted in fewer subsequent childbirths, months receiving government assistance, behavioral impairments from substance use, arrests, convictions, and number of days jailed.
- Among children of women exposed to the program, at the age of 12 years this group reported fewer days of cigarette, alcohol and marijuana use, and were less likely to have internalizing disorders
- Academic outcomes were also improved.

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Universal Skills-Based Prevention Program

Relative Reduction Rates at Age 19



- 28 public school districts randomized to intervention or control
- Family focused intervention in 6th grade (SPF 10-14)
- School-based intervention in 7th grade (Life Skills Training)
- Examined changes in outcomes at age 19

38 Source: Spoth et al., 2017, Psychological Medicine



Multigenerational Impacts

JAMA Pediatrics | Original Investigation

Outcomes of Childhood Preventive Intervention Across 2 Generations

A Nonrandomized Controlled Trial

Karl G. Hill, PhD; Jennifer A. Bailey, PhD; Christine M. Steeger, PhD; J. David Hawkins, PhD; Richard F. Catalano, PhD; Rick Kosterman, PhD; Marina Epstein, PhD; Robert D. Abbott, PhD

- Multicomponent intervention – Raising Healthy Children
 - 1 – Teacher training in classroom instruction and management
 - 2 – Child social and emotional skill development
 - 3 – Parent training
- Among exposed kids – Better outcomes on:
 - School misbehavior and achievement
 - Lifetime violence
 - Heavy alcohol use
 - Mental health
 - Employment and socioeconomic outcomes
- Among offspring of exposed kids – Better outcomes on:
 - Child developmental functioning
 - Behavior problems
 - Academic skills and performance
 - Risk behaviors, including substance use

Source: Hill et al., JAMA Pediatrics 2020



Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Alcohol Use



State earned income tax credits and depression and alcohol misuse among women with children

Erin R. Morgan^{1,2}, Heather D. Hill¹, Stephen J. Mooney^{1,2}, Frederick P. Rivara^{1,2}, Ali Rowhani-Rahbar^{1,2}

- State EITC generosity was associated with reductions in reports of chronic and episodic heavy alcohol use among individuals who had recently given birth

Table 2

Association between 10-percentage-point increase in state-level Earned Income Tax Credits and mental health and alcohol misuse outcomes among mothers interviewed in the Pregnancy Risk Assessment and Monitoring System.

		Model I		Model II		Model III	
		PR	95% CI	PR	95% CI	PR	95% CI
Pre-Pregnancy	Chronic Heavy Alcohol Use	0.94	(0.91-0.98)	0.96	(0.91-1.01)	0.94	(0.86-1.02)
	Heavy Episodic Alcohol Use	0.96	(0.93-0.99)	0.96	(0.93-0.99)	0.96	(0.94-0.99)
	Diagnosed Depression	1.01	(0.91-1.12)	1.01	(0.91-1.12)	1.00	(0.90-1.11)
Post-Pregnancy	Depressive Symptoms	0.99	(0.96-1.03)	0.99	(0.96-1.02)	0.98	(0.95-1.01)
	Little Interest	0.99	(0.95-1.03)	0.99	(0.95-1.04)	1.01	(0.96-1.05)

Model I: State & Year Fixed Effects.

Model II: Additional effects for GDP, state minimum wage, max TANF benefits, and Medicaid Expansion.

Model III: Additional terms for individual race/ethnicity, educational attainment, marital status at birth, and number of prior dependents.

Table 3

Association between 10-percentage-point increase in state-level Earned Income Tax Credits and mental health and alcohol misuse outcomes among Pregnancy Risk Assessment and Monitoring System respondents in likely eligible populations.

		Lower Educational Attainment		Prior Dependents		Unmarried Respondents	
		PR	95% CI	PR	95% CI	PR	95% CI
Pre-Pregnancy	Chronic Heavy Alcohol Use	1.01	(0.92-1.10)	0.93	(0.82-1.05)	1.05	(0.97-1.14)
	Heavy Episodic Alcohol Use	0.91	(0.87-0.97)	0.95	(0.91-1.00)	0.95	(0.91-1.00)
	Diagnosed Depression	1.00	(0.85-1.17)	0.90	(0.78-1.04)	1.06	(0.91-1.23)
Post-Pregnancy	Depressive Symptoms	0.94	(0.89-0.99)	0.97	(0.92-1.01)	0.92	(0.88-0.97)
	Little Interest	1.01	(0.95-1.09)	1.01	(0.95-1.06)	1.04	(0.97-1.12)

All models include state and year fixed effects in addition to GDP, state minimum wage, max TANF benefits, and Medicaid Expansion.



Expanding Prevention Efforts: Where do we go from here?



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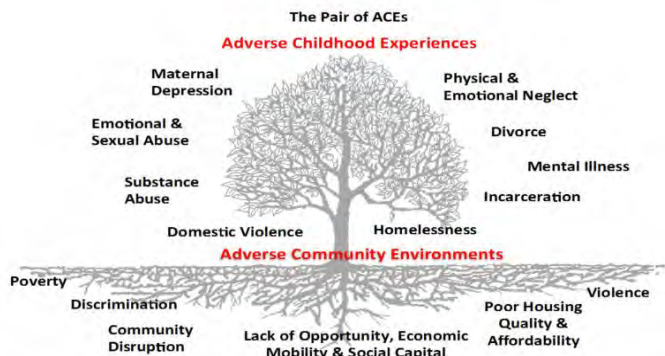
Expanding How We Think About Risk & Protective Factors

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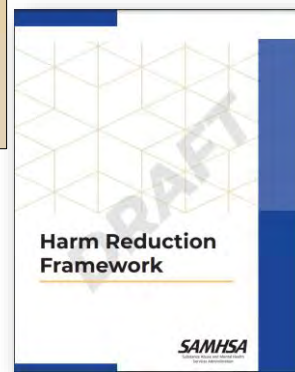
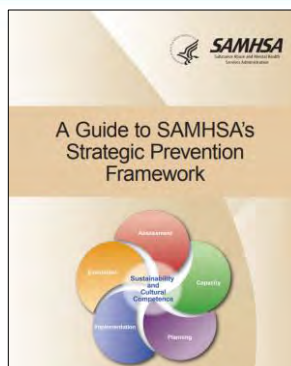
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A Comprehensive Path Forward to Meet the Moment

- Data-driven incorporating the changing substance landscape
- Equity lens
 - Centered in the voices and experiences of the community(ies) being served
- Think comprehensively
 - Individual
 - Relationship
 - Community
 - Societal
- Evidence-based practice and practice-based evidence
- Broaden tent of partners
- Check assumptions and potential unintended consequences
 - This is particularly true of communications campaigns
- Evaluating, innovating, and continuing to build the evidence base are critical



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SAMHSA's Prevention Services Grant Programs

State formula funding

- Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services (SUPTRS) Block Grant.
- Synar Program (youth tobacco use prevention)

State & community discretionary programs

- Strategic Prevention Framework – Partnerships for Success (PFS)
- STOP Act Program (Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking)

Tribal discretionary funding

- Tribal Behavioral Health (Native Connections)

Opioid discretionary programs

- Strategic Prevention Framework for Prescription Drugs (SPF-Rx)
- Grants to Prevent Prescription Drug/Opioid Overdose Related Deaths
- First Responders (FR-CARA)
- Improving Access to Overdose Treatment (OD-Tx)

Harm Reduction Grant Program

HIV discretionary program

HIV Prevention Navigator Program for Racial and Ethnic Minorities

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Questions?

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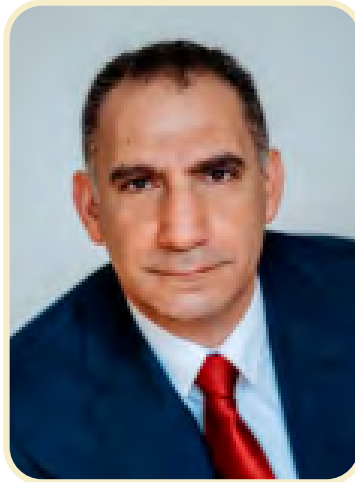
Global Perspective on Prevention in Youth

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Substance Use Prevention in Youth: Addressing the Issues of Today

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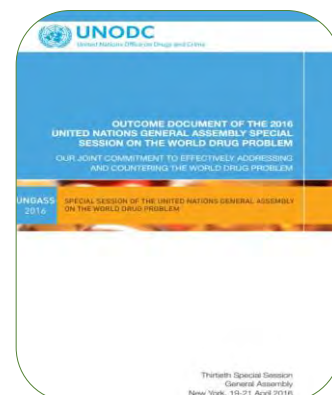
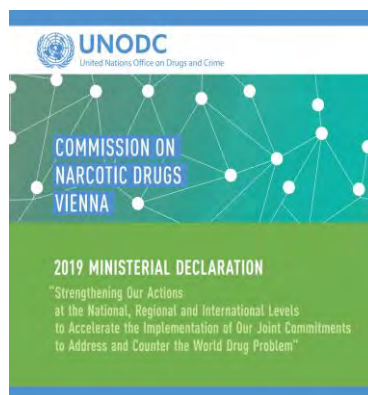
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Issue 1- *Prevention is a science*

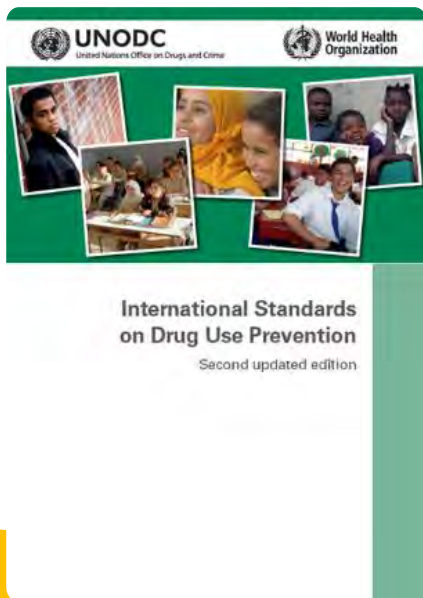
Important political declarations

“Strengthening our actions at the national, regional and international levels to accelerate the implementation of our joint commitments to address and counter the world drug problem”



(h) Promote and improve the systematic collection of information and gathering of evidence as well as the sharing, at the national and international levels, of reliable and comparable data on drug use and epidemiology, including on social, economic and other risk factors, and promote, as appropriate, through the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the World Health Assembly, the use of internationally recognized standards, such as the **International Standards on Drug Use Prevention**, and the exchange of best practices, to formulate effective drug use prevention strategies and programmes in cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the World Health Organization and other relevant United Nations entities;

Joint Commitment Preamble – UNGASS 2016



Culture of prevention – main messages

- Prevention is a science- No need to improvise
- Prevention is BEYOND Awareness raising / fear arousal
- Early initiation NOT the result of A FREE CHOICE. “JUST SAY NO” NOT ENOUGH
- Point of focus of EB Prevention is developing individual NOT the drug
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- Not investing in prevention, comes at a cost
- Worse outcome of non-science-based prevention is not only ineffectiveness but iatrogenic effect.

Summary of EB prevention responses per the UNODC WHO Int. Standards

	Prenatal & infancy	Early childhood	Middle childhood	Early adolescence	Adolescence	Adulthood
Family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prenatal & infancy visitation Interventions for pregnant women 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parenting skills 			
School		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early childhood education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personal & social skills education Classroom management Policies to keep children in school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prevention education based on social competence and influence School-wide programmes to enhance school attachment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addressing individual vulnerabilities School policies on substance use 	
Community			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community-based multi-component initiatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alcohol & tobacco policies Media campaigns Mentoring 		
Workplace					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prevention programmes in entertainment venues Workplace prevention programmes 	
Health sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interventions for pregnant women 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addressing mental health disorders 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief intervention 	



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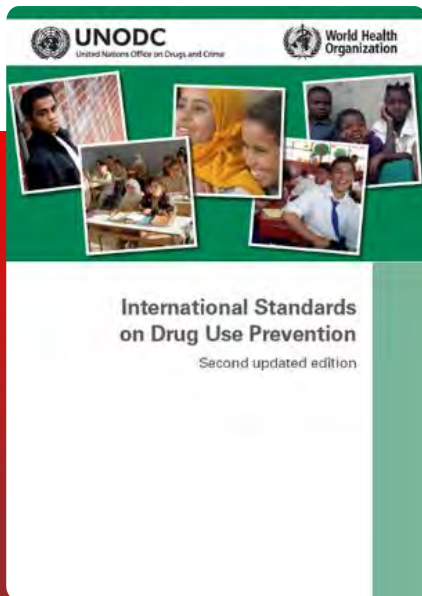


Issue 2- *The link to Sustainable Development*

 **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**



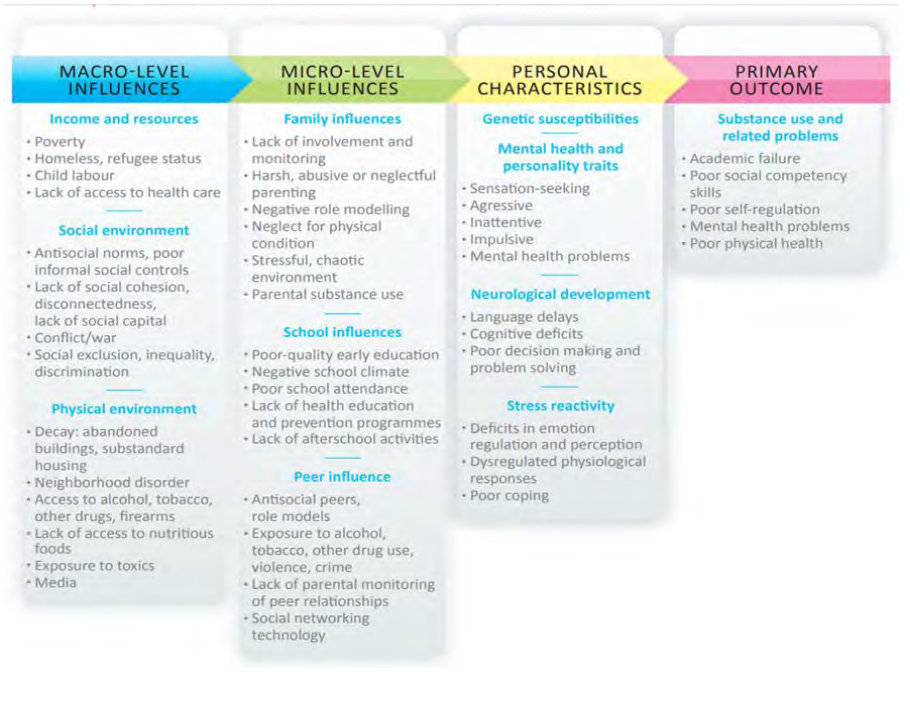
2030 sustainable development agenda



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Vulnerability factors

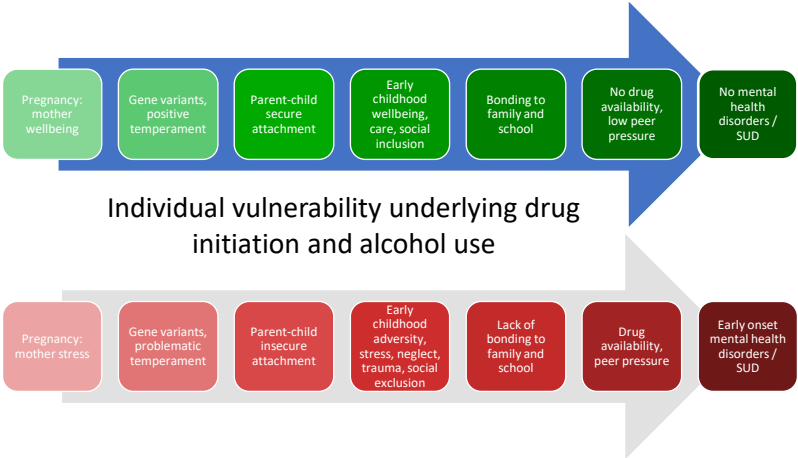


Developmental phases

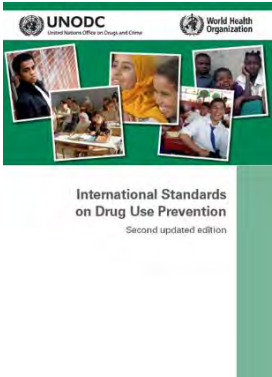
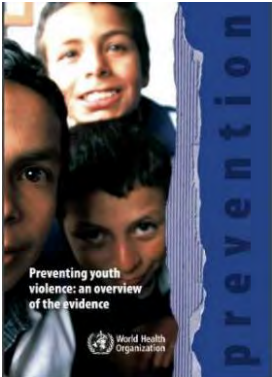
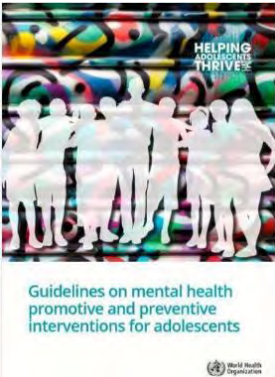
- Each stage of development is associated with a certain expected range of:
 - Intellectual ability
 - Language development
 - Cognitive, emotional and psychological functioning
 - Social competency skills
- Each phase needs attention to prevent the onset of drug use and dependence
- Gender sensitivity



Risk and protective factors



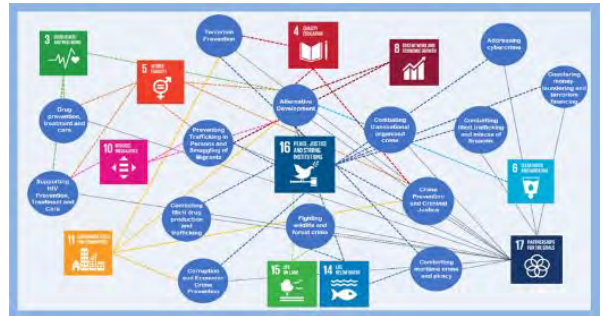
Common denominator for many strategies



SDGs as an Interlinked Web Leave no one behind



**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
GOALS**



Issue 3- Culture of research -this science needs a top-down and bottom-up approach



Culture of research

- Demonstrate the transferability of evidence based interventions
- Advocate for the value of M&E and research (especially) in LMIC
- Also scalability and sustainability and cost effectiveness

Support generation of evidence from the recipient countries



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Changing the culture of prevention

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Strengthening a Culture of Prevention in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: Balancing Scientific Expectations and Contextual Realities

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Initiative 3: Reducing Violence in Panamá by Strengthening Family Systems and Promoting the Implementation of an Evidence-Based Program

Steps Towards Developing a Culture of Prevention In 2009, UNODC launched a project advocating for the adoption of a family skills training program across Panamá—The Strengthening Families Program 10-14 (SFP 10-14). UNODC required the leadership of local policymakers to design a plan for promoting evidence-based interventions, including active participation of local researchers and practitioners to culturally adapt and pilot test SFP 10-14.

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The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime's Efforts to Strengthen a Culture of Prevention in Low- and Middle-Income Countries



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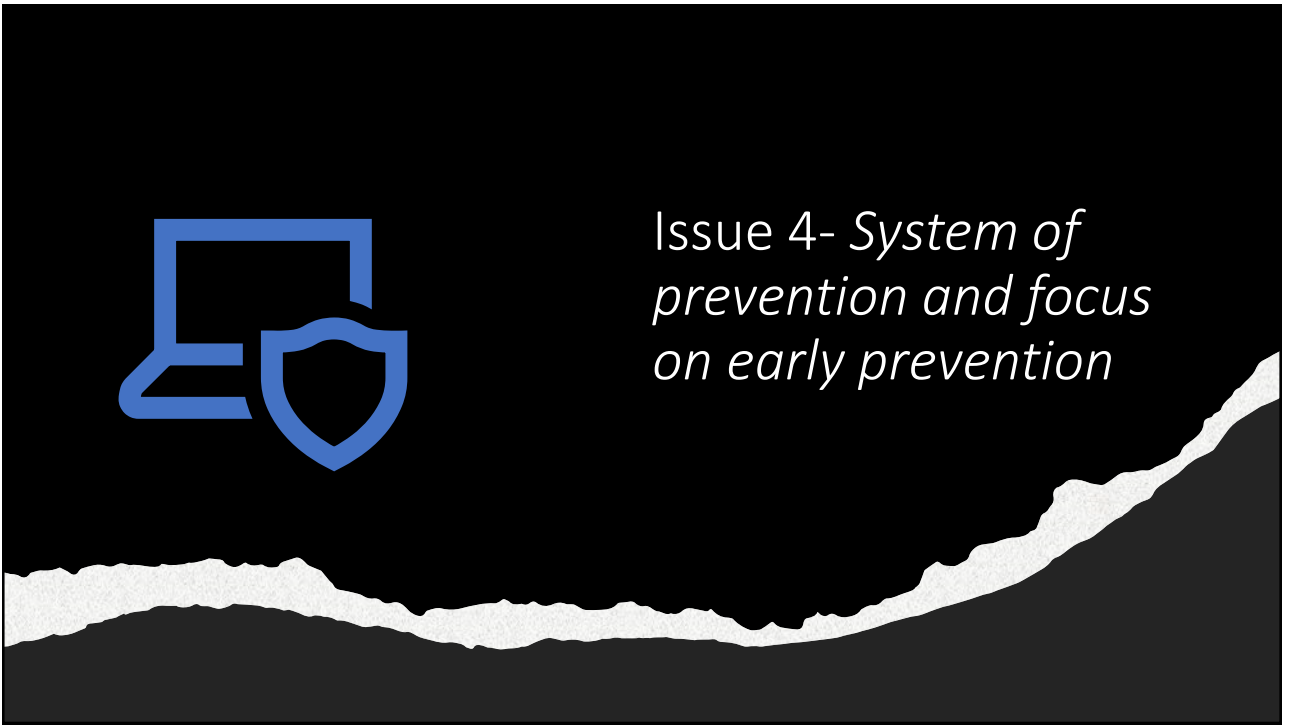
Abstract

This article discusses how decision-makers can be supported to strengthen a culture of prevention. This article presents an example of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime's (UNODC) work to engage with decision-makers to create readiness, demand, and capacity for evidence-based prevention programming among them, particularly in low- and middle-income countries. First, we utilized two of the UNODC's data sources to describe the context where the UNODC's prevention efforts take place. Analysis of the first dataset on prevention activities implemented globally revealed a gap in translating evidence into practice on a global scale. The second dataset consisted of UNODC policy documents mandating and guiding global action to address substance use. The analysis showed that at the level of political frameworks, prevention is gradually gaining more attention but is still frequently left in the shadow of health- and law enforcement-related issues. In addition, these guiding documents did not reflect fully the current scientific understanding of what constitutes an effective prevention response. Against this background, the feasibility of the UNODC's efforts to bridge the science-practice gap in the field of prevention was discussed by presenting the results from the UNODC's regional capacity-building seminars focused on the role of monitoring and evaluation in prevention programming. The results showed potential of this capacity building to affect the attitudes and knowledge of targeted decision-makers. Such efforts to increase decision-makers' readiness and ultimately their endorsement, adoption, and ongoing support of evidence-based preventive interventions should be continued and intensified.

Culture of research

- Demonstrate the transferability of evidence based interventions
- Advocate for the value of M&E and research (especially) in LMIC
- Demonstrate the added value of a system of prevention interventions
 - Contextualize the UNODC CHAMPS initiative

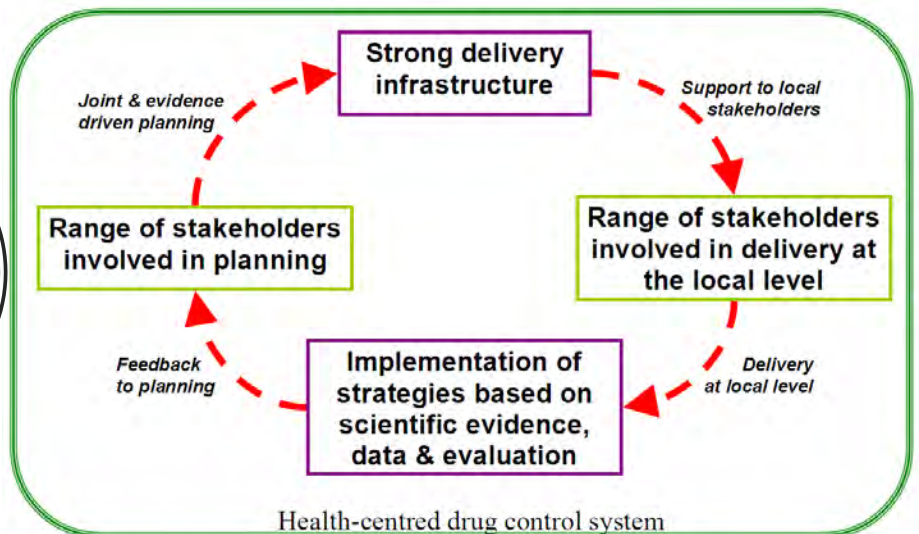




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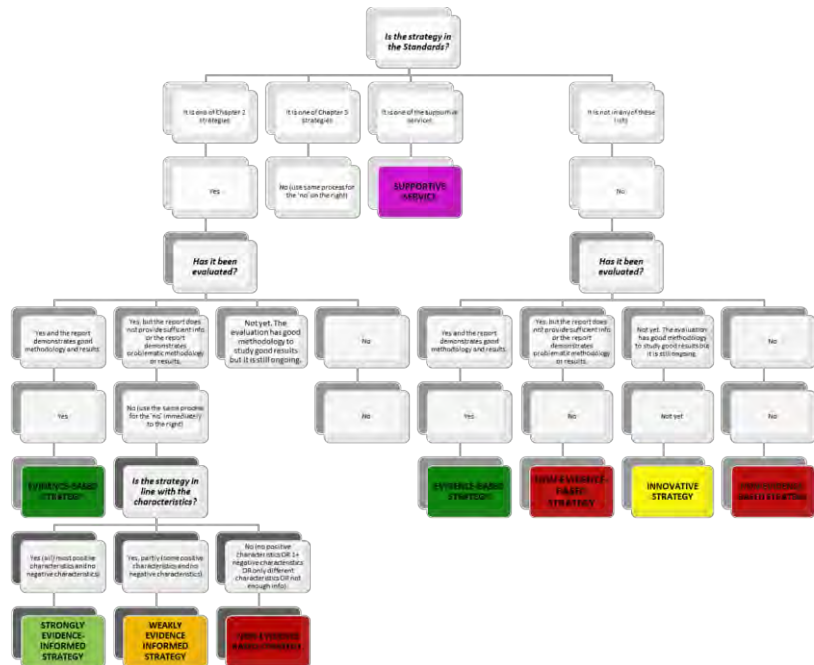
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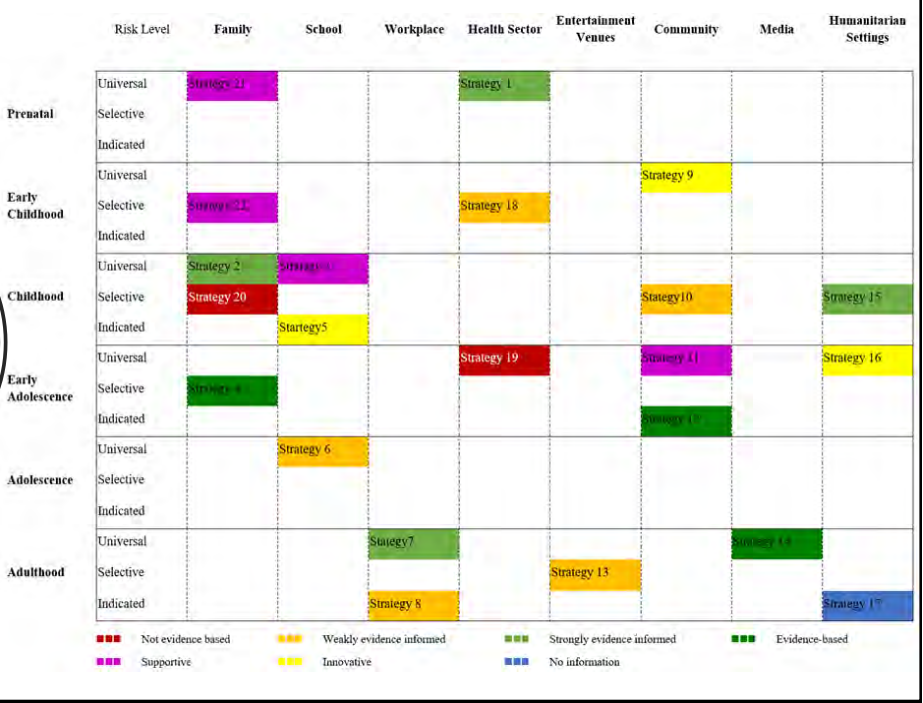
The Standards can help us all be more effective. How can we use them to improve our practice?

RePS

Review of strategies
Analyze information on the basis of the Standards



The kind of overview that we would like to obtain at the end



Elements	Item 1	Item 2	Item 3
A Comprehensiveness	Not met	Partially met	Met
B Delivery	Not sufficient info	Met	Not met
C Regulations	Not met	Met	Not sufficient info
D Research	Met	Met	Met
E Coordination	Partially met	Met	Met
F Sustainability	Not sufficient info	Met	Met



Dimensions of a national preventions systems based on the Standards

CND resolution on early prevention

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Promoting comprehensive and scientific evidence-based early prevention



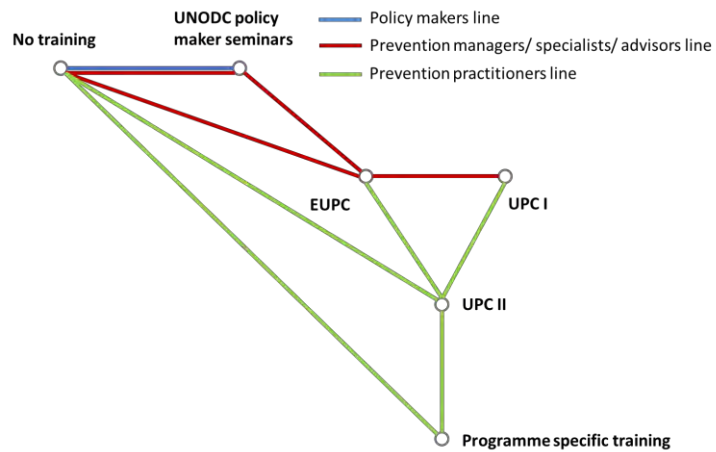
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Discussion Paper



Issue 5- *Quality of prevention*

Many different ways to build competence (prevention-training-subway-system)



Cycle of improvement



Only activities of quality will be funded

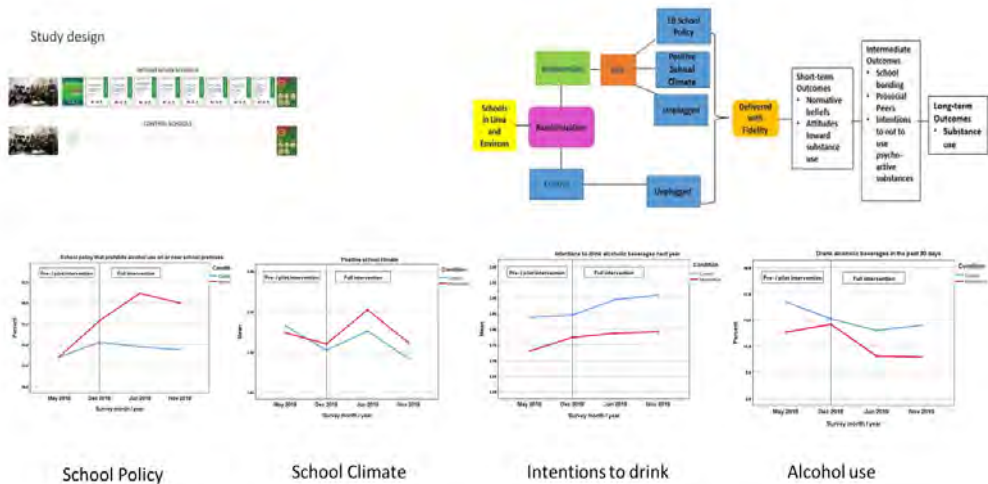
- European Drug Prevention Quality Standards and Toolkits
 - Funding agencies
 - Adaptation

Only people that have been certified to have had specific training can deliver prevention



Applying the principle to practice: a case-study of how the evidence-based principles for prevention has been applied, and challenges that have occurred in the practical country setting. *Peru*

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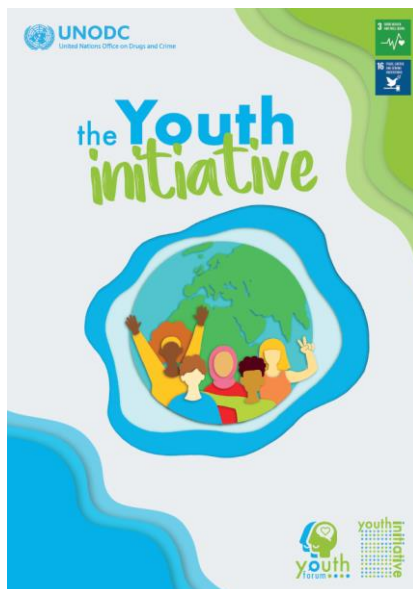
UNODC STRATEGY
2021-2025

Addressing and Countering the World Drug Problem

- **Increase coverage and quality of prevention**, treatment, care and rehabilitation by promoting **evidence-based services** in line with UNODC/WHO International Standards.
- **Intensify focus on vulnerable populations (including children, youth, women and people in contact with the criminal justice system and in humanitarian settings).**

Cross-Cutting Commitments

- **Support meaningful participation and empowerment of children and youth** as well as their protection



Background

The Youth Initiative was created at the request of the Executive Director of UNODC for the Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Section (PTRS) to engage and empower young people to reflect on the effects of substance use in their schools and communities and to start taking action against it.



UNODC Youth Initiative

- Launched in **2012**, and celebrated its **decade last year**
- For youth to **share their experiences, ideas and creativity**, and to **get support for creating their own substance use prevention** and health promotion activities.

»» Youth Forum

»» DAPC Grants

Celebrating a *decade* of Youth Initiative

The timeline details the following events:

- 2012:** Youth Forum 2012: First annual youth forum, with 100 youth-led projects.
- 2013:** Youth Forum 2013: 100 youth-led projects.
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- 2015:** Youth Forum 2015: 100 youth-led projects.
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- 2019:** Youth Forum 2019: 100 youth-led projects.
- 2020:** Youth Forum 2020: 100 youth-led projects.
- 2021:** Youth Forum 2021: 100 youth-led projects.
- 2022:** Youth Forum 2022: 100 youth-led projects.

On the right side of the timeline, DAPC Grants are listed for each year, such as:

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Aims and
targets

Educate
Engage
Empower

Aims and Targets of the UNODC Youth Initiative

The **UNODC Youth Initiative** supports one or more of the following:

- ✔ Advocates **youth empowerment**
- ✔ Promotes a **health-centered and evidence-based perspective for prevention of drug use**
- ✔ Contributes to **health, youth empowerment** as well as **actively achieving the SDGs**

What is it?
Why?

Science
Network
Make Change

The **UNODC Youth Initiative** is the **umbrella** under which **UNODC** aims to **connect young people** from **around the world** and **empower** them to **promote evidence-based drug use prevention strategies**.

The **United Nations** is committed to **empowering youth** and **ensuring youth engagement at all levels**. In the context of **substance use prevention**, the **Youth Initiative** provides youth with **possibilities to participate** and become an **active member of community of young people** committed to **support the health and wellbeing of their peers**.

Youth engagement

- Following the Youth Forum, **active young leaders continue to work** alongside UNODC and the Youth Initiative **to make positive influences at local, national, international levels.**



[Handbook on Youth Participation](#)

[Listen First](#)



[Youth Magazine](#)

Related initiatives

There are currently two funded areas of focus,

1. The annual Youth Forum held on the fringes of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs. The Youth Forum is an annual event organized by the UNODC Youth Initiative in the broader context of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND).
2. The annual DAPC - Drug Abuse Prevention Center (DAPC) in Japan grant program funds youth efforts in the area of drug prevention at the local level. These grants mobilize youth and organizations around the world through an annual competitive application process.

DAPC Grants



The youth from DAPC mobilizes communities and raises funds that they donate to UNODC to support youth-centered activities to prevent drug use in low and middle-income countries. This initiative is truly from youth, to youth, for youth!

Since 2012 every year, UNODC has been awarding small grants to youth organizations working in low and middle-income countries.

DAPC Japan: Youth volunteers raising funds *from youth, to youth, for youth!*

The aim is to empower youth to take more active roles in supporting the health and wellbeing of their peers, helping them to initiate and scale up concrete activities and to connect youth groups working in prevention, health promotion and youth empowerment via the Youth Initiative.

With these grants, young people and youth organizations have successfully implemented prevention and awareness-raising activities in their schools and communities, guided by UNODC/WHO International Standards on Drug Use Prevention.

The activities range from photographic exhibitions, radio shows or street theatres to training school teachers on social and emotional skills, parents on good parenting practices, out-of-school youth on income generation, or peer educators on how to scale up prevention efforts in their schools and communities.

Since 2012, 139 grants awarded in 55 countries.

Youth Forum

The Youth Forum allows a global community of active youth leaders in the field of substance use prevention to actively engage with and understand science-based and effective substance use prevention.

During a three-day workshop, the youth gain knowledge and tools for effective prevention of substance use in their home communities.

Ahead of the meeting, youth are asked to familiarize themselves with the International Standards on Drug Use Prevention published by the UNODC and WHO to acquire a basis of knowledge to be extended at the Youth Forum.

Youth delegation 2023





Up and coming – UNODC
peer 2 peer package



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Thank you!

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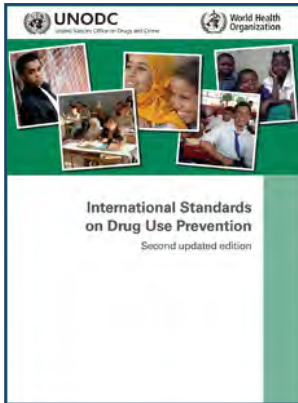
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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

International Standards on Drug Use Prevention



Access the guide [HERE!](#)

Guidelines on mental health promotive and preventive interventions for adolescents



Access the guide [HERE!](#)

INSPIRE: Seven Strategies for Ending Violence Against Children

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RESOURCES

ONDCP's Approach to Prevention and Guidance for Implementing Public Health Policies

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RESOURCES

Protecting Youth from Unintended Harm: Using the Best Available Evidence to Inform a Thoughtful Approach to Sharing Drug Information for Prevention

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Dr. Perkins is an interdisciplinary social and behavioral scientist. Her research broadly assesses social norms and social networks as drivers of substance use, violence, HIV prevention and treatment and co-occurring behaviors and health outcomes. Specifically, she focuses on identifying misperceptions about health-promoting norms within local networks as opportunities to implement norms-based strategies to encourage individual and collective change. Dr. Perkins' current research areas include: 1) leading a community-engaged, population-based cohort study about misperceived social norms and their effects on health outcomes among adults in rural Uganda; 2) assessing the role of social norms on health and development-related behaviors among adolescents and college students in the US; and 3) addressing structural and social determinants of stigma and HIV prevention and treatment outcomes among young adults in Tennessee through community-engaged quantitative and qualitative projects. Her published body of work around social norms and social context spans substance use prevention and recovery, intimate partner violence, bullying, weapons, and bystander attitudes, HIV testing, prevention, and medication adherence, food security, water security, and mental health. Dr. Perkins' teaching has included courses on alcohol and drug use among emerging adults in the United States and social norms approaches to health and community development.



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Today's Outline

- Youth substance use prevention approaches
- Brief history of substance use prevention
- Role of different approaches in prevention
- Best practices of effective approaches
- Where to find evidence-based prevention programs
- Take-aways

Youth Substance Use Prevention

Drug Education/Drug Prevention/Substance Use Prevention

- Terms often used broadly as strategies for preventing youth (ages 12-18) substance use

Substance use prevention outcome targets:^{1,2}

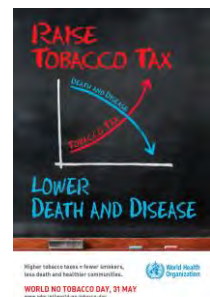
- Increasing knowledge about substances
- Delaying onset
- Reducing use
- Reducing misuse
- Minimizing harm



Youth Substance Use Prevention Approaches

Can occur in many settings and may encompass many prevention activities

- Information Sharing
- Awareness Campaigns
- Drug Education Curricula
- Preventive Interventions
- Policies



Can be stand-alone approaches or part of larger, more comprehensive and coordinated prevention efforts

Which of these approaches is effective? How do we know what works?

History of Substance Use Prevention Approaches



- Evolution of approaches over many decades
- Summary of approach and the evidence

Publication source: Partnership to End Addiction
RETHINKING SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION: An Earlier and Broader Approach³

Prevention Approach: Scare Tactics



- Films or materials showing graphic images, sensationalizing risks, or telling horror stories

The evidence: may cause more harm than good and do not change substance use behavior.^{4,5}

- **Why?** Youth may remember details delivered by someone with a personal account of drug use and recovery, but they may not make the connection between the story and their situation or behaviors.

Prevention Approach: Information Dissemination



- 1960s: Knowledge-based models, factual information

The evidence: by the late 1970s, this approach was determined to be ineffective in changing substance use behavior (though may increase awareness).^{6,7}

- **Why?** Presenting facts does not ensure understanding or reliability of the information or changes in behaviors. These approaches can also normalize substance use.

Prevention Approach: Affective (Emotion) Education



- 1970s: Prevention efforts evolved to rely on educational curricula centered on value- or decision-making models.
- Aimed to reduce substance use through personal development and self-esteem strategies.^{1,8}

The evidence: affective training approaches were largely ineffective in changing youth substance use behavior.^{5,9,10}

Why? Missing interactive social skill building and drug resistance skills that can change behaviors → social competency programs.

Prevention Approaches: Research-Based, Evidence-based & Comprehensive Prevention



- 1980-early 2000s: greater acknowledgement that substance use prevention is complex^{1,5}
 - Involve parents & communities
- Comprehensive programming that is grounded in science, theory-based, developmentally-focused, and uses data and evaluation
- Multi-tiered public health approaches, addressing risk and protective factors of substance use in multiple settings



Summary of What We've Learned in Prevention Approaches

Effective approaches

- Comprehensive, evidence-based prevention that address the root causes of problem behaviors

Ineffective approaches

- Scare tactics, punitive and zero tolerance approaches, information dissemination only, affective/emotion training and education-only models

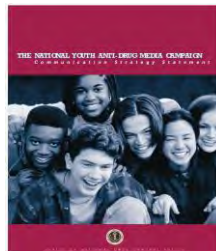
Many of these approaches are still popular despite being ineffective or having only weak evidence

...Is there a role of information sharing/campaigns and drug education curricula in prevention?

[Yes, these approaches can still have value in comprehensive prevention efforts!](#)

What we know: Information sharing materials and awareness media campaigns can have value as cost-effective methods that can effectively reach many youth

- FDA's *The Real Cost* tobacco-focused national campaign, The National Youth Anti-Drug Campaign (1998-2004), SAMHSA's "Talk. They Hear You." campaign



The Evidence for Information Sharing/Campaigns

What Studies Show



- Mixed evidence, but some campaigns may be more effective in changing perceptions, attitudes, and beliefs than reducing substance use behavior.¹¹⁻¹⁷
- Some evidence of decreased risk for smoking initiation (e.g., *The Real Cost*).¹⁶⁻¹⁷
- But other campaigns may increase misperceptions (e.g., The National Youth Anti-Drug Campaign).¹⁸
 - Revamped version, *Above the Influence*, some positive effects for less marijuana use^{19,20}



The Evidence for Information Sharing/Campaigns

Limitations of Current Research & Best Practices

- Findings vary depending on the type of campaign and study design.^{21,22}



- Many studies are focused on short-term effects or do not measure actual substance use behaviors beyond awareness, perceptions, and attitudes.
- There is a need to assess long-term effects through high-quality evaluations.
- **Some current best practices** in information sharing/campaigns: include true positive norm messaging, are theory-based and developmentally appropriate, and are part of a comprehensive prevention strategy.



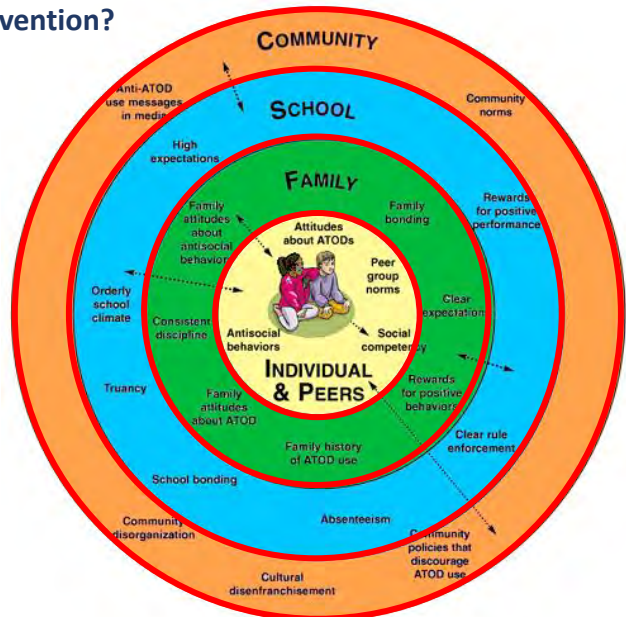
The Evidence for Fentanyl Information Sharing/Campaigns

- Many information sharing materials have been developed at local and national levels.
- We know very little about the effectiveness of fentanyl information sharing/campaigns on changing youth substance use awareness, attitudes, and behaviors.
- Like other substance use prevention campaigns, we need more research evaluations.
- Best practices for fentanyl-specific prevention approaches are still unknown.



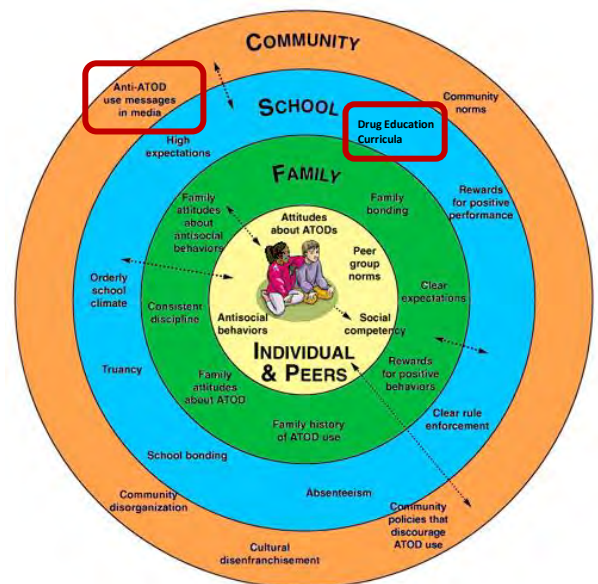
What do we mean by comprehensive prevention?

- Preventing substance use is multifaceted and requires a comprehensive community-based prevention strategy.
- Based on combined programs, practices, and policies grounded in evidence.
- The root causes of disordered and of positive development reach across all areas of influence: individual and peers, family, school, and community.



How have Information Sharing/Campaigns and Drug Prevention Curricula been effectively used in Comprehensive Prevention?

- **Anti-substance use campaigns and drug education curricula** can be useful, but alone are not sufficient to prevent substance use.
- Need to be part of a **comprehensive strategy** to address the root causes of substance use across multiple domains.
- Approaches can play a role in changing substance use attitudes or behaviors if they include **effective content** (e.g., social norms vs. just facts) and are coupled with **preventive interventions that include skill building**.



Best Practices in Effective Prevention Approaches



Best practices/core components:^{1,5,23-27}

- Informed by science and guided by theory
- Developmentally appropriate
- Culturally and context sensitive
- Target known risk and protective factors
 - Risk factors: misperceptions of social norms, negative social influences
 - Protective factors: attitudes toward substances, skill development (social, emotional, cognitive, resistance skills)
- Interactive learning and skills practice

Best Practices in Effective Prevention Approaches



Additional best practices/core components:^{1,5,23-27}

- Recognize and reinforce positive behavior
- Comprehensive interactive training for providers
- Uses peer leaders
- Comprehensive and multimodal intervention components
- Evidence-based program implementation

The most comprehensive evidence as an effective approach for the prevention of youth substance use

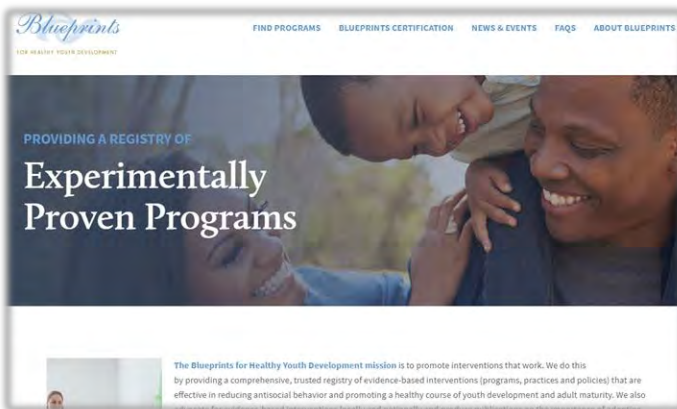
Evidence-based Preventive Interventions for Behavior Change



How do
community
members
know what
works?

Resources exist to select tested,
effective programs for preventing
youth substance use

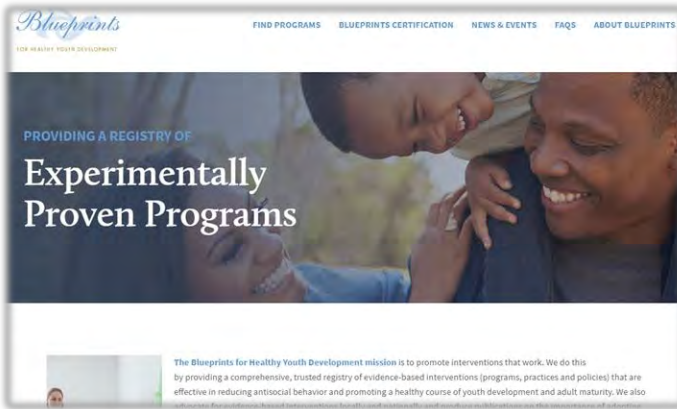
Blueprints!



A web-based registry of *experimentally proven programs* (EPPs) promoting the most rigorous scientific standard and review process for certification.

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Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development



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- RISK AND PROTECTIVE FACTORS ⓘ +

Keyword Search 

Examples of how to search can be found with the following links.

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- [Search Within Categories](#)

Program Search

This interactive search enables you to identify Blueprints-certified interventions based on specific criteria and then browse through a wide range of interventions that match those criteria. Select only a few criteria of importance, as the number of interventions may be reduced by selecting multiple items ACROSS categories, or increased by selecting multiple items WITHIN categories.

Model and Model Plus programs are listed separately from Promising programs. This is because only Model and Model Plus programs have demonstrated efficacy for changing outcomes over time and are recommended for large-scale implementation. Promising programs show promise of efficacy, but require follow-up research before being recommended for large-scale adoption.

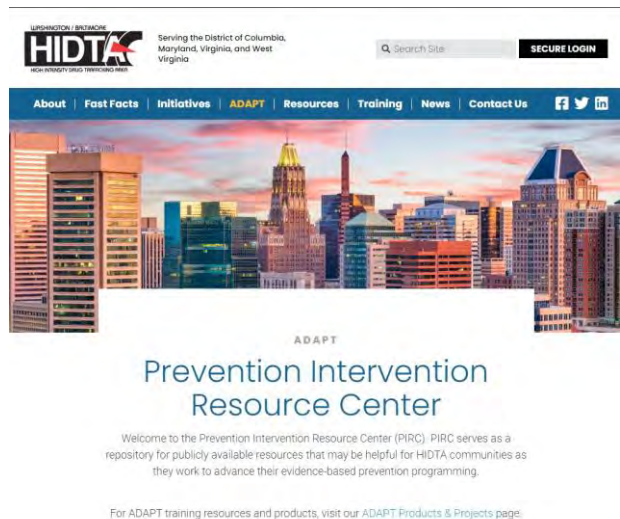
111 Programs

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Model & Model Plus: 19	Promising: 92	
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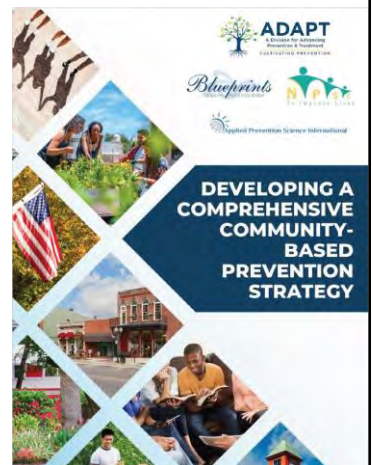
ADAPT Resources

Links to Other Registries and Resources



Take-aways

- There are several youth substance use prevention approaches with a range of evidence. Many information sharing materials/campaigns still need to be evaluated for effectiveness.
- Information sharing/campaigns and drug education curricula can still play a role in comprehensive prevention strategies.
- A comprehensive prevention strategy is based on key lessons learned from the prevention science field.
 - Resources: ADAPT's Developing a Comprehensive Community-based Prevention Strategy brief, CDC and SAMHSA



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Where to find evidence-based prevention programs:

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<https://www.blueprintsprograms.org/>

ADAPT resources website
<https://www.hidta.org/adapt/prevention-intervention-resource-center/>

Other helpful prevention resources:

Prevention Technology Transfer Center Network (PTTC): <https://pttcnetwork.org/>

Partnership to End Addiction: <https://drugfree.org/>

Best Practices in Effective Prevention Approaches

Best Practices/ Core Components	Description or Example
Guided by theory	Theoretical framework addresses multiple risk and protective factors in relevant individual, peer, school, family, and/or community settings
Developmentally appropriate	Intervention contains age-appropriate content and activities
Culturally and context sensitive	Relevant to targeted youth populations and environment/setting
Accurate peer behavior and social norms content	To counter misperceptions of peer substance use behavior, intentions not to use, communicate positive norms
Skills training	To help youth build skills (protective factors) in the following areas: resistance skills (messages from the media, normative education, resistance to peer influences, reinforcing anti-drug attitudes), emphasis on healthy behavior, social skills (communication and problem-solving), self-control, self-efficacy, assertiveness, emotional awareness, and strengthening personal commitment against substance use
Interactive delivery approach	Opportunities for youth to practice new skills, through cooperative learning, role-playing, and other group activities

Best Practices References: 1, 5, 23-27

Best Practices in Effective Prevention Approaches, continued

Best Practices/ Core Components	Description or Example
Positive Behavior Reinforcement	Recognize and reinforce positive behavior
Comprehensive interactive training for providers	Well-trained staff, sensitive, competent, adequate skills and buy-in; trusted adults
Uses peer leaders	Activities that are peer-led or include peer-led components
Comprehensive and multimodal intervention components	Components address multiple developmental domains and settings, intervention has adequate dosage, uses content reinforcement and provides additional resources
Evidence-based program implementation	Use existing, effective prevention programs (i.e., programs that have been well-evaluated for effectiveness using appropriate design, measures, and analysis), and collect data in your community (when possible) or track your state's Healthy Kids survey data

Best Practices References: 1, 5, 23-27

Sharing Substance-Related Information with Youth aged 11-18: Integrating the Best Available Evidence

Part 2 (Presenting the Social Norms Framework)

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The next
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- Social Norms: Perception vs. Reality
- The Social Norms Approach
- The Social Norms Framework for Sharing Substance-Related Information
- Considerations for Sharing Fentanyl-Specific Information using a Social Norms Framework

Part 1: Social Norms Perceptions vs. Reality

Humans Are Social Animals



Perceived Norms vs. Actual Norms



- **Perceived Norms** are what individuals believe their peers think and do
- **Actual norms** are what most peers actually think and do
- Often, there is misalignment between perceived norms and actual norms → **Misperceived Norms**
- People tend to incorrectly think that negative, unhealthy, and risk behavior and attitudes are common when, in fact, positive, healthy, and protective behavior and attitudes represent the majority.

Perceived Norms vs. Actual Norms



- Both youth and adults *misperceive norms*, particularly around substance use



Misperceived Norms Affect Attitudes and Behavior

1. When people think substance use is the norm, they are more likely to make choices that align with that misperception (i.e., use, acceptance, or promotion of substance use).
2. People are more likely to hide or diminish their own healthy and protective choices, attitudes, and behaviors, which then become invisible to others.
3. People are less likely to speak up when they witness others engaging in or tolerating substance use.



Harmful Cycle

Healthy and protective behaviors are underestimated and made less visible while unhealthy behaviors are over-estimated and made more visible, leading to more unhealthy behavior.

Part 2: Engineering Prevention and Individual and Social Change by Changing Perceptions

The Social Norms Approach

The Social Norms Approach

- Aims to correct misperceived norms and strengthen accurate perceptions to, in turn, prevent and reduce risk behavior.
- Focuses on making healthy, positive, and protective actual norms more salient and visible to youth and other intended audience



How It Works

Intervention

Intensive Exposure to Actual Positive Norm Messages about *Relevant Groups* to youth and associated adults (caregivers, teachers, coaches, etc.)



Change

Less exaggerated misperceptions of peer norms or total perception correction



Predicted Result

Uptake of healthier behavior or attitude and increased support for health-promoting behavior and bystander action

The Process (In Brief)

Identify

identify misperceived norms and existing positive norms about *relevant groups** from a *credible data source**

Train

teach those involved in the process about the approach and others who work with youth in the targeted audience about the approach to reduce the risk that they themselves will not undermine the communication with their own misperceptions

Design

design messaging based on actual local norms about no or low risk behavior among youth and high engagement in protective behaviors and attitudes among youth, and avoid ineffective/harmful messaging tactics

Expose

spread these accurate positive messages across youth populations within schools and other contexts and across affiliated adult populations such as caregivers, parents, and teachers.

Positive Norms

Actions

- Little to no substance use
- Protective strategies to avoid substance use or situations with substance use
- Engagement in alternative healthy behaviors for fun, to cope, etc.
- Bystander actions to prevent others from using
- Bystander actions to prevent harm when people do use

Attitudes

- Disapproval of substance use / not viewing it favorably
- Not stigmatizing others who avoid substance use or situations with substance use
- Approval of others who intervene to reduce others use and reduce potentially harmful consequences for those who do use

Evaluate (In Brief)

Request feedback

Engage a substance of intended audience to get feedback about messages, design, and implementation

Address kickback

Engage stakeholders, audience, and larger community to address pushback (disbelief in data, messages, etc.) and facilitate non-judgmental conversation about what the positive norms really are, how misperceptions are created and maintained, and help people wrestle with changing misperceptions

Assess change

Compare perceptions and outcomes to original data source and any other archival data available and plan for long-term data collection

Part 3: Building A Social Norms Framework for Sharing Substance Use Information

3 Step Social Norms Framework

1

The Opening: Begin with a presentation of actual positive norms that most youth do not use substances and most do not view substance use favorably. Ensure that the message is true and the norms derive from a reference group that is relatable to the intended audience (e.g., students from the same school)

2

The Middle: Integrate a variety of positive norms messages (if available) when sharing substance-related information. Avoid including risk statistics, scare tactics, or distracting images.

3

The Closing: Conclude with a final positive norms statement.

The Opening

Most youth in this school do not use the substance.
(behavioral norm)

Most youth in this school think that it's not good for
you or your peers to use that substance.
(attitudinal norm)

All data reported here come from the 2022 survey of
youth aged 13-18 in this school where 80% of youth
responded.



The Middle

Most youth in this school engage in bystander action
and protective strategies

Most youth in this school engage in these other
healthy behaviors and view them favorably

Most youth in this school support risk management
action if substance use occurs



The Middle Continued

Most parents and other adult caregivers of youth in this school disapprove of youth using substances

Most parents of youth in this school talk with their children about how to protect themselves and others

Compared to last year, two times more youth in this school feel comfortable calling for help if they think someone has overdosed



The Closing

Repeat important message about how most youth do not use substances and disapprove of other youth doing so.

Pair a few statements together for a broad, hopeful, summary message.

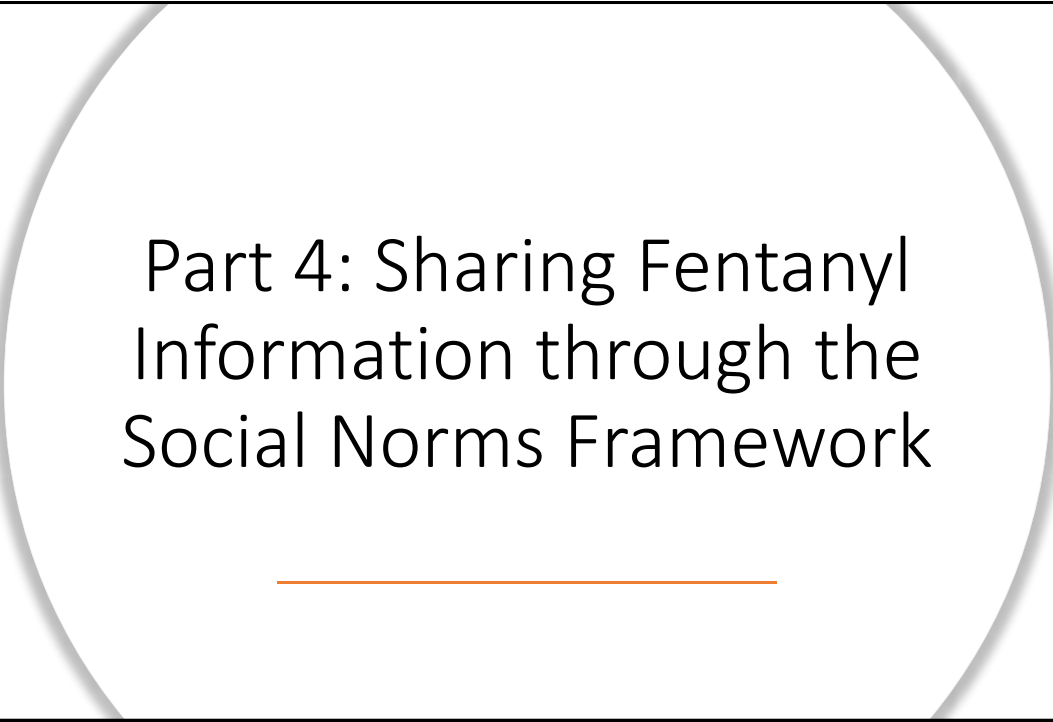
Remind audience where data in the positive norm messages are from.





Critical Steps

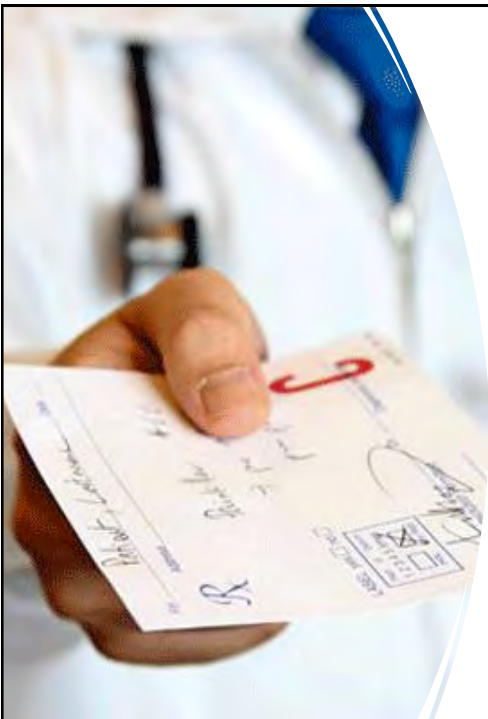
1. Find a credible data source
2. Interpret true positive norms (may need to flip the statistics)
3. Train stakeholders to minimize skepticism
4. Monitor outcomes to inform adjustments and address skepticism
5. The role of youth in the process



Part 4: Sharing Fentanyl Information through the Social Norms Framework



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1. Focus on non-use norms and disapproval of use norms to reduce use of pills not prescribed by a health care provider
 - Most youth use do not take pills not prescribed to them
 - Reduces misperceptions about peer pressure to use



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2. Present norms about use of pills in specific approved circumstances
 - Most youth get pills from a pharmacy through a prescription
 - Most youth take pills only in the way prescribed by a doctor



3. Provide information about support norms for bystander action

- Most youth are willing to get help or administer Narcan to a friend in case of an overdose
- Most youth would help a friend get a fentanyl testing kit if they couldn't stop a friend from taking a substance

Check out the new
tool!

Examples coming up next!

**Sharing Substance-Related Information with Youth aged 11-18:
Integrating the Best Available Evidence**

Part 2 (Presenting the Social Norms Framework)

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Thank you!

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Case Study

Messaging to Youth about Fentanyl using a Social Norms Approach: The Colorado Campaign

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PRESENTER BIO

Jaime Feld, MPH



Jamie Feld, MPH has 17 years of related behavioral health experience, the last nine specifically focusing on addressing the opioid crisis in Colorado. She is an epidemiologist by training and has served at various governmental agencies such as the US Department of Veterans Affairs, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Colorado Consortium for Prevention Drug Abuse Prevention at CU Anschutz School of Pharmacy. She has led efforts in international, national, state, and local levels of the public sector. In previous roles, she provided subject matter support for the Opioid and Other Substances Interim Committee and the Behavioral Health Transformational Task Force at the Colorado General Assembly. She is currently the Director for the Opioid Response Unit at the Colorado Attorney General's Office. To date, more than \$740 million in opioid settlement dollars has been secured by the Colorado Attorney General for addiction treatment, recovery, and prevention programs around the state.

PRESENTER BIO

Eric Anderson



Eric is a principal who co-founded SE2 a quarter-century ago. He has led behavior change projects focused on limiting harm to youth from marijuana, tobacco, and opioids, among other issues, while promoting positive social norms. As a father of teens and young adults, he recognizes the unique array of challenges facing young people today and is committed to supporting the next generations. Eric is a former journalist.

PRESENTER BIO

Brandon Zelasko



Brandon is a principal and a co-owner of SE2. He leads behavior change campaign strategy for SE2's clients. Brandon has been with SE2 for 13 years and has worked on behavior change campaigns addressing opioid prevention, tobacco cessation, youth vaping, STI testing and treatment, and mental health promotion. Brandon is a Colorado Governor's Fellow and serves on the board of Colorado Young Leaders.

CONNECT EFFECT

Applying the positive social norm framework to the radically different threat of fentanyl

An Initiative of the
Colorado Attorney General's Office



HOW WE GOT HERE

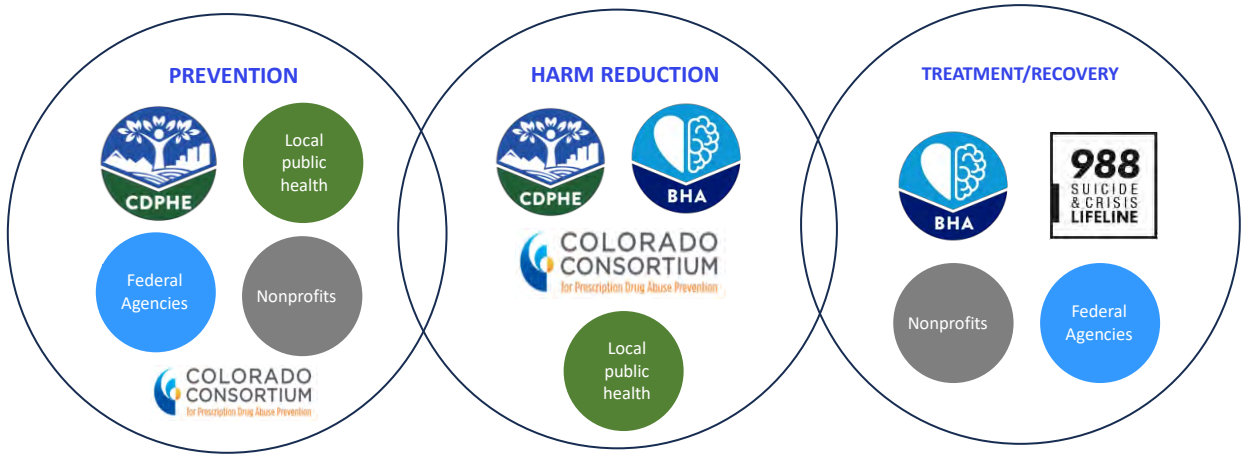
- Opioid settlement offers once-in-a-generation opportunity
- How Colorado is leveraging settlement funding
- The imperative to coordinate efforts across organizations
- Identifying partners to design and implement campaign
- Identifying gaps in the broad ecosystem of youth prevention
- Homing in on best practices and adapting them to fentanyl
- Maintaining do-no-harm mindset while charting new course



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A CROWDED ECOSYSTEM

Colorado campaigns live before Colorado Attorney General launch



OUR HYPOTHESIS

Campaign would need to employ fear-based and loss-framed messaging and visuals to jar key audiences to act

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RESEARCH

- Consulted with national experts
- Evaluated strengths and weaknesses of other campaigns
- Reviewed existing, Colorado-specific research
- Conducted primary research with community partners
 - Statewide polls with parents and youth
 - Discussion groups with youth
- Our conclusion: our hypothesis was **WRONG**

The Science of Social Norms

Professor Wesley Perkins:

- Humans are influenced by peer norms
- Peer norms are one of the strongest predictors of behavior
- Peer norms are greatly overestimated when it comes to substance use and protective behaviors are underestimated

Everybody does NOT do it

WHAT WE FOUND

- Youth overwhelmingly make healthy choices
- Youth overestimate the number of their peers who make unhealthy choices and underestimate the number who make healthy choices
- Youth want facts and science, not scare tactics
- We must avoid perpetuating stigma
 - Judgment is ineffective at changing behavior; stigma encourages risky behavior (like using alone) and discourages people from seeking support, treatment
- Connection is a powerful upstream prevention factor for a variety of risky behaviors

C@NNECT EFFECT

CAMPAIGN OBJECTIVES

- Increase knowledge of positive social norms
- Increase knowledge of fact-based information
- Show how to be an *active* bystander
- Increase confidence in protective skills
- Normalize open conversations (peer to peer and teen to parent/trusted adult)
- Promote the power of connection

CONNECT EFFECT

AUDIENCES

Primary:

Youth ages 10-14 and their parents/trusted adults

Secondary:

Youth ages 15-18 and their parents/trusted adults

Why we focused primarily on younger adolescents:

- Younger cohort is less likely to have experimented
- Builds refusal and bystander skills early, *before* they are exposed
- Younger teens are more influenced by their parents





YOUTH COMMERCIAL

MOST COLORADO YOUTH WOULD TRY TO STOP A FRIEND FROM USING A PILL THAT COULD CONTAIN FENTANYL

Source: Statewide poll of Colorado teens, 2023

We know the risks of misusing pills because a lot of pills are fake and laced with fentanyl. When we see a friend in danger, we support them.

You have the power to save a life. See how at ConnectEffectCO.org

Be part of the Connect Effect

9 OUT OF 10 COLORADO YOUTH AREN'T MISUSING PILLS

Source: Statewide poll of Colorado teens, 2023

We know the risks of misusing pills. A lot of pills are fake and contain a potentially deadly dose of fentanyl. When we see a friend in danger, we act.

Do you know how to save a friend's life in case of an overdose? Get the facts before you need them at ConnectEffectCO.org

Be part of the Connect Effect

88.5% OF COLORADO YOUTH DO NOT USE SUBSTANCES TO COPE WITH NEGATIVE FEELINGS

Source: Statewide poll of Colorado teens, 2023

Life can make us feel sad or stressed, but we take care of our minds and bodies. And we don't misuse pills.

Friends and trusted adults can help us through challenges. Get tips for building strong relationships at ConnectEffectCO.org

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YOUTH POSTERS

TEENS, PILLS AND FENTANYL

What parents and other trusted adults need to know

- Fentanyl commonly gets mixed into counterfeit pills or powdered drugs.
- A tiny amount can trigger a fatal overdose.
- It's almost impossible to tell a real pill from a counterfeit one.

CONNECT EFFECT

THE POWER OF CONVERSATIONS

Conversations with teens about the risks of taking pills not prescribed to them can stop them from experimenting. Simply talking openly about these dangers is one of the most effective ways to prevent youth from using pills.

Get the facts and tips for how to start the conversation at ConnectEffectCO.org

DIGITAL DOWNLOADS

MANY COLORADO TEENS SAY THEY'VE ALREADY TALKED TO THEIR PARENTS ABOUT THE RISKS OF FENTANYL.

LA MAYORÍA DE LOS ADOLESCENTES DE COLORADO DICEN CONFÍAN EN SUS PADRES CUANDO SE TRATA DE SU SALUD.

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DISPLAY ADS

PARENTS - **CONNECT EFFECT**

87% OF COLORADO YOUTH WOULD TRY TO PROTECT A FRIEND FROM PILLS THAT COULD CONTAIN FENTANYL

What you see online or hear at school might make you think pill misuse is widespread. It's not. And that's a fact.

The reality is that most teens aren't using pills that aren't prescribed to them. And most say they would act to stop a friend from taking a pill that could contain fentanyl.

You could save a life by learning about the risks of pills, the signs of an opioid overdose, and how naloxone (often known by brand name Narcan) reverses opioid overdoses.

WEBSITE

LESSONS LEARNED

- Fentanyl's lethality makes it fundamentally different than other substances...
- ...but the basic principles of social norming and connectedness still apply
- Positive social norm approach can be compatible with anti-stigma goals if we separate the behavior from the people (e.g., person-first language)
- Build on other efforts/campaigns without adding to clutter
- Campaigns can stress urgency of action while focusing on positive choices most youth are making



NEXT STEPS

- Testing and learning as campaign progresses
 - See how the campaign performs; tweak messaging/targeting based on data
- Exploring third-party evaluation
- Engaging local partners to amplify the campaign
 - Regional opioid settlement partners who have own funding
 - Other community partners (mini-grants to nonprofits)

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SHARING THE CONNECT EFFECT



Connect Effect Campaign Toolkit

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Connect Effect



The reality is that most teens aren't using pills that aren't prescribed to them. And most say they would act to stop a friend from taking a pill that could contain fentanyl. **Connect Effect** is a statewide campaign to help Colorado teens and the adults in their lives start a conversation about pills and fentanyl that is grounded in the power of connection. The project, an initiative of the Colorado Office of the Attorney General, uses the science of positive norms to highlight that most teens are making healthy choices. Within this context, the campaign also shares factual information about the risks of fentanyl, signs of overdose, and how anyone can use naloxone to reverse it.

To learn more about **Connect Effect** go to <https://www.connecteffectco.org>

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Prioritizing Prevention to Address the Fierce Urgencies of Now

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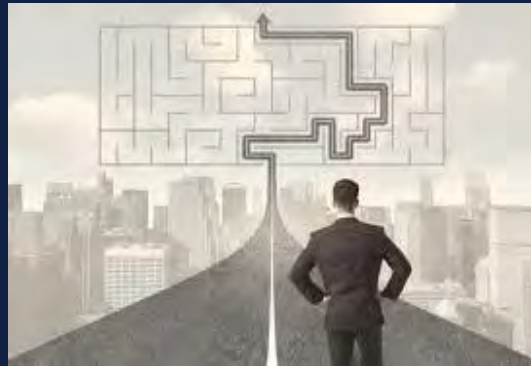
Carlton Hall is the President and CEO of Carlton Hall Consulting LLC (CHC) , a multi-faceted, full-service consulting firm designed to provide customized solutions and enable measurable change for communities, organizations, families and individuals. Carlton Hall has been providing intensive substance abuse prevention focused and community problem solving services to the nation for the last 25 years. His responsibilities, unique set of skills and experience have made him one of the most highly sought after instructors and guides for community problem solving across the nation and internationally, with successful achievements in South Africa, Ghana, Bermuda, Kenya and others. CHC is honored to be invited to contribute to annual convenings of The Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND), the governing body of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). CHC has co-organized, delivered and participated in side-meetings and special events.

Carlton spent twelve years with the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) serving in several leadership positions and including most recently, Acting Vice President, Training Operations, and Acting Director for CADCA's National Coalition Institute.

Currently, Carlton and the CHC team provide executive training and technical assistance support to the Southeast PTTC (Region 4). Additionally, Carlton sits on several boards of directors, including, the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (NA-DEC) and Movendi International.

Learn more about Carlton at <http://carltonhallconsulting.com/about.html>

Prioritizing Prevention to Address The Fierce Urgencies of Now!



2023 HIDTA Prevention Summit – October 12th 2023



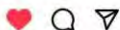
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PEOPLE DON'T BUY WHAT YOU DO, THEY BUY WHY YOU DO IT.

Simon Sinek

What do **WE** believe?

- The most effective way of addressing a problem is to PREVENT it BEFORE it starts.
- We believe in the full engagement and empowerment of the community in their role to both understand and solve the problem.
- Being guided by science to achieve population-level change.

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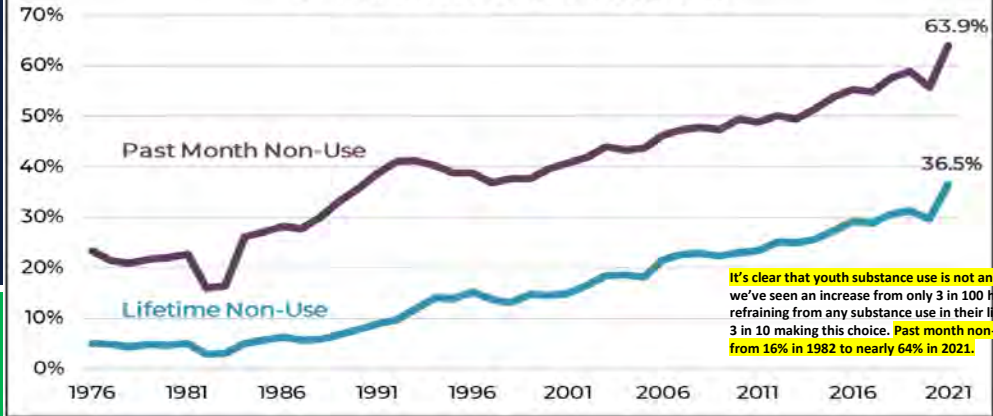
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GAPS IN OUR NATIONAL
CONVERSATION THAT MAY
HAVE US...

JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS

NO USE OF ALCOHOL, CIGARETTES, MARIJUANA, AND OTHER ILLICIT DRUGS BY US HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS: 1976-2021



It's clear that youth substance use is not an inevitable. Nationally we've seen an increase from only 3 in 100 high school seniors refraining from any substance use in their lifetime to more than 3 in 10 making this choice. Past month non-use has increased from 16% in 1982 to nearly 64% in 2021.

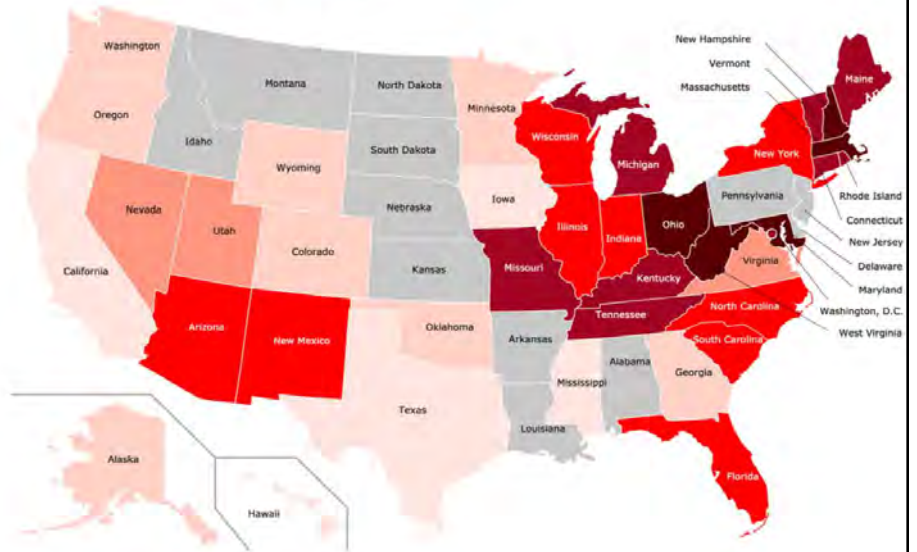


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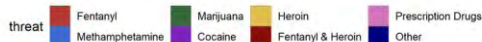
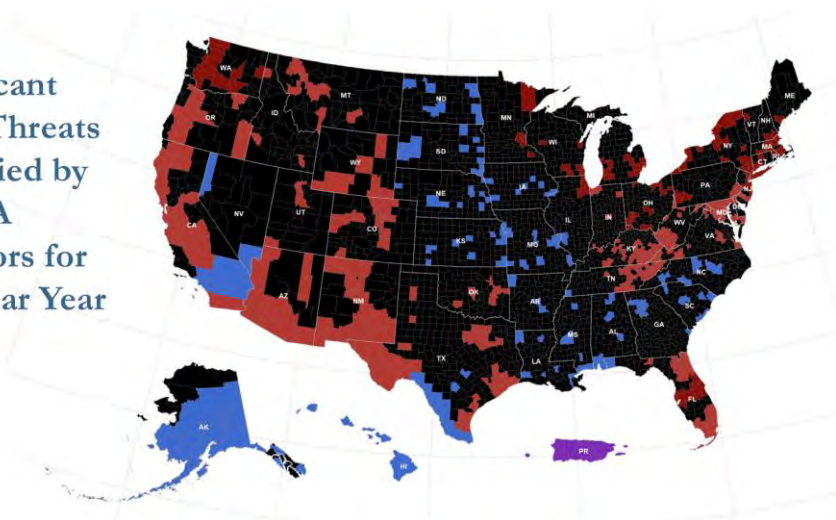


Opioid Overdose Death Rate, by state (2018)

2018 Opioid-Involved Overdose Death Rates (per 100,000 people)¹



Most Significant Drug Threats Identified by HIDTA Directors for Calendar Year 2023



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U.S. NEWS

Young people are being targeted with brightly colored 'rainbow fentanyl,' government drug agency warns

"They're doing this to get new users, to appeal to younger users. We're finding it all over the social media platforms. Rainbow pills are all over," said the administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration.



Prevention Is about identifying who is **VULNERABLE** in our population

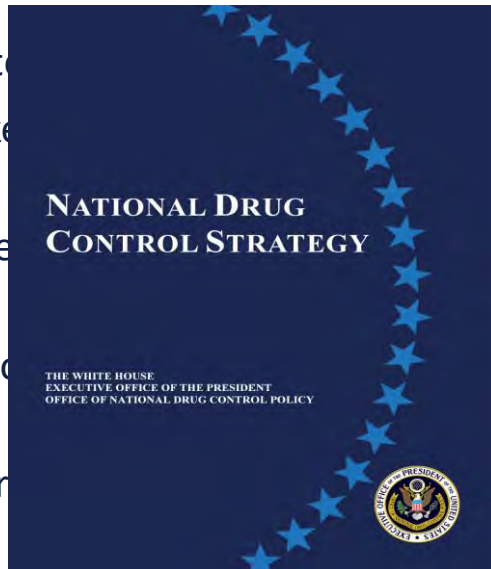
...and identifying when someone is **VULNERABLE** (Environmental, Life Span...)



Prevention should be **OBVIOUS!**

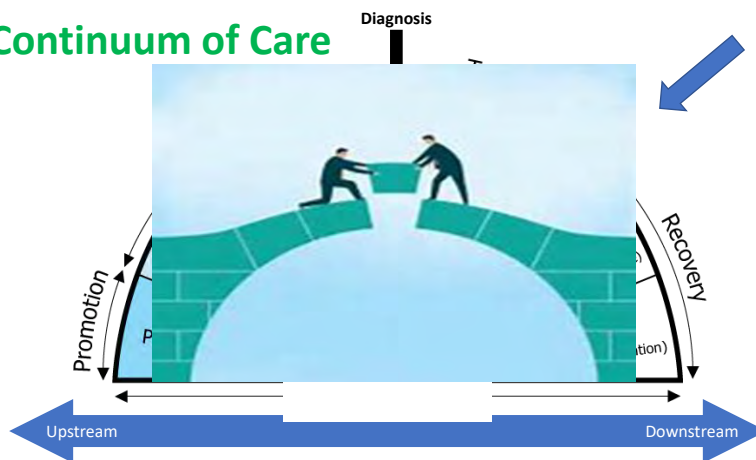
Prevention Is: Across the Lifespan...

- **Infants** – FASD, effects of maternal substance use
- **Children** - second-hand smoke, environmental health, secondary effects
- **Adolescents** – onset and exposure to substances, developing brain and bodies
- **College-aged and Adults** – prescription drug use, binge drinking, and dependence
- **Older adults** – prescription drug use, falls, cognitive decline



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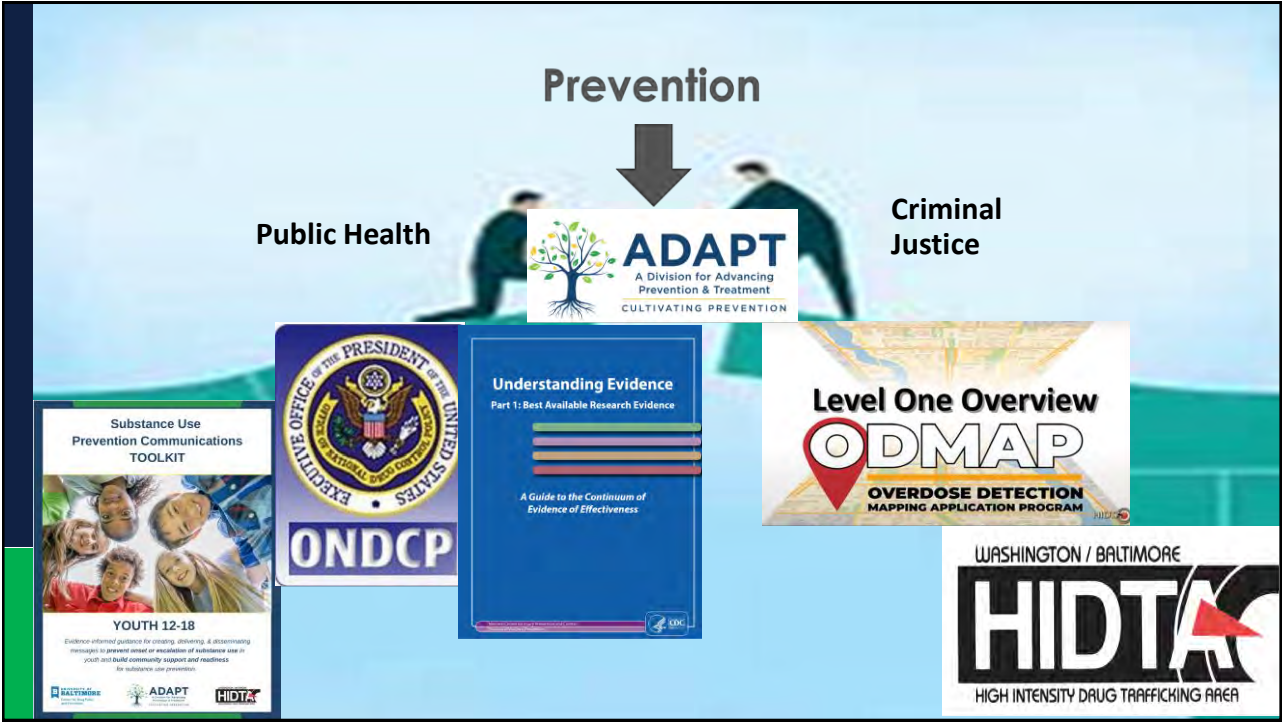
Continuum of Care



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The Fierce Urgency of Now

“We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with ***the fierce urgency of now***. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history, there "is" such a thing as being too late. This is no time for apathy or complacency. This is a time for vigorous and positive action.”

— Martin Luther King Jr.”.



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Understanding the Effects of Trauma in Individuals and Communities


July 7, 2022 Posted by Jesse M. Ehrenfeld, MD, MPH

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Even before COVID-19 upended life as we knew it in early 2020, too many people were living with the effects of


DRUG CRISIS




resulting from a dangerous combination of substance abuse alone, a new U.S. government

involving cocaine in recent years is due to the widespread use of fentanyl.

combined abuse of both methamphetamines and



Active substances



DEATH OVER OPIOID

PTSD
PRESCRIPTION MENTAL HEALTH
PAIN ADDICT OPIOIDS
PAINKILLERS
TOLERANCE

COVID ABUSE DEPENDENCE

Dr Bertha Madras



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THE OTHER EMERGENCY

Covid-19 is undoing a decade of progress on the opioid epidemic

August 11, 2020



By **Annalisa Merelli**
Geopolitics reporter



12 Month-Ending Provisional Opioid Deaths

Based on data

More than a million Americans have died from overdoses during the opioid epidemic

Opioid Deaths



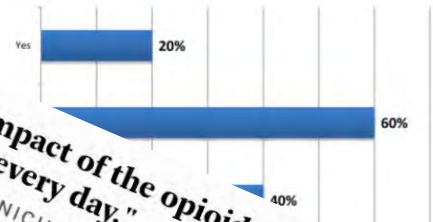
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"As Chief, I grapple with the real-life, ongoing impact of the opioid epidemic on the Passamaquoddy people every day."

INDIAN TOWNSHIP CHIEF BILL NICHOLAS

"As Chief, I grapple with the real-life, ongoing impact of the opioid epidemic on the Passamaquoddy people every day," Nicholas said. "This settlement may provide some limited financial relief to address the damage that our long-overshadowed business of the

Figure 20: Do You Believe the Tribe Has Access to Adequate and Sufficient Resources to Address Opioid Abuse, to Treat Opioid Overdoses, and to Prevent Opioid Overdose Deaths in the Community?, Tribal Health Directors in AZ (2018)^{abc}



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^a Mark all that apply.
^b Answered: 5, Skipped: 0
^c Source: ITCA Survey, Tribal Resources to Address the v-



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Experience Addressing the Heroin/Opioid Crisis With the DEA

- Led the community engagement efforts for the Drug Enforcement Administration in cities across the nation.
- CHC has a team of nationally renowned experts and trainers allowing us to speak to a wide range of issues and challenges facing our nation and communities.

Opioid Crisis in █████ County: Experts Explain the Epidemic

By Mimi Michalski - August 17, 2018

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Acting █████ County Prosecutor Robert █████ Addresses Attendees at Community Meeting

Acting █████ County Prosecutor Robert D. █████ hosted a Community Meeting on the opioid crisis on Wednesday, August 15 at the Glen Ridge Congregational Church.

The event was co-sponsored by the New Jersey Attorney General's Office and included speakers from RWJ St. Barnabas Health Institute for Prevention and Recovery, the █████ County Department of Health, and two nonprofits, Integrity House, and ADAPT (Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Team).

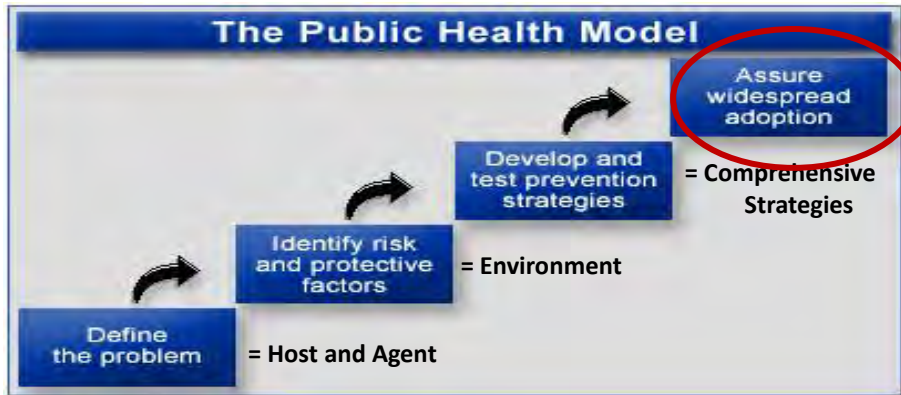
New Kind of Conversation on Engagement



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What is the Next Role of Coalitions and Prevention?

Public Health Approach to Prevention



Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/publichealthissue/publichealthapproach.html>



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Respond In The Chat Box

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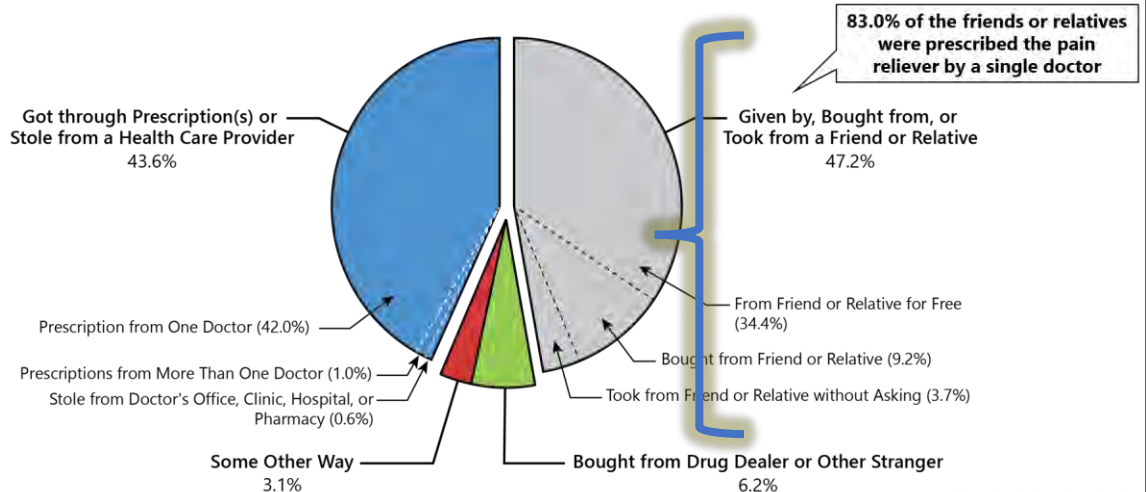
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Clarifying the Role of Communities Applying Prevention Science	Translate/ Clarify Prioritize
	Focus Locally (Identify Local Conditions) Concretize
	Define Strategic Leverage (Align Strategies) Strategize
	Engage Effectively and Equitably Evangelize

Changing the Conversation: Opioids, Commercialization, Poly Drug Misuse and The Untapped Potential of Youth Leadership

Sources Where Pain Relievers Were Obtained for Most Recent Misuse in Past Year: Among People Aged 12+ Who Misused Prescription Pain Relievers in Past Year

PAST YEAR, 2020 NSDUH, 12+



9.3 Million People Aged 12 or Older Who Misused Pain Relievers in the Past Year



SUD Prevention & Treatment efforts prevent the progression of OUD

Contrary to popular misconception, medical initiation is NOT the majority pathway to OUD

The vast MAJORITY of persons with OUD have PREVIOUS TROUBLE WITH OTHER SUBSTANCES

Dr Marc Fishman

American Society of Addiction Medicine

An opioid crisis?



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MAINE MONTHLY OVERDOSE REPORT

For June 2022

Marcella H. Sorg

Abby Leidenfrost

Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center, University of Maine

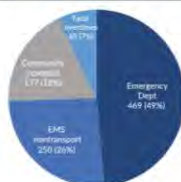
Overview

This report documents suspected and confirmed fatal and nonfatal drug overdoses in Maine during June, 2022 as well as for January-June 2022. During June, the proportion of fatal overdoses averaged 7% of total overdoses, the same level as the average for the first six months of 2022, and the same level as during 2021, 7% (Table 1). The monthly proportion of 2022 fatalities has fluctuated, however, including a low of 5% in May 2022 and a high of 8% in April. During the first half of 2022, the average number of overdoses per month was approximately 820 (55 fatal and 765 nonfatal cases). This compares to the monthly average for January-June 2021 of 695 (50 fatal and 645 nonfatal cases). The 2022 number of fatal overdoses is 97% higher than during the same time in 2021.

Data derived from multiple statewide sources were compiled and deduplicated to compute nonfatal overdose totals. These include nonfatal overdose incidents reported by hospital emergency departments (ED), nonfatal emergency medical service (EMS) responses without transport to the ED, overdose reversals reported by law enforcement in the absence of EMS, and overdose reversals reported by community members or agencies receiving state-supplied naloxone. There are also an unknown number of private overdose reversals that were not reported, and an unknown number of the community-reported reversals that may have overlapped with emergency response by EMS or law enforcement. The total number of fatal overdoses in this report includes those that have been confirmed, as well as those that are suspected but not yet confirmed for part of May and part of June (see Figure 2).

The cumulative number of reported fatal and nonfatal overdoses January through June 2022, 4922, is displayed in Table 1 in the bottom row; 329 (7%) confirmed and suspected fatal overdoses, 2247 (46%) nonfatal emergency department visits, 1267 (26%) nonfatal EMS responses not transported to the emergency department, 1074 (22%) reported community reversals, and 5 (<1%) law enforcement reversals in cases that did not include EMS. Figure 1 displays the relative proportions for these components.

Figure 1: Fatal and nonfatal overdoses in June, 2022*



* Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

Increasing Polysubstance Use Involving Fentanyl

- Nonpharmaceutical fentanyl was the most frequent cause of death mentioned on the death certificate.
- Fentanyl is nearly always found in combination with multiple other drugs.
- An average of 3 drugs listed on death certificates, (sometimes up to 6), including cocaine, methamphetamine, pharmaceutical opioids and xylazine.

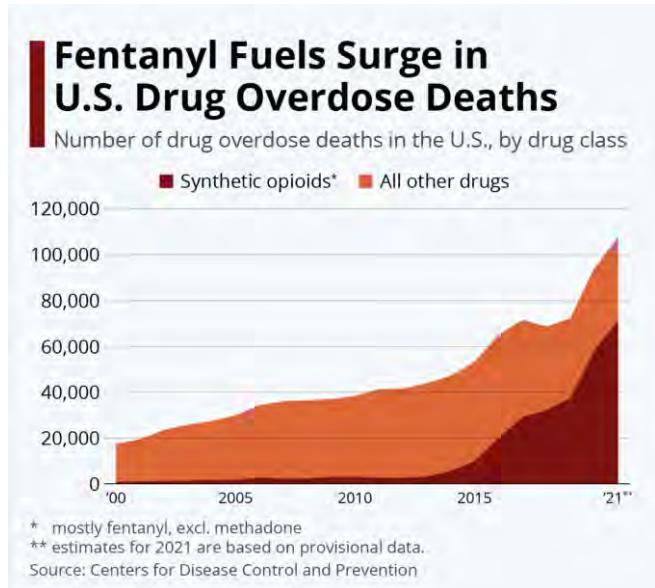
<https://mainedrugdata.org/june-2022-monthly-overdose-report/>

The Real Problem: Polysubstance Use

“First, there are virtually no drug overdose deaths where fentanyl is the only drug present. The “fentanyl” problem is 100 percent a polydrug problem.”

- Dr Robert DuPont

In response to The Washington Post's series on fentanyl, IBH President Robert L. DuPont, MD authored a letter to the editor, published on December 16, 2022:



Opioid crisis continues

The Surgeon General has issued a national advisory urging more Americans to carry naloxone, the life-saving opioid overdose antidote.



Fentanyl drove drug overdose deaths to a record high in 2017 — about **200 a day** — CDC estimates

By CHRISTOPHER INGRAHAM | WASHINGTON POST | AUG 16, 2018 | 10:35 AM

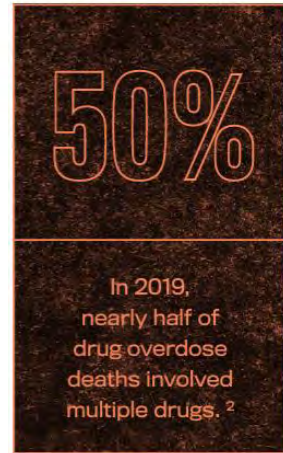


1170 setting, and more than half occur at home.

Sources: U.S. Surgeon General, New York Times.



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<https://www.cdc.gov/stopoverdose/polysubstance-use/index.html>



THE DANGERS OF POLYSUBSTANCE USE

- **Mixing Stimulants** *Examples of stimulants:* ecstasy (MDMA), cocaine, methamphetamines, amphetamines (speed)
- **Mixing Depressants** *Examples of depressants:* opioids (prescription opioids, heroin, morphine, oxycodone, hydrocodone, fentanyl), benzodiazepines
- **Mixing Stimulants and Depressants** Mixing stimulants and depressants **doesn't balance or cancel them out.**
- **Drinking alcohol while using other drugs**

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Considerations for Prevention Addressing Polysubstance Use

1. Recognize polysubstance use (intentional or unintentional) is the rule rather than the exception.
2. People use multiple substances to minimize side-effects and withdrawal symptoms as well as to boost effects of primary substance.
3. Identify detailed histories that include asking patients why they use each substance and how their use of each substance is related.
4. Ask about tobacco and nicotine use and recognize them as form of polysubstance.
5. Provide harm reduction services to engage and improve the safety of people who use multiple substances.

Boston Medical Center's Office Based Addiction Treatment Training and Technical Assistance (OBAT TTA) Team.



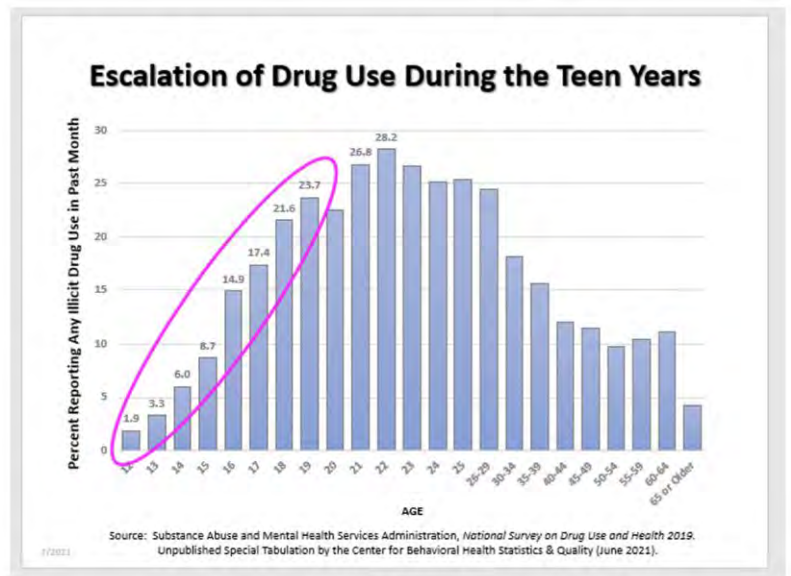
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The Vulnerable Adolescent Brain

Adolescence is a critical risk period for substance use initiation and adverse outcomes related to substance use.

This trajectory speaks to the need to understand what drives youth drug use, identify current and emerging trends, and match programs and policies with local conditions so as to effectively reduce youth substance use.



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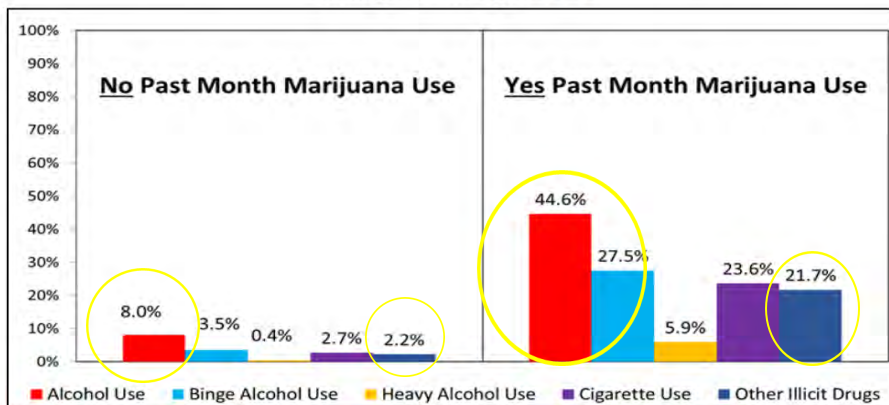
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Research Questions

1. Is the use of one substance by adolescents associated with increased risk for using any other substance, regardless of use sequences?
2. Is non-use of one substance associated with decreased risk for using other substances?



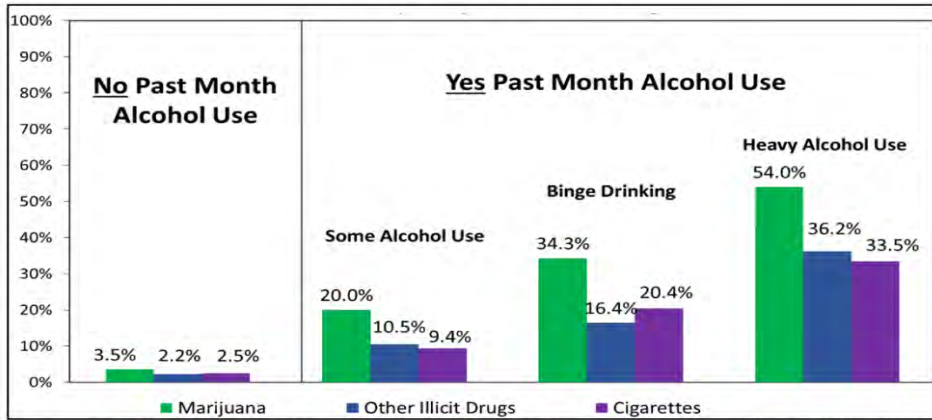
Figure 2. Past Month Marijuana Use is Associated with Higher Use of Other Drugs Among Youth Aged 12-17



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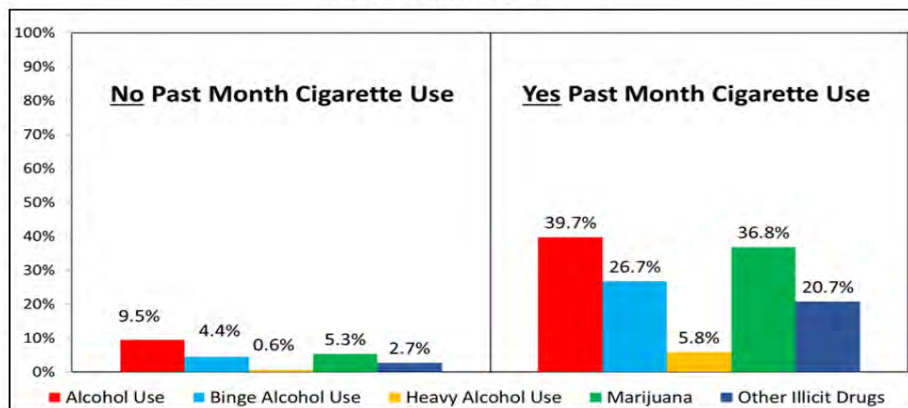


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Figure 3. Past Month Cigarette Use is Associated with Higher Use of Other Drugs Among Youth Aged 12-17



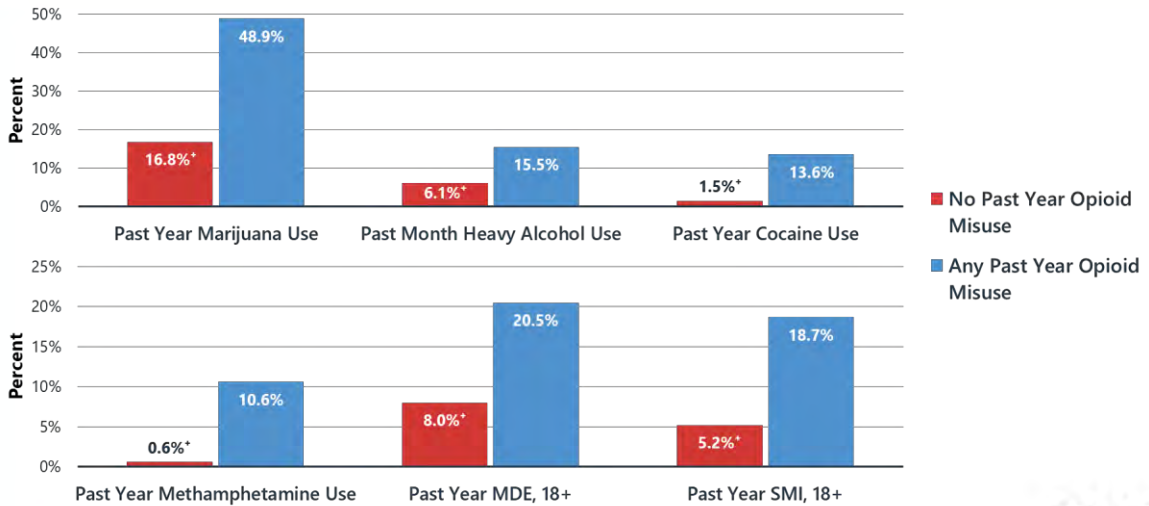
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Substance Use in Past Year/Month: Among People Aged 12+; Major Depressive Episode (MDE) and Serious Mental Illness (SMI) in Past Year: Among Adults Aged 18+; By Level of Opioid Misuse in Past Year

PAST YEAR/MONTH, 2020 NSDUH, 12+



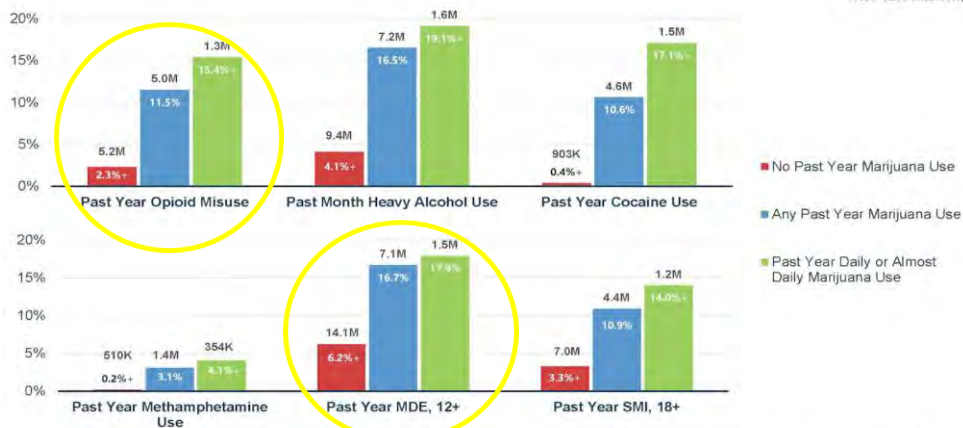
+ Difference between this estimate and the estimate for people with past year opioid misuse is statistically significant at the .05 level. Estimates for Past Year MDE and Past Year SMI are among adults aged 18 or older.



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Marijuana contains serious risk for poly substance misuse.

PAST YEAR/MONTH, 2018 NSDUH, 12+



+ Difference between this estimate and the estimate for people with past year marijuana use is statistically significant at the .05 level.



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Marijuana industry could be worth \$50 billion annually by 2026

By Trey Williams
Published: Apr 22, 2017 9:51 a.m. ET



Weed companies are hoping the U.S. government will not disrupt a sector that is raising valuable tax revenue for states



Commercialized Recreational Pharmacology



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From 2016-2019 915,000 more with Marijuana Use Disorder



Dr Bertha Madras

* Difference between this estimate and the 2019 estimate is statistically significant at the .05 level.



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Youth Drug Use is Not Inevitable

IBH has conducted original analyses of national data sets on youth substance use behaviors with two critical findings:

- For teens, all substance use is related. The use of any one substance increases the likelihood of using others; similarly, not using any one substance decreases the risk of using others.
- More than ever, American youth are choosing to not use any



One Choice

**THE GOAL OF YOUTH DRUG PREVENTION IS ONE
CHOICE**

No use of any alcohol, nicotine, marijuana or other drugs for health.

Why is it important to engage youth as transformational leaders/
Prevention Influencers in community change efforts?

I AM A LEADER



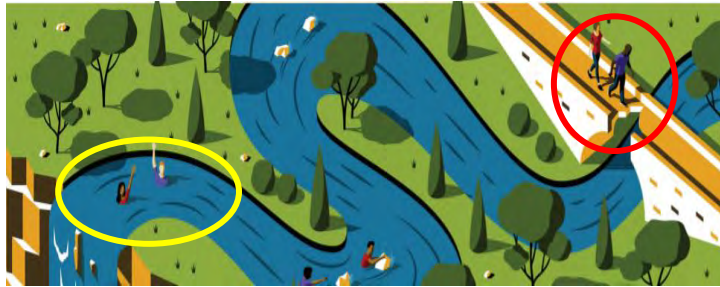
Changing the Conversation: Equitable Engagement

Definitions

Structural racism/racialization: A system of inequalities. It is also a method of analysis and institutions work interactively to create and maintain racial lines.⁴



The River Story



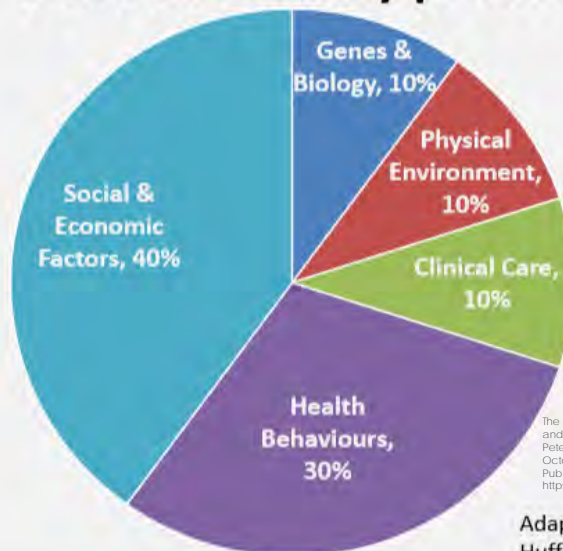
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Upstream

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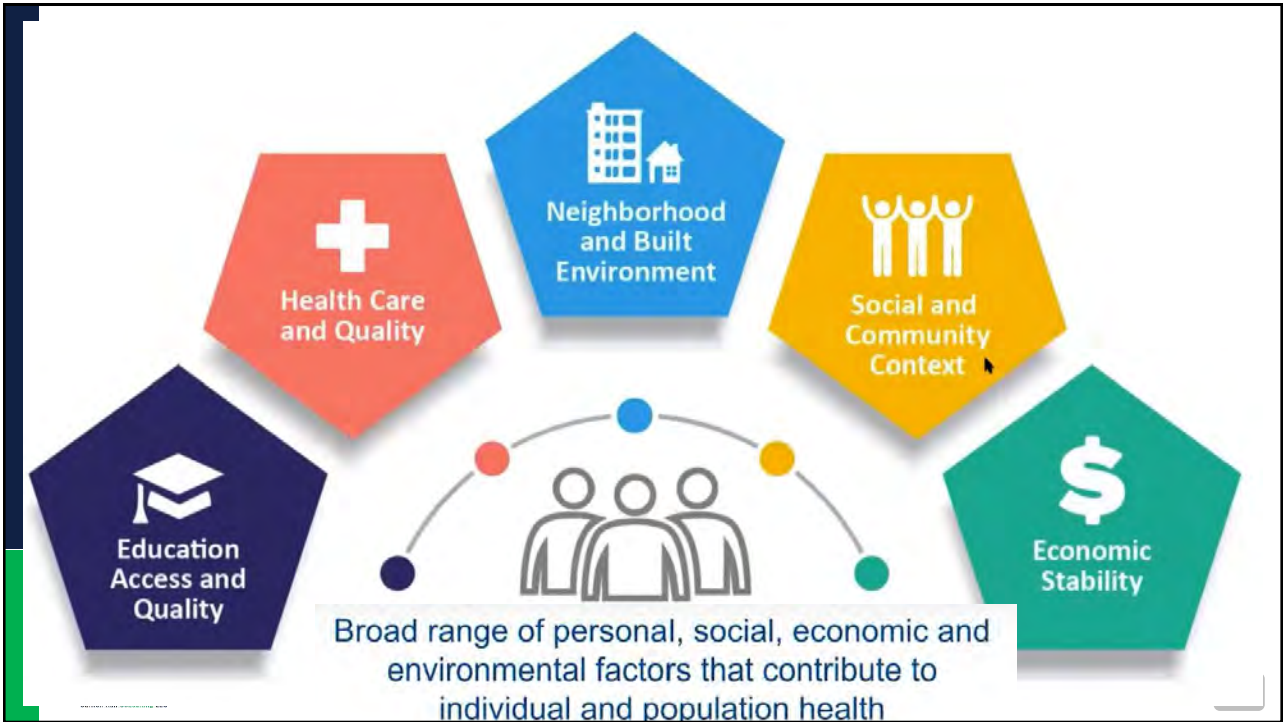
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Health is socially produced



The Social Construction of Illness: Key Insights and Policy Implications
Peter Conrad, Kristin K. Barker
First Published October 8, 2010
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Adapted from John Weeks,
Huffington Post (2016).



Moral Determinants of Health



Moral determinants of health refer to the VALUES we decide will be the foundations of our work, policies and investments. They reinforce a shared commitment to speak and act in the face of injustice.

Healers are called to heal. When the fabric of communities upon which health depends is torn, then healers are called to mend it. The moral law within insists so. Improving the social determinants of health will be brought at last to a boil only by the heat of the moral determinants of health.

Berwick DM. The Moral Determinants of Health. JAMA. 2020;324(3):225–226. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.11129

Moral Determinants of Health

Our North Star: Advance health and racial equity for a stronger Colorado

GOAL 1

Keep Youth & Young Adults Tobacco-Free

Reduce the use of any tobacco product, including e-cigarettes, by youth and adults under age 24 below 15%.

GOAL 2

Protect People and the Environment

Expand protections from secondhand smoke/vapor and tobacco toxic waste for populations facing inequitable exposure.

GOAL 3

Support for People Quitting Tobacco

Increase the reach of tobacco cessation support for priority populations by 50%.

Cross-Cutting Approaches

1. Counter pro-tobacco influences.
2. Center tobacco control on authentic community engagement.
3. Improve data collection and stay on top of field innovations.
4. Incorporate strategies to address social determinants of health that are closely associated with an increased tobacco product use.

How We'll Do This:

- Increase retail restrictions
- Expand prevention and

How We'll Do This:

- Expand tobacco-free policies to ensure equitable protec-

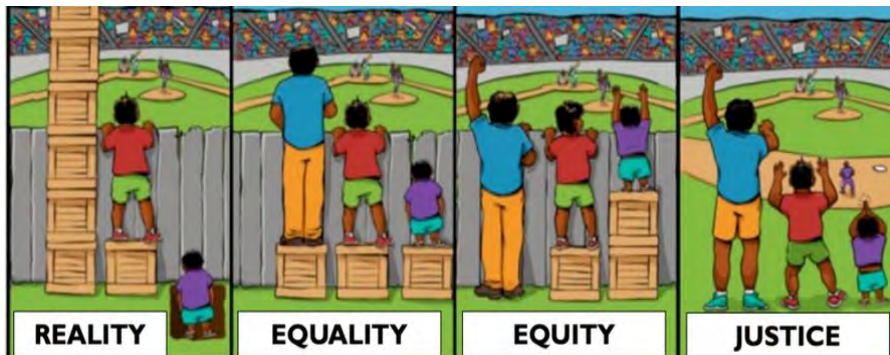
How We'll Do This:

- Improve access to comprehensive tobacco treatment



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A Comprehensive Approach in Achieving Community-level Change



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The River Story – Disparities: Who is Downstream.... and why them?



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Strategies & Health Equity - Consider

Well-designed strategies can include supportive activities to **address barriers or unintended consequences** underserved populations may face during implementation.

Without a deliberate focus on health equity in the strategy development process, strategies may **unintentionally widen health inequities**.



Source: CDC Health Equity Guide : <https://www.cdc.gov/nccddphp/dnpao/health-equity/health-equity-guide/>

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QUESTIONS FOR ADVANCING EQUITY AND INCLUSION

1. Where are the decision-making points that affect outcomes?
2. What decisions/actions may be reinforcing the status quo, implicit bias and current inequities?
3. What alternative action options could produce different outcomes?
4. Which action will best advance equity and inclusion?
5. What reminders, supports and accountability systems can be structured into routine practices to keep equity as a high priority?"
- Race Forward

<http://grenetwork.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/An-Introduction-to-Racial-EquityAssessment-Tools.pdf>



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Public Health, Social Justice and Reform

The greatest advances in health status and life expectancy occurred during the early 20th century and resulted from social movement efforts including establishing housing and factory codes, abolishing child labor, improvements in living standards, legislation of food safety among others. ***Later, the civil rights and women's movements with public health played a central role.***

Improvements happened as much from social justice reform and political victories as economic growth, and medical and technological advances.

However, since 1920, public health has retreated from its prominent social change role as the emphasis on science overwhelmed the support for social justice and reform.

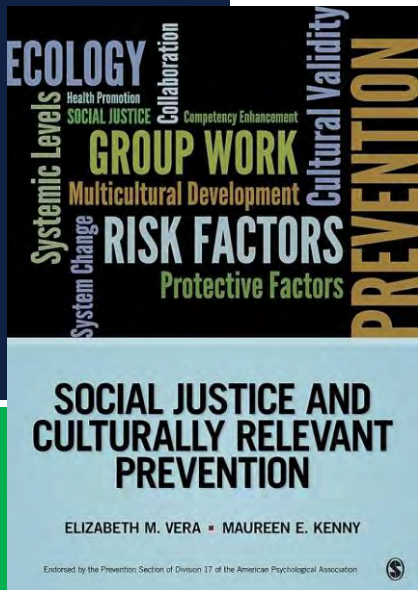
Contemporary practices focus on individual behavioral change instead of confronting inequitable class, gender and racial systems.

Attention is rarely given to the institutions producing the patterns of disease, the determinants of health, the conflicts, and the histories of struggle, required to make advances.

If social movements advanced public health in the past...what is required today?

- Dr. Richard Hofrichter, the Senior Director of NACCHO's Health Equity and Social Justice Program

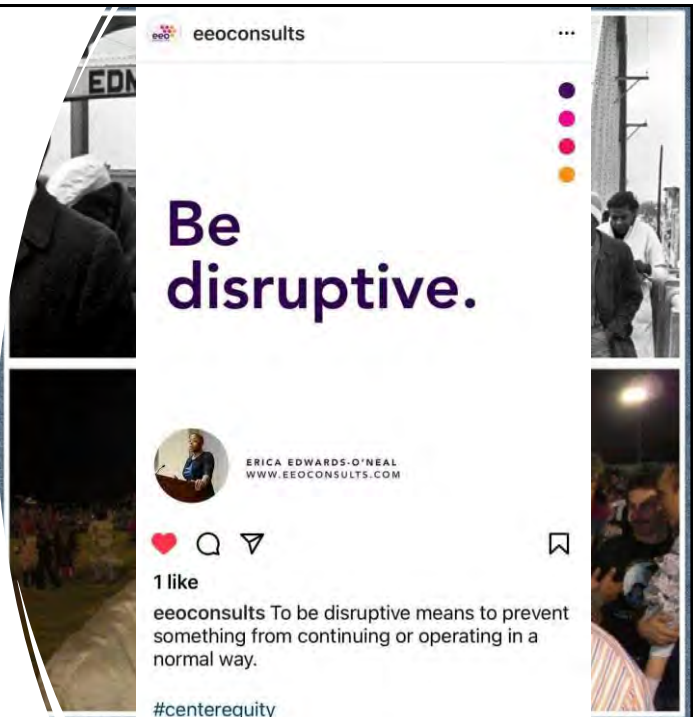




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Getting Into Good Trouble!

- Prevent use of any/all drugs during adolescence. One Choice!
- Challenge myths and educate the relationship & realities of commercialized polysubstance misuse.
- Build upon and expand post-overdose response capacity & engagement .
- Apply pressure emphasizing Equitable questioning and SDOH considerations
- Make Prevention Obvious!





Drug Enforcement Administration



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OPERATION ENGAGE

Targeting the local drug threat and engaging community leaders to reduce drug abuse



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National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (National DEC) develops coordinated, nationwide efforts to address legal or illegal substance misuse affecting children and families and offers help, hope and support. We organize, train and support multidisciplinary teams of professionals forming DEC Alliances at the state, regional, tribal or local level.

As a trauma informed organization, we build awareness so that those affected are appropriately identified, receive appropriate intervention and services. The services provided by DEC Alliance professionals help children, family members and those in substance misuse. The goal is to break generational cycles of substance misuse, reduce trauma and improve community health and well-being.

National DEC exists to build awareness, provide training and programs, and offers tools or best practices to help make a difference in the lives of children, families and communities.



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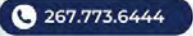
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Closing Remarks & Resources to Support Your Next Steps

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