

Monthly Happenings Gazette

April 2023

Greetings Alabama and Arkansas Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Coalitions.

Welcome to the **Monthly Happenings Gazette**; our monthly snapshot resource for highlighting and sharing current events, announcements, learning opportunities, resources and **YOUR** coalition's success stories. Please note that this is NOT a formal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), DFC or Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) approved gazette, but a safe space for sharing resources and other information that others may find useful.

Thank you to all current year 1 – 4 and year 6 – 9 recipients who submitted their Annual Performance Reports (APRs). Also, best of luck to all current year 5 recipients who intend to submit a competing continuation application by April 11th via grants.gov. Lastly, grant closeout information for current year 5 and 10 recipients will be available via GrantSolutions soon.

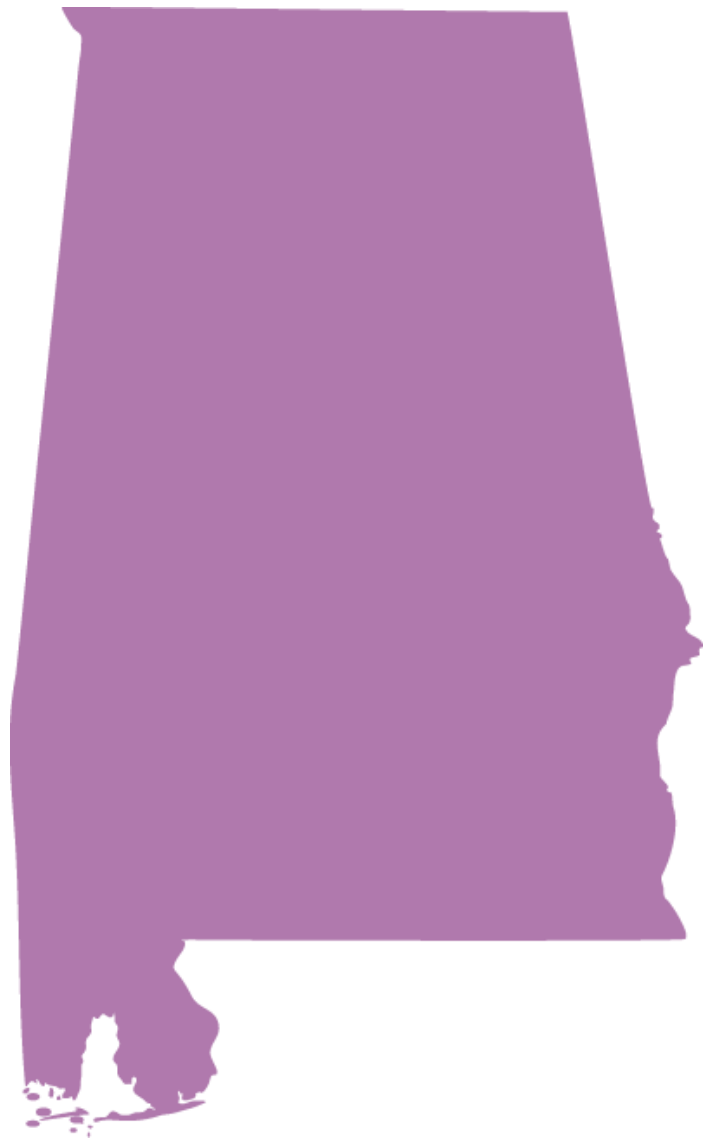
This month's DFC reminders are presented below:

- For programmatic questions and concerns, feel free to contact me, your assigned Project Officer.
- Contact your assigned Grants Management Specialist (GMS) with questions and concerns regarding day-to-day fiscal and grants management topics. Be sure to CC me on emails for my awareness.
- Include your grant number in the Subject Line of all emails.
- **Notify myself and your GMS of immediate key personnel changes.**
- Continuously check DFC and CARA *Me* to ensure all requirements are met.
- Reach out to peers and other DFC coalitions to seek out solutions, share information, and COLLABORATE!

Happy Reading!

~ Bianca





Alabama Coalitions

- [Addiction Prevention Coalition](#) – Birmingham, AL
- [Alabaster for Tomorrow](#) – Alabaster, AL
- [Children's Policy Council of Dallas County, Alabama Inc.](#) – Selma, AL
- [Drug Free Andalusia](#) – Andalusia, AL
- [Impact Montevallo](#) – Montevallo, AL
- [Safe and Healthy Homewood](#) – Homewood, AL



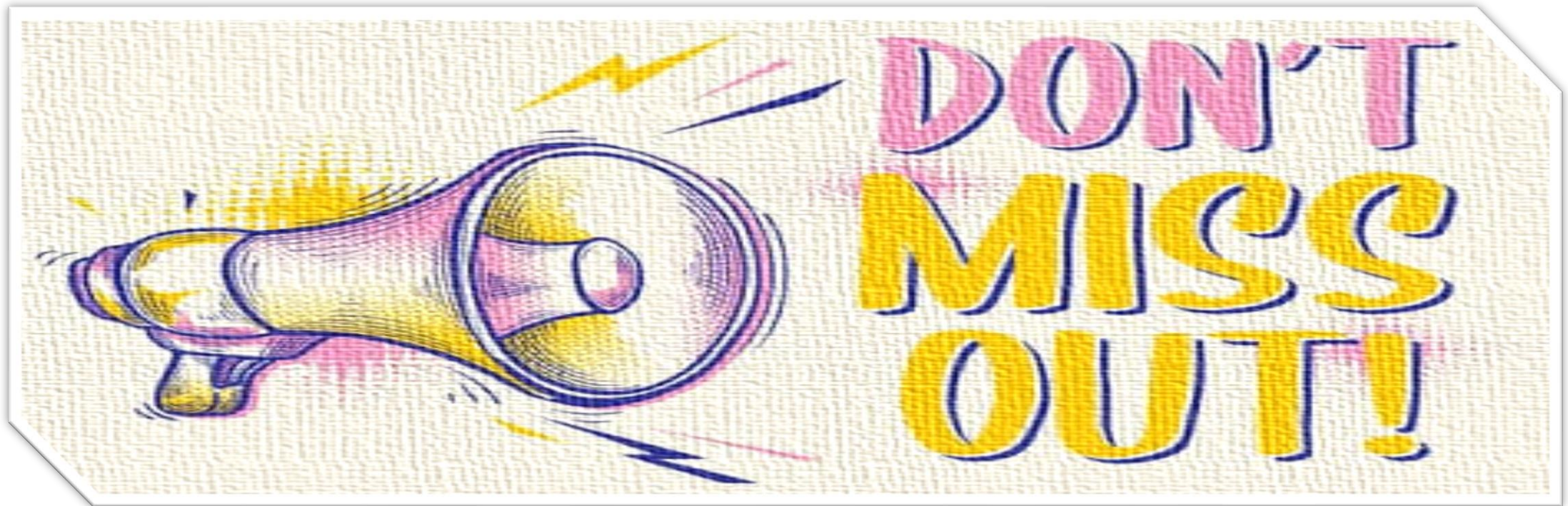
Arkansas Coalitions

- [Boone County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition](#) – Harrison, AR
- Cross County Hometown Health Coalition – Wynne, AR
- [Drug-Free Ashley County Coalition](#) – Crossett, AR
- Independence County Hometown Wellness Coalition – Batesville, AR
- Mental Health, Substance and Drug Abuse Coalition – El Dorado, AR
- [NWA Tobacco and Drug Free Coalition](#) – Springdale, AR



Current Events

- [988 Suicide Prevention Line Ramps Up LGBTQI+ Chat, Text Services](#)
- [CDC sounds the alarm about sadness and violence among teenage girls](#)
- [Children languish in emergency rooms awaiting mental health care](#)
- [Concerns rise over suicide rates of Black transgender and nonbinary youth](#)
- [Drug overdose deaths in 2020 highlight racial disparities](#)
- [Kids are in a mental health crisis. We need real resources – not culture wars.](#)
- [Latinos had been spared the worst of the opioid crisis, but now overdose deaths are skyrocketing](#)
- [Opioid drugs cause more than half of young children's poisoning deaths: new study](#)
- [Report: Arkansas drug overdose deaths up 9%](#)
- [Social media is a major cause of teen mental health epidemic](#)
- [Suicide can be contagious for teens, research shows. Here's how parents can help](#)
- [Teen overdose deaths have doubled in three years. Blame fentanyl.](#)
- [The FDA approves the overdose-reversing drug Narcan for over-the-counter sales](#)
- [The Kids Aren't Alright: The Post-Pandemic Teen Mental Health Crisis](#)
- [U.S. Sees Increase in Teen Dating Violence](#)
- ["We cannot struggle alone": Students learning mental health 'first aid' to identify friends in need](#)
- [What is xylazine, the veterinary sedative being found in the U.S. drug supply?](#)
- [What makes fentanyl so dangerous and how can people prevent overdoses? Our expert explains](#)



Future Happenings

Deadlines and Deliverables

- **Coalition Snapshot** – The ICF National Evaluation Team will be sharing coalition snapshots based on your coalition's information found in DFC and CARA Me. Be sure to check your inboxes and/or spam or junk folders.
- **DFC Progress Report** – The DFC Program is moving into an Annual Progress Reporting cycle. The next report will be due in August 2023 and will cover a reporting period of August 1, 2022, to July 31, 2023. Be sure to check your DFC and CARA Me profiles to ensure that all requirements are met.

Webinars and Conferences

- **CADCA's 22nd Annual Mid-Year Training Institute** – This year's Mid-Year will be held in **Dallas, TX** from **July 16-20, 2023**.
- **Health Equity Summit: A Movement for Justice** – Hosted by the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) on **April 25-26, 2023**, this hybrid Summit will bring together partners and stakeholders “committed to advancing health and racial equity” and will feature “conversations that inspire action to confront health inequities’ root causes and move towards justice.”
- **Tracking Implementation for Your 2023 DFC Progress Report Webinar** – The recording and slides of the March 17th webinar held by our ICF National Evaluation Team is now posted in the DFC and CARA Me Learning Center.
- **Data Entry Tool Office Hours** – The updated (March 2023) data entry tool is now posted in the DFC and CARA Me Learning Center to help you prepare for the August 2023 DFC Progress Report. The ICF Evaluation Team will host an office hour on the tool on **April 4, 2023 from 2-3pm EST**. Feel free to drop in, using the hyperlink above, with questions on how to use the tool.

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Tools and Resources

- [Alcohol Awareness Toolkit: #ProofsInTheNumbers](#)
- [CDC's Tips From Former Smokers](#)
- [FindTreatment.Gov](#)
- [Kahoot - Why are drugs so hard to quit?](#)
- [NIH's Make a Difference: Talk to Your Child About Alcohol—Parents Booklet](#)
- [NIH's Rethinking Drinking](#)
- [OperationParent](#)
- [Prevention Tools – What works, what doesn't](#)
- [Public Safety-led Community-oriented Overdose Prevention Efforts \(PS-COPE\) Toolkit](#)
- [Substance Use Prevention Resources for Youth and College Students](#)
- [Youth Mental Health and Well-being in Faith and Community Settings: Practicing Connectedness](#)

IM-MUSIC Playlist:

- I Love Me – Meghan Trainor
- Good - Lizzo

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