

Monthly Happenings Gazette

June 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.

It's almost time.. Summer Time! As we head into these summer months, I want to THANK YOU all for your work and dedication to the youth and communities you serve.

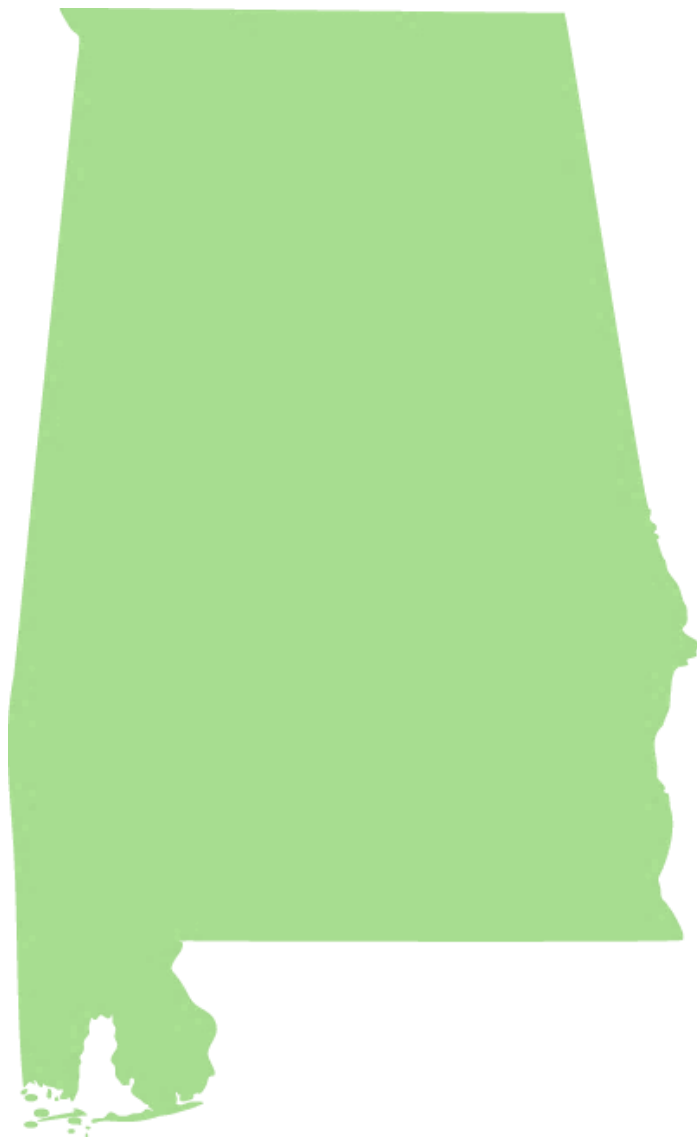
Our June reminders are presented below:

- 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

- [41% of surveyed LGBTQ+ youth considered suicide in the past year](#)
- [Adolescent mental health shows signs of improvement but remains a crisis, CDC reports](#)
- [Almost a Third of High-School Girls Considered Suicide in 2021](#)
- [Among People at Risk of Opioid Overdose, Black Patients Much Less Likely to Get Treatment](#)
- [As rates of suicide for Native American youth increase, culture is key to prevention](#)
- [Detroit's east side sees high number of OD deaths, volunteers hand out Narcan kits](#)
- [Fentanyl overdose deaths surged 279% since 2016 while heroin deaths fell: CDC](#)
- [Marijuana linked to mental health risks in young adults, growing evidence shows](#)
- [Marijuana Use Implicated in Almost a Third of Cases of Schizophrenia in Young Men](#)
- [Psychosis, suicidal thoughts, scream-vomiting: Alarm sounded about high-potency THC products](#)
- [U.S. drug overdose deaths, fueled by synthetic opioids, hit a new high in 2022](#)
- [U.S. Surgeon General Cites Loneliness As Serious Mental Health Hazard In New Report](#)
- [UChicago study finds more evidence that social determinants of health closely linked to suicide risk](#)



RIP Now?

Future Happenings

Deadlines and Deliverables

- [CADCA's 2023 Blue Ribbon Awards](#) – Formerly called the Got Outcomes! Awards, this process nationally recognizes coalitions that create positive, long-lasting changes in their communities by implementing a comprehensive and feasible plan guided by local data. **Applications are due June 30, 2023.**
- **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. Data entry can begin now.

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**.
- [CADCA's Webinar Wednesday: Trauma 101 – The Impact of ACEs](#) – Held in January 2023, this condensed version of Trauma 101 provided a foundational overview and awareness of trauma: ACEs, resilience, and trauma-informed care for anyone in the community who interacts with individuals and families who may have experienced trauma.
- [The Intersection of Substance Misuse and Suicide Prevention](#) – During this webinar, prevention experts at Carnevale Associates, LLC will explore the data and research on the intersection of substance use and suicide and cover identified evidence-based substance use prevention programs that address risk of suicide, and potential opportunities for collaborations that exist. **The webinar will be held on June 29, 2023, from 1:00pm to 2:30pm Central Time.**
- [Using ACE Data to Impact Substance Misuse Prevention](#) – During this online session, presenters will demonstrate how ACEs data can be used to identify risk factors that contribute to substance misuse in a community and how the data can be used by prevention professionals to plan. **The webinar will be held on June 8, 2023, from 10:30am to 12:00pm Central Time.**

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Tools and Resources

- [CDC's Addiction Medicine Primer](#)
- [Moving Beyond Change Efforts: Evidence and Action to Support and Affirm LGBTQI+ Youth](#)
- [National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism's \(NIAAA\) Alcohol Screening and Brief Intervention for Youth: A Practitioner's Guide](#)
- [NIAAA's Short Takes Video Series](#)
- [Opioid Response Network](#)
- [Rural Health Information Hub's \(RHI Hub\) Rural Prevention and Treatment of Substance Use Disorders Toolkit](#)
- [SAMHSA's Find Support Website](#)
- [SAMHSA's Treatment for Suicidal Ideation, Self-Harm, and Suicide Attempts Among Youth](#)
- [Screen4Success feature of the "Talk. They Hear You." campaign mobile app](#)
- [Too Good Program](#)
- [U.S. Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\) Tobacco Education Resource Library](#)

Monthly Playlist:

- Summer Breeze – The Isley Brothers
- Summertime – The Fresh Prince and DJ Jazzy Jeff
- Summer Madness – Kool & The Gang

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**Rise above the
storm and you will
find the sunshine.**

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