

IAFCC Substance Use Newsletter

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National Recovery Month Edition



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IAFCC Opioid Project Update

The IAFCC Opioid Resource Toolkit is now in the final month of its pilot period! This toolkit is designed to help staff and providers combat the opioid crisis in their communities. The toolkit includes background information, safe prescribing resources, referral information, and community education materials. Thank you to the following clinics for volunteering to pilot the Toolkit.

- The Night Ministry
- TriCity Health Partnership
- Worryfree Clinic
- Interprofessional Clinic Initiative at Rosalind Franklin

IAFCC is proud to announce that the toolkit and Opioid Resource Quick Sheet will be released on the IAFCC website this month! If you have any questions about the toolkit please email anjali@illinoisfreeclinics.org

September is National Recovery Month

Now in its 32nd year, Recovery Month celebrates the gains made by those in recovery, just as we celebrate improvements made by those who are managing other health conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, asthma, and heart disease.

Each September, Recovery Month works to promote and support new evidence-based treatment and recovery practices, the emergence of a strong and proud recovery community, and the dedication of service providers and community members across the nation who make recovery in all its forms possible.

If you are hosting a National Recovery Month event please let us know!
Have a recovery story from a provider, volunteer, patient, or client at your clinic?
Email us at anjali@illinoisfreeclinics.org

[View National Events](#)

Information From the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships Teams

Webinar: [Equipping Faith-based](#)

Resource Guide: [Summary of E-Recovery](#)

Communities to Respond to Substance Use Disorders (SUDs)

Faith-based communities are well positioned to provide long-term support and the wrap-around care that sustains and strengthens recovery from and prevention of substance use disorders (SUDs). In anticipation of September's National Recovery Month, join the HHS Partnership Center and special guests who will discuss strategies for strengthening the participation of faith-based communities in the support of people in recovery from SUDs and approaches that may prevent future misuse.

Wed., Sept. 15, 12:00 p.m. CT

[Register Here](#)

Support Groups

During the pandemic a rich offering of virtual recovery support groups and communities for people with substance use disorders and other addictions emerged. Share the HHS Partnership Center's newly updated two-pager to connect community members to the wide availability of recovery support available to them anywhere, anytime.

[Access Resource Guide](#)

Article: UIC in Partnership With Malcolm X College Program to Train Health Workers to Fight Opioid Crisis

In a partnership with City Colleges of Chicago's Malcolm X College, Gateway Foundation, Inc, and the Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago, UIC will assist in implementing the MXC's Community Health Worker Program. The program aims to train workers to provide care and services to children and families impacted by opioid and substance use disorders.

Using a \$2.1M grant from the U.S. Department of Labor, the MXC launched the Opioid-Impacted Family Support Program, which seeks to bring care and relief to neighborhoods that are most affected by opioid use disorder in Chicago.

For more information about the program, visit ccc.edu/opioid.

[Article](#)

Article: On the Front Lines of the Opioid Crisis

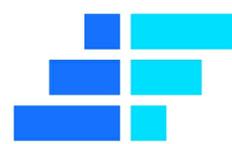
The work of the West Side Opioid and Heroin Task Force preventing and responding to overdoses on the city's West Side has been carried out by locals for the last five years.

The following article highlights the work community organizations like the West Side Opioid and Heroin Task Force have done to combat an ever-increasing epidemic, noting recent data from a report released by the Chicago Department of Public Health.

In addition, the article outlines a possible multi-step approach to tackling the opioid crisis including harm reduction "safe consumption sites" and increased investment in Narcan availability.

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