

Monthly Happenings Gazette

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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.

Summer is quickly approaching and I hope all of you are able to take some time to enjoy much-needed vacations and/or family time. Also, be sure to take time to reflect on all the great things you've accomplished to date.

This month, 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
- Mental Health, Substance and Drug Abuse Coalition – El Dorado, AR
- [NWA Tobacco and Drug Free Coalition](#) – Springdale, AR



Current Events

- [Anti-trans bills take toll on mental health](#)
- [Biden admin partnering with social media influencers to warn about fentanyl dangers](#)
- [Biden-Harris Administration Designates Fentanyl Combined with Xylazine as an Emerging Threat to the United States](#)
- [Helping teens face America's mental health crisis](#)
- [How xylazine – a tranquilizer showing up in fentanyl – makes it harder to slow overdose deaths](#)
- [Parenting style can significantly influence a child's mental health, new study finds](#)
- [Schools across the country say more students are asking for mental health services](#)
- [States consider fentanyl education as teen deaths increase](#)
- [The Black Youth Mental Health Epidemic: A Crisis in Its Own Right](#)
- [Why are teen girls in crisis? It's not just social media](#)
- [Xylazine: The new overdose crisis](#)
- [Young kids are at risk of suicidal ideation too. Here's what mental health professionals recommend parents do if their child is struggling](#)

Check it Out!

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**.
- [Exploring the Relationship Between Bullying and Substance Use](#) – In this webinar, presenters will discuss the relationship between substance use and the perpetration of bullying or victimization through bullying, the risks of both behaviors, and recommendations for educators in addressing these problems. The webinar will be held on **May 23, 2023** from **2pm to 3pm EST**.
- [SafeSide Framework for Suicide Prevention in Rural Communities](#) – The UR Medicine Recovery Center of Excellence, with funding from the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA), partnered with SafeSide Prevention to provide a workshop focused on suicide prevention training for service providers in rural communities. This free workshop will be held **May 23, 2023** and/or **July 25, 2023** from **12pm to 3pm EST**.
- [Understanding Your Coalition Snapshots Webinar](#) – The DFC & CARA National ICF Evaluation team will be hosting a webinar on **May 4, 2023** from **2pm to 3pm EST** on how to understand and utilize your coalition snapshots. To register, use the hyperlink above.

Articles

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Tools and Resources

- [Addressing the Intersection of Suicide, Overdose, and Adverse Childhood Experiences: What is the Capacity of Local Health Departments – Results from the National Fielding of the SPACECAT](#)
- [American Academy of Pediatrics' Blueprint for Youth Suicide Prevention](#)
- [CADCA's Sustainability Primer: Fostering Long-Term Change to Create Drug-Free Communities](#)
- [CDC's Academic Detailing to Enhance Overdose Prevention: An Implementation Guide for Organizations](#)
- [CDC's National Recovery Month Partner Toolkit](#) (For the month of September)
- [CDC's Up and Away Campaign](#)
- [DEA'S Emoji Drug Code](#)
- [GrantSolution Job Aides and Instruction Sheets](#) (See "Training Resources")
- [OpiRescue App](#)
- [U.S. Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\) Annual National Youth Tobacco Survey Results](#)

Monthly Playlist:

- No More Rain – Angie Stone
- It's Gonna Rain – Kelly Price

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