

IAFCC Substance Use & Behavioral Health Newsletter

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IAFCC Member Meetings

IAFCC would like to thank NAMI Illinois for presenting at our recent Member Meeting. NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. Our clinics heard from State Program Director of NAMI Illinois, Teri Latter, who shared with us the free **mental health services** they offer across the state of Illinois, as well as, ways clinics and their patients can get in touch with local NAMI chapters for further resources.

Visit their
website

IAFCC is excited to welcome partners of the Behavioral Health Workgroup at future Member Meetings. Be sure to join us each month!

Behavioral Health Workgroup

IAFCC invites you to join us in the formation of a Behavioral Health Workgroup. *The goal of this workgroup will be to identify, discuss, and address challenges under and uninsured populations in Illinois face in receiving behavioral health treatment and care, as well as, equitable, effective, and achievable long-term solutions.*

The IAFCC Behavioral Health Workgroup is in full swing in 2022!

Going forward the Behavioral Health Workgroup will further discuss and pursue:

- Behavioral Health Policy & Advocacy
- Behavioral Health Toolkit - Best Practices, Resources, Community Education Materials, etc.
- Clinic Partnerships

It's not too late to join! Interested in participating in the Behavioral Health Workgroup, Google Folder, and ListServ? We highly encourage our clinics to take part in this important conversation and hope to see you soon!

If you are interested in joining the IAFCC Behavioral Health workgroup, please email anjali@illinoisfreeclinics.org.

National Drugs and Alcohol Facts Week

National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week®, or NDAFW, is an annual, week-long, health

observance that inspires dialogue about the science of drug use and addiction among youth. It provides an opportunity to bring together scientists, students, educators, healthcare providers, and community partners—to help advance the science so that we can improve the prevention and awareness of substance misuse in our own communities and nationwide. It was launched in 2010 by scientists at the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) to stimulate educational events in communities so teens can learn what science has taught us about drug use and addiction. The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism became a partner in 2016, and alcohol has been added as a topic area for the week. NIDA and NIAAA are part of the National Institutes of Health and work with leading organizations, media outlets, and other Government agencies to spread the word about NDAFW.



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Crisis and Change: Overdose and Health Justice During and After COVID-19

Save the Date:
30 March 2022

Register
[HERE](#)

Session One
9-11AM EST/
13:00-15:00
GMT

Reducing harm and treating SUD through COVID and economic crisis (9-10AM EST/ 13:00-14:00 GMT)

Presenters:

Carmen Albizu
University of Puerto Rico

Seyed Ramin Radfar
Tehran University of Medical Sciences

Discussants:

Daphne Chronopoulou
European Drug Users Union

Sarah Namirembe
Recovery Uganda

Medication for SUD: policies and practices that promote health justice (10-11AM EST/ 14:00-15:00 GMT)

Presenters:

Caty Simon and Abby Coulter
Urban Survivors Union

Trang Thu Nguyen
University of Hanoi

Discussants:

Anne Kvem-Lie
University of Oslo

Andrea Lopez
University of Maryland

Traducción simultánea en español para ambas sesiones

Traduction simultanée en français pour les deux sessions

Session Two
3-5PM EST/
19:00-21:00
GMT

Addressing social and racial inequalities in harm reduction and treatment (3-4PM EST/ 19:00-20:00 GMT)

Presenters:

Hansel Tookes
University of Miami

Esben Houborg
University of Copenhagen

Discussants:

Jade Boyd
University of British Columbia

Dinah Ortiz
Urban Survivors Union

International advances in harm reduction under COVID (4-5PM EST/ 20:00-21:00 GMT)

Presenters:

Ryan McNeil
Yale University

Matt Bonn and Natasha Tousevard
Canadian Association of People Who Use Drugs

Discussants:

Marie Jauffret-Roustide
INSERM Paris

Jean-Maxence Granier
Autosupport des Usagers de Drogues

This event is being hosted in association with an upcoming **special issue** of the **American Journal of Public Health**.

Don Jackson
North Carolina Survivors Union

Thomas Kerr
University of British Columbia

Matthew Southwell
UK Drug User's Union

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SAMHSA: 988 Website

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has rolled out a new 988 website today – available at samhsa.gov/988. The 988 website is designed to serve as your one-stop-shop for 988 resources from SAMHSA.

The site contains a **988 partner toolkit**. The partner toolkit is intended for SAMHSA's

HHS Funding

The Strategic Prevention Framework for Prescription Drugs (**SPF Rx**) grant program provides funds for state agencies, territories, and tribal entities that have completed a Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant plan or a similar state plan to target prescription drug misuse. The grant program will raise

988 implementation partners (crisis call centers, state mental health programs, substance use treatment providers, behavioral health systems, and others) to provide key messages, FAQs, and more information about what 988 is and how it will work.

Although the transition to 988 happens on July 16th, SAMHSA is making these materials available now to facilitate partner efforts for collaborative and aligned 988 communication planning. SAMHSA welcomes partner efforts in building off of these, testing with specific audiences, and sharing those learnings with each other.

In the weeks and months to come, SAMHSA will be adding more tools and resources to the 988 website, so please bookmark it and come back often!

[988 Website](#)

awareness about the dangers of sharing medications, fake or counterfeit pills sold online, and over prescribing. The grant will fund a total of \$3 million over five years for up to six grantees.

The Medication-Assisted Treatment – Prescription Drug and Opioid Addiction (MAT-PDOA) grant program provides resources to help expand and enhance access to Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD). It will help increase the number of individuals with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) receiving MOUD and decrease illicit opioid use and prescription opioid misuse. The grant will fund a total of \$22.6 million over 5 years for up to 30 grantees. No less than \$11 million will be awarded to Native American tribes, tribal organizations, or consortia.

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Thank you for all that you do!

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