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Monthly Happenings Gazette July 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.

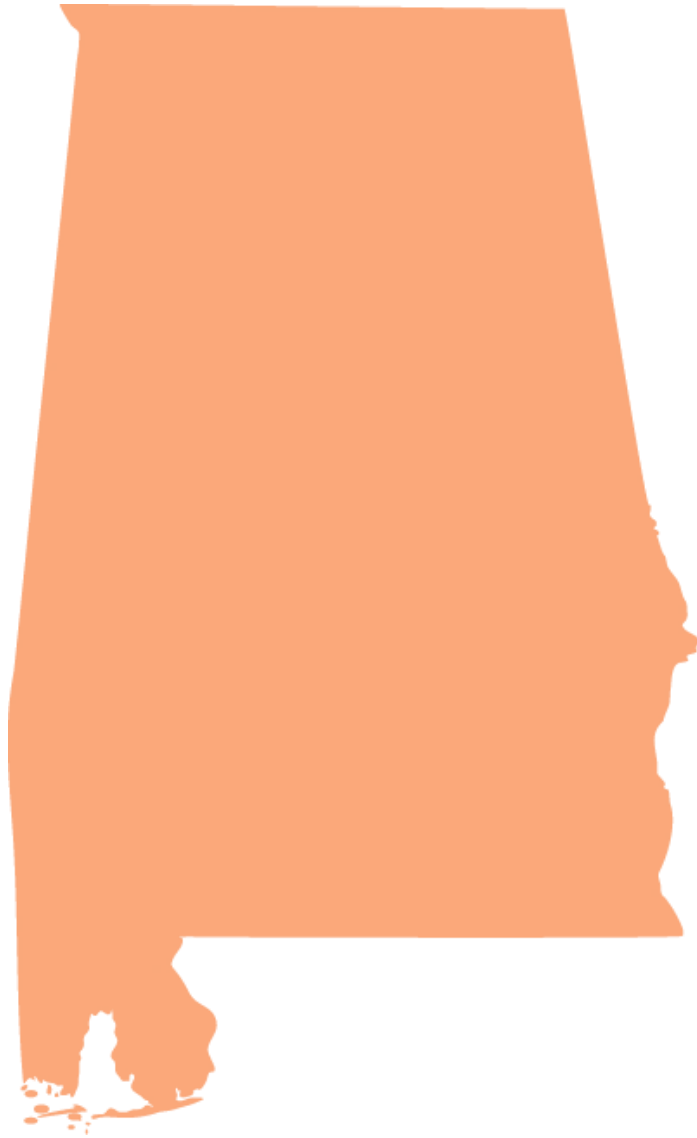
For those traveling to the CADCA Mid-Year in Dallas, I hope to see you all there. I will be sure to share any details about in-person office hours or meet and greets if they become available.

For the month of July, keep in mind the following 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!**

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
- Approaching Crisis Through Intervention & Education (ACTIVE) Coalition – El Dorado, AR
- [NWA Tobacco and Drug Free Coalition](#) – Springdale, AR

Current Events

- ["I felt so alone": Rising rates of suicide, depression accelerated by pandemic among U.S. kids](#)
- [Across all 50 states, men more likely to die from using opioids, cocaine, meth, study finds](#)
- [As rates of suicide for Native American youth increase, culture is key to prevention](#)
- [Does Social Media Harm Young People's Mental Health?](#)
- [How fentanyl test strips could help prevent drug overdoses](#)
- [Marijuana linked to mental health risks in young adults, growing evidence shows](#)
- [Mental Health Care Lagging for LGBTQ Youth](#)
- [Shocking CDC statistics reveal extent of mental health crisis among children in US](#)
- [Study shows jump in suicides and homicides among young Americans early in the pandemic](#)
- [Suicide is the new epidemic plaguing Black youth](#)





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Future Happenings

Deadlines and Deliverables

- **DFC Progress Report** – The 2023 DFC Progress Report will be due on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, and covers the reporting period of August 1, 2022, to July 31, 2023. Data entry can begin now, and report submission begins August 1, 2023. Also, check your DFC and CARA Me profiles to ensure that all requirements are met. Note that support materials (i.e., data entry tool) and recorded webinars can be found in the DFC and CARA Me Learning Center.
- **Coalition Classification Tool (CCT) and Data Management Plan (DMP)** – The CCT and DMP are due Tuesday, August 15, 2023. To complete, visit the Reporting Tab of DFC and CARA Me.

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.
- [Data Management Plan \(DMP\) and Coalition Classification Tool \(CCT\) Webinar](#) – The ICF National Evaluation Team will host a webinar on the CCT and new DMP feature of DFC and CARA Me on Monday, July 10, 2023, from 3pm to 5pm.
- [DFC Progress Report Webinar](#) – ICF will host a webinar on the 2023 Progress Report on July 31, 2023, from 3pm to 5pm. This webinar will showcase reporting tips as well as the new progress report updates.
- **Newly Hired Key Personnel Office Hours** – ICF will host Office Hours for newly hired key personnel on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, from 2pm to 3:30pm EST. More information is forthcoming.
- [Reporting for Success: Health Equity & Diversity Webinar](#) – Hosted by ICF, the Healthy Equity and Diversity webinar will be held on Monday, July 24, 2023, from 3pm to 5pm. This webinar will include information about the new Diversity and Health Equity section of the progress report.



Articles

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- Matson, P., Ridenour, T., Jalongo, 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.
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- Purtle, J., Nelson, K., Henson, R., Horwitz, S., McKay, M., & Hoagwood, K. (2022). Policy Makers' Priorities for Addressing Youth Substance Use and Factors That Influence Priorities. *Psychiatric Services*, 73(4), 388-395.
<https://doi.org/10.1176/appi.ps.202000919>
- Winer, J., Yue, A., Hadland, S., & Bagley, S. (2022). Addressing adolescent substance use with a public health prevention framework: the case for harm reduction. *Annals of Medicine*, 54(1), 2123-2136.
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Tools and Resources

- [Ad Council's Real Deal on Fentanyl! \(Toolkit\)](#)
- [Association of State and Territorial Health Officials \(ASTHO\) Podcast: Prevention for the Next Generation: Addressing Adverse Childhood Experiences, Suicide, and Overdose](#)
- [CDC's Drug-Free Communities Website \(Infographics\)](#)
- [CDC's VetoViolence \(ACEs Resources\)](#)
- [International Overdose Awareness Day Campaign Kit](#)
- [National Harm Reduction Technical Assistance Center \(NHRTAC\)](#)
- [Schools Supporting Students to Quit Tobacco Use as Alternative to Suspension: Lessons from the Field](#)
- [Shatterproof's Addiction Language Guide](#)

“I love how summer
just wraps its arms
around you like a
warm blanket.”

– KELLIE ELMORE

Monthly Playlist:

- Golden – Jill Scott
- Lovely Day – Bill Withers
- Breezin' – George Benson

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