

# Monthly Happenings Gazette

## February 2023 – Snapshot

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.

If your coalition has a webpage that you would like to share, please email that to me. Also, feel free to share any success stories that you would like to highlight by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.

This month, keep in mind the following DFC reminders:

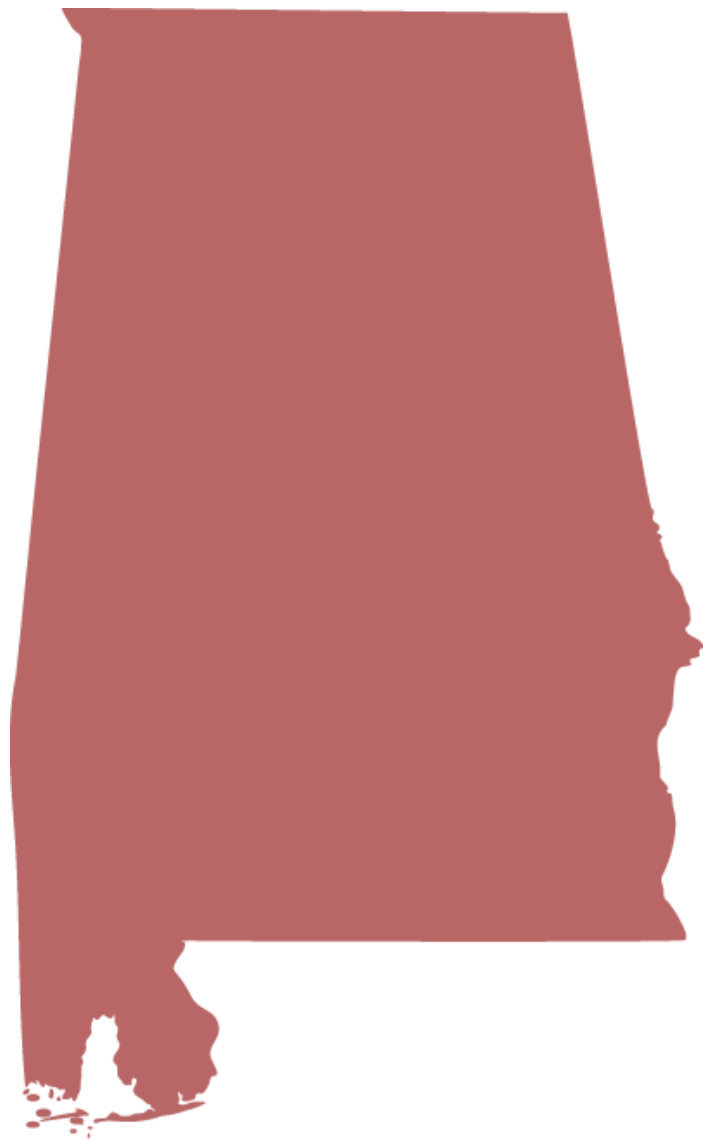
- For programmatic questions and concerns, feel free to contact me, your assigned Project Officer.
- Contact your assigned Grants Management Specialist (GMS) with questions and concerns regarding day-to-day fiscal and grants management topics. Be sure to CC me on emails for my awareness.
- Include your 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!**

Lastly, with each gazette issue, I like to include a playlist to help pass the time. This issue's playlist is inspired by upcoming time in the office as we all work to meet our deliverables. Hope you enjoy.

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 – Wayne, 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

- [245% Increase in Abuse: Children Are Ditching Alcohol for Marijuana](#)
- [Hospitalizations for Mental Health Conditions Increased During the Pandemic Among Adolescents](#)
- [How the 988 suicide and crisis lifeline has helped marginalized communities](#)
- [More kids are being treated for eating marijuana-laced gummies, other edibles at home](#)
- [Naloxone is reaching more people than ever](#)
- [Report: Fentanyl deaths of children under 14 surging](#)
- [Social media's effects on teen mental health comes into focus](#)
- [Suicide & Suicide-Related Outcomes Among Adolescents and Young Adults](#)
- [Survey: Nearly half of LGBTQ youth in Michigan considered suicide](#)
- [The state of mental health and substance use in the U.S.](#)
- [Two Worsening Mental Health Issues for Teens](#)
- [Youth overdose deaths jumped across the U.S. amid the pandemic](#)

# Future Happenings

## Deadlines and Deliverables

- **Annual Performance Report (APR) for CARA Recipients ONLY** – Guidance for the CARA APR, which serves as the non-competing continuation application for *Support Year 3* is now available in GrantSolutions. The APR is due **March 1, 2023**.
- **Annual Performance Report (APR) for DFC Recipients ONLY** – Guidance for the APR, which serves as the non-competing continuation application, is now available in GrantSolutions. This release is intended for recipients applying for *Support Years 2-5 and 7-10 only*. Additional support and Q&A is available and can be coordinated with your Project Officer and GMS. The APR is due **March 15, 2023**.
- **CARA Progress Report** – CARA recipients are encouraged to monitor their inboxes for updates on the CARA progress report and its due date, which is tentatively **February 15, 2023**.
- **DFC Competing Continuation Application** – For *Current Year 5* recipients who wish to compete for Year 6 DFC funding, the application has posted via [grants.gov](https://grants.gov). Questions about the application can be emailed to [DFC\\_NOFO@cdc.gov](mailto:DFC_NOFO@cdc.gov).
- **DFC Progress Report** – The DFC Program is preparing to move into an Annual Progress Reporting cycle. Therefore, the February 2023 Progress Report requirement is being waived, and the next report will be due in August 2023. Be sure to check your DFC and CARA *Me* profiles to ensure that all requirements are met. Recipients can begin editing the Annual 2023 Progress Report found in DFC and CARA *Me* and can also use the Data Entry Tool found in the Learning Center.
- **Joint DFC Site Visits** – The DFC Branch is continuing its efforts of hosting joint virtual site visits for *Current Year 4, 5, 9 and 10 recipients*. Monitor your inboxes for future invitations and additional visit details.

# Articles

- Jacob, W., Orozco, G., Villanueva, G., & Merianos, A. (2023). E-Cigarette and Cannabis Use Patterns, Depression, and Suicide Behaviors Among US Youth: Analysis of 2019 Youth Risk Behavior Survey Data. *American Journal of Health Promotion*, 37(1), 77-83. <https://doi.org/10.1177/08901171221112927>
- Matson, P., Ridenour, T., Ialongo, N., Spoth, R., Prado, G., Hammond, C., Hawkins, J., & Adger H. (2022). State of the Art in Substance Use Prevention and Early Intervention: Applications to Pediatric Primary Care Settings. *Prevention Science*, 23, 204-211. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11221-021-01299-4>
- Purtle, J., Nelson, K., Henson, R., Horwitz, S., McKay, M., & Hoagwood, K. (2021). Policy Makers' Priorities for Addressing Youth Substance Use and Factors That Influence Priorities. *Psychiatric Services*, 73(4), 365-477. <https://doi.org/10.1176/appi.ps.202000919>
- Shin, S., Bouchard, L., & Montemayor, B. (2022). An Exploration of Practitioners' Perceptions and Beliefs About Trauma-Informed Youth Drug Prevention Programs: a Qualitative Study. *Prevention Science*, 23, 636-647. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11221-021-01300-0>





# Tools and Resources

- [ADAPT - High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas \(hidta.org\)](http://hidta.org)
- [CDC's Alcohol Portal](#)
- [CDC's Media Campaign Resource Center](#)
- [CDC's Stigma Reduction Campaign](#)
- [CDC's Technical Packages for Violence Prevention](#)
- [DEA's Drugs of Abuse Resource Guide](#)
- [Fentanyl Facts](#)
- [Healthy People 2030 – Drug and Alcohol Use](#)
- [Impaired Driving: Talk With Your Kids](#)
- [Marijuana Talk Kit](#)
- [National Institute of Mental Health's \(NIMH\) Factsheets and Brochures on Mental Health Disorders](#)
- [Substance Use Prevention Communications Toolkit](#)
- [Stanford Medicine's Cannabis Remote-Learning Curriculum](#)
- [Substance Use Prevention Resources Repository](#)
- [Vaping – What Families Need to Know](#)
- [Vaping and E-Cigarettes: A Toolkit for Working With Youth](#)
- [Youth Risk Behavioral Survey \(YRBS\) Promotional Videos](#) (Also for [Schools](#) and [Parents](#))

# SAMHSA's Prevention and Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Networks

## Prevention Technology Transfer Center Network (PTTC)

- [Southeast PTTC](#) – serves AL, GA, FL, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN
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**Monthly Happenings Playlist:**

- [Office Jazz](#)
- [Work & Jazz](#)

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