

Consortium Chronicle NEWSLETTER



Nov 21 Opioid Consortium Education Series
**Effective Communication and Engagement with
Individuals Facing Substance Use Disorders**
[REGISTER TODAY](#)

On November 21, the Northeast Ohio Opioid Consortium will host an educational series webinar entitled: “Effective Communication and Engagement with Individuals Facing Substance Use Disorders”. Substance use disorders (SUDs) present complex challenges, not only for individuals but also for those who work with and support them. This webinar offers valuable insights into best practices for communicating with and engaging individuals struggling with SUDs. Through this webinar, participants will learn about the psychological and emotional impact of addiction, strategies for building trust, and techniques for fostering a supportive and non-judgmental environment.

Whether you are a healthcare professional, counselor, social worker, or someone who works in a support role, this webinar will equip you with practical tools to enhance your interactions and better support those navigating substance use disorders. [REGISTER HERE](#)

Proceedings from the September 20, 2024 Opioid Education Convening are available [HERE](#).



**YOUR OPINION MATTERS –
Consortium Chronicle Survey**

The Begun Center for Violence Prevention Research and Education at Case Western Reserve University has developed [the survey](#) to examine the contributions of *The Center for Health Affairs Consortium Chronicle Newsletter* and to get your feedback on various aspects of the newsletter. We value your opinion and therefore request you to take this survey. This survey will not take more than 5-10 minutes to complete. Please complete [the survey](#) once started as you will not be able to save the responses and return later. Please complete by October 18.

State / Local Updates



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024 AT THE ROCK & ROLL HALL OF FAME

The My Recovery Day Workshop will be an incredible afternoon of education as national speakers will share their expertise around recovery: new federal funding initiatives, 12 step recovery in chronic pain management and family recovery. Three (3) CE's will be given for in person attendees only, through the ADAMHS Board. Registration opens at 2 and seminars start at 2:45. The concert to honor recovery begins at 7:30.

See more about this event using below links.

- [My Recovery Day Jam 2024 - general document.docx](#)
- [MRD Workshop 2024.pdf](#)
- [Watch Party Invite.pdf](#)

Register [HERE](#).

Overdose Deaths Plummet in Ohio; Reasons Still Unclear.

Ohio overdose deaths have plummeted by nearly one-third in 2024 compared to a year ago, according to a Harm Reduction Ohio analysis of state mortality data. As of Aug. 30, a total of 1,524 overdose deaths have been recorded in the Ohio Department of Health's mortality data. At this time last year, 2,261 accidental

overdose deaths had been confirmed and recorded, marking a decline of 737 deaths, or 32.6%.

Reasons for the welcomed news are unclear. Some [policy analysts](#) point to a reduction in fentanyl production in Mexico, [others](#) cite easy availability of fentanyl test strips and Naloxone, combined with the state's additional focus and funding for recovery programs.

Rosary Hall Featured on Fox New Day Cleveland.

Dr. Ted Parran, Co-Medical Director of Rosary Hall, and Sister Judith Ann Karam, CSA, Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine Congregational Leader, recently appeared on FOX-8 New Day Cleveland to talk about Rosary Hall. They spoke about its founding in 1952 and how it has continued to serve people with drug and alcohol problems ever since then through cutting-edge and evidence based-treatment options, with a compassionate, human touch.

Watch the video [HERE](#).

Cuyahoga has more opioid settlement funds than most Ohio counties. Is the money making a difference?

Over the course of 18 years, Ohio and its communities are receiving nearly \$2 billion from pharmaceutical companies to compensate for harm caused by opioids. The Ohio Newsroom is following the money. This is their settlement story for October.

Read more [HERE](#).

Policy & News Updates

Telehealth Extension for Prescribing Controlled Substances.

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) seems poised to extend pandemic-era rules that allow the prescribing of controlled substances via telemedicine. The DEA had planned to impose substantial [limits on health providers' ability to prescribe controlled substances](#) virtually — but that seems to have changed after pushback. The Center for Health Affairs and local hospitals advocated for an extension in communication with the Northeast Ohio congressional delegation.

The DEA faced a lot of backlash for its draft rule, proposing more restrictions on providers' ability to prescribe controlled substances virtually.

The DEA has been pushing behind the scenes for more restrictions, as have some substance-use disorder providers who see the eased rules as increasing the risk of misuse. The American Telemedicine Association and the Alliance for Connected Care, have been pushing for an extension, as have top telehealth advocates in Congress and supporters of mental health and substance-use disorder treatment. HHS has been at odds with the DEA's proposals to add more restrictions.

A final rule titled "Third Temporary Extension of COVID-19 Telemedicine Flexibilities for Prescription of Controlled Medications" reached the White House for review on October 10. The Center for Health Affairs informed the Northeast Ohio Congressional delegation regarding our concerns with requiring in person visits for prescribing specifically in relation SUD treatment.

Congressional Inquiry to Ensure Access to Addiction Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder.

Congressman Mike Turner (OH-10) and Congressman Paul Tonko (NY-20) announced on October 16 that they have sent inquiries to dozens of hospitals, insurance plans, pharmacies, pharmacists, and providers aimed at gathering information on their existing actions and plans to eliminate barriers for accessing medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD).

The letters are intended to gain insight into the successes and barriers that have arisen following the implementation of their law, the Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment (MAT) Act, which eliminates the waiver requirement to prescribe buprenorphine, thereby streamlining quality and timeliness of care.

That bill, which was signed into law in 2022, aims to expand access to buprenorphine by increasing the number of medical professionals who can prescribe the treatment for opioid use disorder from 130,000 to 1.8 million. With this barrier eliminated, Americans struggling with addiction will finally have greater access to effective treatments in their communities.

Rep. Latta Calls for Senate to Act on HALT Fentanyl Act.

Rep. Bob Latta (R-OH) co-authored an [op-ed](#) in *The Washington Times* with Rep. Morgan Griffith (R-VA) outlining the importance of Congress advancing the *HALT Fentanyl Act* (HR 467) to save lives. This bill was approved by the House Energy & Commerce Committee and was passed by the U.S. House. This important bill would permanently label fentanyl-related substances as a Schedule I narcotic, which is a scheduling change [supported](#) by the Biden administration.

[Click here](#) to read the piece in its entirety.

AHA receives CDC grant to address opioid, stimulant use disorder and expand infection prevention resources.

The AHA today announced it has been awarded a nearly \$1.5 million grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as part of its National Partners Cooperative Agreement. The funding will support hospitals and health systems in their efforts to address opioid and stimulant use disorder along with infection prevention and control. It also allows the Health Research & Educational Trust, an affiliate of the AHA, to lead opioid use disorder initiatives in primary care clinics, hospitals during discharge and transitions, and pharmacies. The project aims to enhance patient access to care and support long-term recovery efforts.

[NEW REPORT](#): A New Framing for Addressing Youth Substance Use.

What does a community-centered vision for substance use prevention and early intervention services in schools look like? Advisory board members — including education, healthcare and community leaders and youth advocates — tackled this question, which was further explored in focus groups with students and parents. [View the Healthy Schools Campaign report here](#) and view the [companion tool here](#).

Training Opportunities



WEBINAR

OCTOBER 31, 2024 | 2:00-3:30 P.M. ET

Medications for Opioid Use Disorder in Criminal Justice Settings

Developing Partnerships Between Correctional Professionals and Community-Based Providers



Webinar: Medications for Opioid Use Disorder in Criminal Justice Settings: Building Partnerships Between Correctional Professionals and Community-Based Providers.

October 31, 2024, 2:00–3:30 p.m. ET

Re-entry into the community after incarceration is a critical period, especially for individuals with substance use disorders. Unfortunately, many correctional facilities lack the necessary connections to local providers that ensure continued care upon release. This webinar will discuss the importance of building partnerships between correctional facilities, healthcare providers, and community organizations to support individuals receiving medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD). Attendees will gain insight into how collaboration can improve care continuity, reduce recidivism, and support successful reintegration. Presenters will share strategies and best practices for fostering sustainable partnerships, with examples from a southwestern state that has successfully implemented such collaborations.

Learn more and register [HERE](#).

What is Academic Detailing?

Academic detailing is an outreach education technique combining direct, one-on-one social marketing with unbiased content summarizing the best evidence for a given clinical issue. For opioid use disorder and substance use disorder (OUD/SUD), academic detailing can be particularly useful in reducing overprescribing, discussing misuse of opioids and substances, and exploring pain management options.

Learn more [HERE](#) from the Opioid Consortium Educational Toolkit.
(Registration for Opioid Education Platform required)

4PCP Training Course and Research Study.

Wouldn't it be refreshing to approach chronic pain with the same skillsets and confidence you bring to other chronic illnesses, such as diabetes or asthma? This study will teach you skills that allow you to more comfortably manage the unique challenges of chronic pain through your own interdisciplinary team.

The 4PCP course is designed to improve the care of patients with chronic pain by supporting practitioners with as many as 34 CME/MOC training hours in chronic pain management. The cost of tuition is supported by a grant from the Agency of Healthcare Research and Quality.

Learn more by visiting www.4pcp.org.

Improving the Care of Patients with Chronic Pain

Research Study Opportunity: Impact of a Novel Community-Based Biobehavioral Chronic Pain Team Training Program (4PCP) on Practitioner and Patient Outcomes

Everyone is asking PCPs to add one more thing to their load.
4PCP aims to lessen your load.

4PCP seeks to give you new tools
to improve your patient outcomes with shorter visits.

4PCP will not increase your panel.
We focus on the most challenging patients you are seeing already.

Research Goals
Evaluate the impact of the 4PCP training program on...

- Practitioner satisfaction
- Patient outcomes
- Opioid dispensing patterns

Clinical Goals
We want to help you...

- Take the "heart-sink" out of chronic pain management
- Fill a toolbox with patient- and team-centered strategies
- Revolutionize your chronic pain care with a novel approach: **Biobehavioral** vs. **biopharmacological**

Why 4PCP?
in a pilot study.¹

PCPs reported improvements in **diagnosing** and **managing** chronic pain ($P < 0.023$) and **treatment satisfaction**.

Average visit time was nearly cut in **half**, from **20** to **11** minutes ($P < 0.03$)

Patients showed significant improvements across **5** domains:

- Sensory Pain
- Affective Pain
- Depression
- Fatigue
- Tension

Overview

Practitioner Participation

- Complete the course with other practitioners from your clinic
- Course content:
 - Background videos
 - 3 half days of live training (flexible scheduling offered)
 - Case conference
- Complete 6, ~20-minute surveys
 - 2 before course attendance
 - 4 more every 6 months after
- Allow study staff to review your clinic schedule for eligible patients to approach for recruitment

Practitioner Incentives

- Up to 34 hours of CME / MOC
- Up to \$70 (\$10 digital gift card x 6 surveys + \$10 bonus card for completing all surveys)

Patient Participation

- Complete 6, ~20 minute surveys
 - 2 before your course attendance
 - 4 more every 6 months after

Patient Incentives

- Up to \$35 (\$5 digital gift card x 6 surveys + \$5 bonus card for completing all surveys)

Supported by a grant from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality - R01HS028630

Dr. Thomas Chelmsky, Oisela Chelmsky, Ted Farran, and Jeff Jonata have ownership interest in PainTakers, LLC, the company associated with the 4PCP curriculum used in this project.

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1. Chelmsky TC, et al. Clin J Pain. 2018;32(12):1036-1043.

Enhance Your Expertise in Treating Substance Use Disorders with Specialized Trainings.

The Ohio Substance Use Disorders Center of Excellence (SUD COE) at Case Western Reserve University's Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences invites practitioners to deepen their understanding of substance use disorder (SUD) treatment. The SUD COE is pleased to offer a series of training programs designed to equip professionals with the latest and most effective strategies in SUD treatment.

To register for training sessions, simply visit the [Mandel School Center for Evidence-Based Practices](http://www.mandelcenterforappliedsocialsciences.org)' website. This easy step gives you access to a wide range of trainings designed to enhance your professional skills in SUD treatment.

You can also access information, a list of other trainings and evidence-informed practice resources on the new [SUD COE page](#).

Additionally, by participating in these programs, you'll stay connected with the latest trends in SUD treatment and gain opportunities to join Learning Communities for continuous professional development.

CWRU Opioid Response Network (ORN) Trainings

[Opioid Response Network \(ORN\) Trainings](#) | [Center for Evidence-Based Practices](#) | [Case Western Reserve University](#)

The Grayken Center for Addiction

has online training both live and pre-recorded

[Upcoming trainings](#) | [Training](#) | [Grayken Center for Addiction TTA](#) | [Boston Medical Center \(addictiontraining.org\)](#)



California Bridge has an online academy with many valuable resources. Their Navigator Training resources are foundational and provide entry level education to explain many different topics.

[Learn more here.](#)

Other Resources



Educational Resources Available from The Center

- [Igniting Compassion Documentary](#)
- [Igniting Compassion Shorts](#)
- [Opioid Consortium Education](#)
- [Naloxone Toolkit](#)
- [A Clinician's Guide: Dental Consequences of MOUD + Solutions](#)
- [Clinicians Guide: on Xylazine Wound Management](#)
- [A Clinician's Guide: The Intersection of Human Trafficking and Substance Use Disorders](#)
- [NEO Opioid Consortium - Beyond Narcan: Treating Opioid Use Disorder in the Field](#)
- [Opioid Roundtable: Using Collaboration to Address the Opioid Crisis in Northeast Ohio](#)
- [Previous Issues of The Consortium Chronic Newsletter](#)

