



Opioid and Stimulant Use Disorder

Education Resources

The following is a comprehensive collection of public education materials for youth, parents, friends, and educators related to the prevention, treatment, and recovery of opioid and stimulant use disorders (OUD/StUDs) among youth. This list will be updated on a quarterly basis.

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Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Prevention and Intervention

App

[THRIVE](#) - This is a comprehensive teen health-oriented app empowering parents to manage their teen's health.

Published by: Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine, n.d.

Booklet

[Drugs: Shatter the Myths](#) – This booklet answers teens' most frequently asked questions about drugs and drug abuse. Also available as an animated booklet.

Published by: National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) for Teens, March 2015

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Brochure

[Seeking Drug Abuse Treatment: Know What to Ask](#) - Family and friends can play important roles in motivating people with drug problems to enter and remain in treatment. However, trying to identify the right treatment programs for a loved one can be a difficult process. To help, NIDA created this brief guide containing five questions to ask when searching for a treatment program.

Published by: NIDA for Teens, June 2013

eBook

[Intervention eBook](#) – This online resource helps parents and caregivers know what to do if their child is drinking or using drugs.

Published by: Partnership for a Drug-Free Kids and Center on Addiction, n.d.

[Parent Resource Library](#) – This website provides a library of eBooks and guides for parents.

Published by: Partnership for Drug-Free Kids, n.d.

Fact Sheets

[Preventing Teen Prescription Medicine Abuse](#) – This one-page fact sheet helps parents and caregivers prevent teen prescription medicine abuse.

Published by: Partnership for a Drug-Free Kids, 2014

[Talking to Kids When They Need Help](#) – This fact sheet offers tips to parents in starting a conversation and understanding what is going on in their children and teen’s lives.

Published by: American Psychological Association (APA), April 9, 2020

[Tips for Teens: The Truth About Sedatives](#) – This fact sheet provides facts about sedatives. It describes short- and long-term effects, lists signs of use, and helps dispel common myths. It also can be used by prevention professionals, educators, health care providers, and others who come in contact with teens on a regular basis.

Published by SAMHSA, 2020

[Tips for Teens: The Truth About HIV](#) - This fact sheet for teens provides facts about HIV. It includes information about how the virus is spread and how to prevent transmission and answers common questions. It can be used by prevention professionals, educators, health care providers, and others who come in contact with teens.

Published by SAMHSA, March 2020



Guides

[Growing up Drug-Free: A Parent's Guide to Prevention](#) – This guide includes an overview of substance use among youth; descriptions of substances young people may use; a look at risk factors that may make kids more vulnerable to trying and using drugs, and protective factors to offset those risks; suggestions for how to talk to children about drugs, regardless of their age; and tips on what to do if you suspect your child is using alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs.

Published by: United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), April 27, 2017

[Keeping Youth Drug Free](#) – This resource guide for parents offers advice on keeping children substance free. Review statistics about adolescent substance use and learn tips on good communication. The guide also features substance facts and case studies for additional insight.

Published by: SAMHSA, September 2017

[Prescription for Disaster: How Teens Misuse Medicine](#) – Increasing numbers of teens are using prescription and over-the-counter medications to get high. Many parents don't know enough about this problem, and many teens don't understand the dangers. This guide helps parents understand this problem and identify the medications teens are abusing.

Published by: DEA, n.d.

[Student Assistance: A Guide for School Administrators](#) – The purpose of the guide is to provide school leaders and administrators with key information regarding student assistance services for substance use and mental health initiatives.

Published by: SAMHSA, October 2019

[The Parent's 20-Minute Guide](#) – This resource provides guidance to parents on how to help their child who is using substances.

Published by: The Center for Motivation and Change, 2017

Posters

[Drugs + Your Body: It Isn't Pretty](#) – This poster provides a graphic tour of how the body is affected by various drugs of abuse. Includes an annotated "body" poster along with six skills sheets.

Published by: NIDA for Teens, March 2015

[Keep the Ball in Your Court. Know the Risks](#) – Unfortunately, high school student-athletes can be especially vulnerable to prescription painkiller misuse. This poster encourages teens, parents and other caregivers, and educators to know the risks around misusing pain pills.

Published by: DEA, n.d.

Tools

[Building on Strengths: Tools for Improve Positive Outcomes](#) – This tool is intended to help state- and local-level prevention practitioners identify effective and innovative programs that provide opportunities to, and improve outcomes for, boys and young men of color.

Published by: SAMHSA's Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies, January 2016

[Well-being Indicator Tool for Youth \(WIT – Y\)](#) – A tool designed for youth aged 15-21 years who currently are in or in the past have had contact with the child welfare system.

Published by: Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare, n.d

Toolkit



[Rural Youth Engagement Toolkit](#) – The content contained in this tool kit was created to address substance misuse in rural communities through the meaningful engagement and involvement of rural youth in the process to enact lasting change that will contribute to healthy and safe communities throughout America.

Published by: Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America, February 27, 2020

[Community Toolbox: Strategic Prevention Framework](#) - This strategy focuses on the community as a whole and ways to help community members who are most at risk – typically youth – avoid the behaviors or situations that would put them in harm’s way.

Published by: University of Kansas, n.d.

[Overdose Emergency Kit](#)- This is an informative resource to share with youth, young adults, families, and community members. Included are Overdose Kit Instructions Guide, Overdose First-Aid Brochure in English and Spanish, Good Samaritan Card, Proceed with Caution Card, and a Naloxone Prescription Card.

Published by: County of Los Angeles Public Health Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC), n.d.

[Getting Candid: Framing the Conversation Around Youth Substance Use Prevention](#) message guide and toolkit equipping youth-serving providers and organizations with the tools and resources necessary to support meaningful prevention messaging. In this toolkit you can access messaging on youth substance use prevention, tip sheets, social media graphics and shareables, videos, webinars, interactive worksheets, and an educational course.

Published by: National Council for Mental Wellbeing, December 2021

Tips

Videos

[Anyone Can Become Addicted to Drugs](#) – This video is about how addiction changes the signals in a person’s brain and makes it hard to feel okay without the drug.

Published by: NIDA for Teens, n.d.

[CRAFT video series](#) – This video series that helps bring the principles of CRAFT (Community Reinforcement and Family Training) to life via real families who have been there and for whom the skills and practices of CRAFT were a game changer.

Published by: Partnership for Drug-Free Kids, n.d.

[The Impact of Substance Abuse and Addiction within the Hispanic-Latino Community](#) – This is a video that discusses the impact of substance abuse and addiction within the Hispanic-Latino community in honor of National Hispanic-Latino Heritage Month.

Published by: American Psychological Association (APA), 2014

[Why Are Drugs So Hard to Quit?](#) – Viewers can learn what happens with addiction and why it’s so hard to quit by watching this video.

Published by: NIDA for Teens, n.d.

[Dead on Arrival Documentary](#) This video shares about the rise in young people dying from accidental overdose/poisoning due to fentanyl contamination.

Film by: Dominic Tierno and Christine Wood (2021).

Webinar

[How to Tell When a Kid is Struggling](#) – Listen as three psychologists speak frankly with parents and



educators about how to recognize when a youth is struggling, and what to do about it when you know a child or teen needs help.

Published by: APA and National Parent Teacher Association (PTA), May 5, 2014

[Unleashing the Collective Power of Communities](#) – This recorded webinar is for parents on evidence-based strategies to prevent substance abuse.

Published by: ONDCP, October 26, 2015

Websites

[Campus Drug Prevention](#) – This website provides institutions of higher education and their surrounding communities with these resources to prevent drug abuse among college students. The site promotes the importance of prevention and its role in helping ensure the health and safety of our nation's colleges and universities.

Published by: Campus Drug Prevention, n.d.

[Get Smart About Drugs](#) – This is a resource for parents, educators, and caregivers.

Published by: DEA, n.d.

[Help End Medicine Abuse](#) – This is an action campaign to learn how to safeguard your family and community from the devastation of heroin and other opioids and the abuse of prescription and over-the-counter medications.

Published by: Partnership for a Drug-Free Kids and Center on Addiction, n.d.

[NIDA for Teens](#) – This site provides science-based information on teen drug use and its effects. This site contains videos, games, lesson plans, fact sheets and numerous other resources for teens, parents, and educators.

Published by: NIDA for Teens, September 18, 2019

[Prescription Drugs](#) – This website provides an FAQ on prescription drugs for teens.

Published by: NIDA for Teens, n.d.

[Preventing Teen Drug Use: How to Spot the Early Warning Signs](#) – This website offers the common warning signs of teen drug use to parents.

Published by: Partnership for Drug-Free Kids, n.d.

[TeensHealth](#) – This website provides a safe place for teens who need honest and accurate information, as well as offers resources on mental health issues.

Published by: The Nemours Foundation, 2019

[Teen Talk - Learn about teen drug use and the brain.](#) This NIDA website features videos, games, blog posts and much more!

Published by: NIDA for Teens, August 5, 2019

[Games: Drug Use and Effects](#) - A selection of online games for teens that explore what happens to the brain and body when drugs are used.

Published by NIDA for Teens, n.d.



Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Prevention and Intervention

Article

[The Effects of Opioid Addiction on the Black Community](#) – This paper provides a detailed discussion of the effects caused by opioid addiction among Black Americans.

Published by: International Journal of Collaborative Research on Internal Medicine & Public Health, 2018

[Don't "Waive" Goodbye to Education for Opioid Use Disorder](#)– In this article, the authors discuss the previous limitations of mandatory X-waiver training requirements and provide considerations focused on education to ensure our health care workforce is appropriately prepared to diagnose and treat patients with OUD and respond to this national crisis.

Published by: National Academy of Medicine, October 2021

Brief

[The Opioid Crisis and the Black/African American Population: An Urgent Issue](#) – This issue brief aims to convey snapshots of how this population is impacted by the opioid crisis.

Published by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), 2020

Brochures

[California Medication-Assisted Treatment Expansion Project: Addressing the National Opioid Crisis](#) – This is a fact sheet about the California MAT Expansion Project.

Published by: California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), n.d.

[Department of Health Care Services Addresses the Opioid Crisis](#) – This is a brief describing the opioid epidemic in California and the California MAT Expansion Project.

Published by: DHCS, November 2019

[Prescription Drugs: They Can Help but Also Hurt: Not Worth the Risk](#) – This brochure describes for teens the dangers of misusing prescription drugs and over-the-counter drugs. It lists warning signs of prescription drug misuse and offers advice on receiving help. *Published by: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), December 2012*

Fact Sheets

[Opioid Facts for Teens](#) – This brochure provides facts to teens, so they can make smart choices and be their best self. The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) hopes teens will use this brochure to share information about opioids with their friends, parents, teachers, and others.

Published by: NIDA for Teens, September 14, 2017

[Preventing Teen Prescription Medicine Abuse](#) – This one-page fact sheet helps parents and caregivers prevent teen prescription medicine abuse.

Published by: Partnership for a Drug-Free Kids, 2014

[Tips for Teens: Opioids](#) – This fact sheet for teens provides facts about opioids. It describes short- and long-term effects and lists signs of opioid use. The fact sheet helps to dispel common myths about opioids. Treatment access sources are also cited in the fact sheet.

Published by: SAMHSA, May 2019

[Tips for Teens: The Truth About Hallucinogens](#) – This fact sheet provides facts about hallucinogens. It describes short- and long-term effects, lists signs of use, and helps dispel common myths. It also can be used by prevention professionals, educators, health care providers, and others who come in contact



with teens on a regular basis.

Published by: SAMHSA, March 2020

[Tips for Teens: The Truth About Heroin](#) – This fact sheet provides facts about heroin for teens. It describes short- and long-term effects and lists signs of heroin use. It helps to dispel common myths about heroin. Treatment access sources are also cited in the fact sheet.

Published by: SAMHSA, 2018

Handout

[Prescription Opioids and Heroin](#) – This double-sided handout can be given to and discussed with patients during the brief intervention. Side one contains information on prescription opioids and heroin, including mixing opioids with other substances, risks of opioid use, how to safeguard prescription opioids, steps to take if using opioids, and tips for quitting. Side two describes the effects of opioid misuse on the body.

Published by: Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC), n.d.

Poster

[Keep the Ball in Your Court. Know the Risks](#) – Unfortunately, high school student-athletes can be especially vulnerable to prescription painkiller misuse. This poster encourages teens, parents and other caregivers, and educators to know the risks around misusing pain pills.

Published by: DEA, n.d.

Tip Card

[Preventing an Opioid Overdose](#) – This opioid overdose card offers tips to understanding the signs of an overdose to help save a life.

Published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), n.d.

Tool

[PAOPP Toolkit](#) – This is guide for schools, parents, youth, and communities and invites them to learn more about opioid misuse and promote prevention, safety, and wellness in their communities.

Published by: Public Health Management Corporation, March 2, 2020

Videos

[“Adolescent Substance Use, Addiction, and Treatment” with Sarah Bagley, M.D.](#) - In this video, Sarah Bagley, MD shares the importance of addressing substance use during adolescence and the most effective approaches to treating addiction, including opioid addiction. Dr. Bagley draws on her experience as the Medical Director of CATALYST, an addiction treatment clinic for teens and young adults at Boston Medical Center, to discuss why young adulthood is a time when many people begin experimenting with alcohol and/or drugs.

Published by: U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)/Office of Population Affairs, n.d.

[Breaking Points](#) – This is a 30-minute documentary intended for adults that explores the stress and pressures our teens face every day, as well as the unhealthy ways that many of them cope, including abusing prescription stimulants.

Published by: Partnership for Drug-Free Kids, n.d.

[Get Smart About Drugs](#) – This is a video library of produced videos from the United State DEA and youth about opioids and prevention of OUDs, opioid overdose, and opioid overdose fatalities.



Published by: United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), various

Websites

[Help End Medicine Abuse](#) – This is an action campaign to learn how to safeguard your family and community from the devastation of heroin and other opioids and the abuse of prescription and over-the-counter medications.

Published by: Partnership for a Drug-Free Kids and Center on Addiction

[Opioid Basics](#) – This website provides important information regarding the opioid epidemic that's designed for non-health professionals and ideal for community and faith-based organizations. Includes helpful commonly used terms.

Published by: CDC, December 19, 2018

[Opioids and Adolescents](#) – This webpage provides information about the prevalence of adolescent opioid misuse, risk, and protective factors, how to prevent opioid misuse, and how to get help.

Published by: U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS)/Office of Population Affairs

[Opioid Facts for Teens](#) – This webpage, which offers downloadable brochures, includes a letter from Director Nora Volkow, MD, and linkages to current relevant Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services (SAMHSA) publications specific to youth and opioids.

Published by: NIDA, July 2018

[Parents: Facts on Teen Drug Use](#) – This website provides information to help parents talk with their teens about drugs and their effects and learn where to go to get help.

Published by: NIDA for Teens, August 2, 2019

[PA Opioid Prevention Project](#) – The PA Opioid Prevention Project is a state-wide multi-media, opioid misuse prevention campaign targeting youth ages 14-18.

Published by: Public Health Management Corporation, n.d.

[PAStop.org](#) – Information on this website can be downloaded and distributed about opioids in Pennsylvania.

Published by: Commonwealth Prevention Alliance, n.d.



Stimulant Use Disorder Prevention and Intervention

Fact Sheets

[Tips for Teens – Methamphetamine](#) - This fact sheet includes information about methamphetamine including the risks and signs of use.

Published by: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), 2018

[Tips for Teens: The Truth About Stimulants](#) – This fact sheet provides facts about stimulants. It describes short- and long-term effects, lists signs of use, and helps dispel common myths. It also can be used by prevention professionals, educators, health care providers, and others who come in contact with teens on a regular basis.

Published by SAMHSA, 2020

Guides

[Matrix Intensive Outpatient Treatment for People with Stimulant Use Disorders: Client's Handbook](#) -

This guide contains patient materials for an intensive outpatient treatment course for stimulant misuse. It provides handouts to use in individual and conjoint sessions, and sessions on early recovery skills and relapse prevention.

Published by: SAMHSA, 2015

Poster

[Heads Up Real News about Drugs and your body - Prescription Stimulants](#) - This poster provides an overview of prescription stimulants, including information about risks and myths.

Published by: National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), 2011

Videos

[Meth Match](#) - This 1-minute video depicts a first-time meth user going up against the Meth Monster.

Published by: SAMHSA, 2019

[Mind Matters: The Body's Response to Cocaine](#) - This video for middle school students describes how cocaine affects the brain and the body.

Published by: NIDA, 2020

[Mind Matters: The Body's Response to Methamphetamine](#) - This video for middle school students describes how methamphetamine is used and how it affects the brain and the body.

Published by: NIDA, 2020

[Mind Matters: The Body's Response to Prescription Stimulants](#) - This video for middle school students describes prescription stimulants, why they are prescribed, and how they can affect the brain and the body when misused.

Published by: NIDA, 2020

[Mind Matters: The Body's Response to Bath Salts](#) - This video for middle school students explains how synthetic cathinones, commonly known as bath salts, affect the brain and the body.

Published by: NIDA, 2020

[The Reward Circuit: How the Brain Responds to Cocaine](#) - This video depicts how the brain reward system and the biochemical processes that occur during cocaine use.

Published by: NIDA, 2016



[The Reward Circuit: How the Brain Responds to Methamphetamine](#) - This video depicts the brain reward system and the biochemical processes that occur during methamphetamine use.

Published by: NIDA, 2016

Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) and Other Treatment

Brochure/Handout

[Medication-Assisted Treatment for Opioid Addiction](#) – This brochure offers information and facts for families and friends about MAT for opioid addiction.

Published by: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), 2011

[The Facts about Buprenorphine for Treatment of Opioid Addiction](#) – This brochure informs patients about buprenorphine and medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder. It describes addiction and withdrawal, how buprenorphine works, its proper use, its side effects, and how it fits with counseling in the recovery process.

Published by: SAMHSA, 2014

eBooks

[Continuing Care ebook](#) - This guide covers all parents and caregivers need to know about how to best support their child after he or she finishes addiction treatment.

Published by: Partnership for a Drug-Free Kids and Center on Addiction, n.d.

[Medication-Assisted Treatment: An ebook for Parents and Caregivers of Teens and Young Adults Addicted to Opioids](#) – This eBook helps parents and caregivers learn more about MAT – what it is, how it's used, where to find it, and how they can best support their child through treatment.

Published by: Partnership for Drug-Free Kids, n.d.

Fact Sheets

Common Questions and Concerns about Medication-Assisted Treatment

- [A Handout for Ambivalent Patients](#) – This is a Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document for patients resistant to MAT.
- [A Handout for Family Members of a Person with an Opioid Use Disorder](#) – This is a MAT FAQ document for family members of a person with an OUD.

Published by: Providers Clinical Support System, n.d.

[Good Care for You and Your Baby While Receiving Opioid Use Disorder Treatment: Steps for Health Growth and Development](#) – This fact sheet outlines some important things to know about OUDs and caring for your baby, as well as the Do's and Don'ts for creating a healthy environment for your family.

Published by: SAMHSA, August 2018

[Opioid Use Disorder and Pregnancy](#) – This fact sheet highlights some important things to know about OUD and pregnancy, as well as the Do's and Don'ts for making sure you have a healthy pregnancy and a healthy baby.

Published by: American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, September 2018

[Treating Babies Who Were Exposed to Opioids Before Birth](#) – This fact sheet outlines some important things to know about what to expect if your baby needs special care after birth, as well as the Do's and Don'ts for understanding and responding to your baby's needs.

Published by: SAMHSA, August 2018



Guide

[Opioid Addiction Treatment](#) – This patient guide includes information on assessment, a treatment overview (including treatment plans, patient participation, and counseling), and all the medications available to treatment opioid use and overdose. It also provides links to find a provider and support groups for patients and families.

Published by: American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM), 2016

[What is Naloxone?](#) This handout is a factsheet for individuals seeking information regarding Naloxone. It shares different ways to administer and where to access it when needed.

Published by: NIDA, 2022

Poster

[Are You Taking Medicine for Opioid Use Disorder and Are Pregnant or Thinking about Having a Baby?](#) –

This poster is for clients and their family members in OUD treatment who are pregnant or who are currently not pregnant but of childbearing age.

Published by: SAMHSA, August 2018

Tool

[Decisions in Recovery: Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder](#) – This online tool is for people who want information about the role of medications in treating OUDs. You can use this tool to help you learn about MAT, compare your treatment options, decide which options are best for you and your recovery, and discuss your preferences with your provider.

Published by: SAMHSA, n.d.

Videos

[How Naloxone Saves Lives in Opioid Overdose](#) – This video reviews when naloxone is used, how it is administered, and the way it works.

Published by: NIDA for Teens, n.d.

[Opioid Overdose Deaths Go Up for New Moms after Childbirth. Here's Why.](#) - This video and article provide insight into OUD and pregnant women as well as women post-natal. While addressing the road to recovery for expectant mothers and mothers post-natal, Medicaid loopholes are discussed. With OUDs increasing among pregnant women, a shift in recovery focus is needed in states across the United States.

Published by: VICE News, 2019

[Signs and Symptoms of an Opioid Overdose](#) – This video demonstrates the signs and symptoms of an opioid overdose and what to do.

Published by: National Safety Council, August 29, 2018

Website

[Substance Abuse Treatment for Children and Adolescents: Questions to Ask](#) – This website offers a list of questions to ask when deciding to get treatment for a child or adolescent.

Published by: American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, June 2018

Published by: SAMHSA BRSS TACS, May 8, 2014



SUD Recovery

Briefs

[Providing Culturally Responsive Recovery Supports: Recommendations for Engaging Black Young Adults](#) – This brief addresses the supports black young adults need and also provides recommendations for engaging Black young adults.

Published by: SAMHSA, n.d.

Videos

Know the Truth Video Series – This is a series of videos about individual’s recovery from opioids.

- [Rebekkah’s Story](#)
- [Michael's Best Day](#)
- [Caroline's Best Day](#)
- [Diana's Best Day](#)
- [Duane’s Best Day](#)

Published by: The Truth, n.d.

Webinars

[Defining Our Own Recovery: Strategic Sharing and Recovery Messaging for Young People](#) – This recorded virtual event explores experiences of young people in recovery who share their stories to create change. Recovery movement leaders share ideas about maximizing impact and minimizing risk when telling personal stories.

Published by: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Bringing Recovery Supports to Scale Technical Assistance Center Strategy (BRSS TACS), February 23, 2017

[Peer Supports for Young Adults with SMI or SUD](#) - A discussion of developmentally and culturally relevant models of peer supports for young adults living with serious mental illness or substance use disorder.

Published by: SAMHSA BRSS TACS, June 28, 2018

[Supporting College Students with Mental or Substance Use Disorders](#)- A discussion of the prevalence of serious mental illness and substance use disorders in underrepresented student populations and opportunities for colleges and communities to help students at risk of or already experiencing these disorders.

Published by: SAMHSA BRSS TACS, April 26, 2018

Co-Occurring Disorders

Comic Books

[No Longer Alone](#)– This comic book features three women living with mental illness and substance use disorder conditions who have improved their quality of life after receiving treatment.

Published by: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), October 2013

[People Recover](#)– This comic book tells the story of people living with co-occurring mental illness and substance use disorders. It presents a hopeful message recovery and provides resources for more information.

Published by SAMHSA, May 2013



Mental Health/Depression/Suicide Prevention

Articles

[Depression, Anxiety Rising Among U.S. College Students](#) – This article discusses the rise of depression and anxiety among U.S. college students.

Published by: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), August 29, 2019

[Health Plans use Digital and AI Strategies to Tackle Mental Health Issues](#) – This is an article about Blue Shield of California's new BlueSky initiative.

Published by: Health Data Management, December 3, 2019

Blog

[Opiate Use Disorders and Suicide: A Hidden Tragedy](#) - This article was written by the President of the American Psychiatric Association, Dr. Maria Oquendo. It establishes that more research may need to be done on the correlation between pain and suicide. However, the article does include some statistics providing insight into rates between men and women and how these rates are impacted by OUD- including the increase in suicide by those with OUD.

Published by: National Safety Council, August 29, 2018

Booklet

[A Journey Toward Health and Hope](#) – This booklet is a guide to help you take the first steps toward recovery after your suicide attempt. The tools and stories contained come from the experiences of others, some named, some anonymous, who have survived a suicide attempt. It is our hope that their experiences can help you keep yourself safe, develop hope, and, most importantly, remind you that you are not alone.

Published by: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), August 2018

Brochure

[Parent Engagement: Strategies for Involving Parents in School Health](#) – This publication is designed for school administrators, teachers, nurses, support staff, parents, and others interested in promoting parent engagement. Each has different but important roles and responsibilities to play in engaging parents in school health activities.

Published by: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), November 2012

Curriculum

[Youth Mental Health First Aid](#) – The course teaches how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or addictions challenge or is in crisis. It is primarily designed for adults who regularly interact with young people. The course introduces common mental health challenges for youth, reviews typical adolescent development, and teaches a 5-step action plan for how to help young people in both crisis and non-crisis situations. Topics covered include anxiety, depression, substance use, disorders in which psychosis may occur, disruptive behavior disorders (including AD/HD), and eating disorders.

Published by: Mental Health First Aid and National Council for Behavioral Health, n.d.

[Adolescent SBIRT Curriculum](#) This curriculum is an Adolescent Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Curriculum to assist educators to seamlessly implement adolescent SBIRT training in their courses.



Published by: NORC at the University of Chicago, n.d.

Fact Sheets

[Helping Your Child Feel Connected to School](#) – This fact sheet provides information for parents and families to help children feel connected to school.

Published by: CDC; National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention; and the Division of Adolescent and School Health, July 2009

[Preventing Suicide](#) – This is a fact sheet about preventing suicide.

Published by: CDC, 2018

[Understanding Depression – Youth Adults: Get the Facts](#) – This fact sheet offers young adults information on living with depression. It discusses causes of depression and approaches to treatment.

Published by: SAMHSA, 2017

[Suicide Prevention: Get Help Now](#) - This fact sheet provides immediate resources for young people having suicidal thoughts and for supporting someone who is having thoughts of harming themselves.

Published by: Youth.gov, n.d.

Guides

[A Model School Policy on Suicide Prevention: Model Language, Commentary and Resources](#) – This document was developed by ensuring that local policies are in line with the latest research in the field of suicide prevention and identifying best practices for a national framework.

Published by: Suicide Prevention Resource Center, 2019

[Guidance to States and School Systems on Addressing Mental Health and Substance Use Issues in Schools](#) – A Joint Informational Bulletin (Bulletin) to provide the public, including states, schools, and school systems, with information about addressing mental health and substance use issues in schools.

Published by: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), July 1, 2019

[What to Do if You're Concerned About Your Teen's Mental Health: A Conversation Guide](#) – This guide is meant to help parents and families who are concerned about their teen's mental health and emotional well-being have important conversations with their child. Although parents often pick up on concerning signs that their teen is struggling, not everyone feels well-equipped to approach their child to have a conversation about how they are feeling. Knowing what to do after the conversation, especially if the child has expressed something concerning, is not always obvious.

Published by: Jed Foundation, n.d.

Infographic

[Foster Care, LGBT Youth, and Increased Suicide](#) – Exploration of the foster care system and the unique challenges facing LGBTQ youth and young adults, particularly transgender individuals and those of color, are at higher odds of being in the foster care system and face an increased risk of suicide.

Published by: National Institute for Health Care Management Foundation, June 8, 2021

[Homeless Youth: A Vulnerable Population](#) - Infographic addressing the behavioral health vulnerabilities of nation's youth and young people experiencing homelessness and associated prevalence of psychiatric disorders almost 2 times higher than their housed peers.

Published by: National Institute for Health Care Management Foundation, June 2, 2021

[Youth Mental Health: Trends and Outlook](#) - Infographic exploring mental health trends among youth, teens, and youth adults, including rising rates of mental illness and suicide.

Published by: National Institute for Health Care Management Foundation, January 2020



Poster

Report

[Fostering Healthy Mental, Emotional and Behavioral Development in Children and Youth](#) - This report discusses mental, emotional, and behavioral (MEB) influences in several environments; strategies to address MEB in homes, schools, healthcare and policy domains; and guidelines for implementation.

Published by: Suicide Prevention Resource Center, 2019

Tip Sheet

[Helping Teens with Traumatic Grief: Tips for Caregivers](#) - Each teen grieves in unique ways. After a sudden or violent death some teens may develop traumatic grief responses and have difficulty coping. This tip sheet offers ways to recognize and help teens with traumatic grief.

Published by: The National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN), n.d.

Toolkit

Video

[Seize the Awkward](#) – This video series addresses how to recognize signs your friend may be struggling, how to begin a conversation with your friend and learn what to say and offer help after the conversation.

Published by: Ad Council, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Jed Foundation, 2019

Websites

[Adolescent Health: Think, Act, Grow® \(TAG\)](#) – TAG calls upon organizations and individuals working with adolescents to prioritize activities that improve adolescent health, including physical, social, emotional, and behavioral health. The goal of TAG is simple: to spark actions that can support the healthy development of all of America’s adolescents. TAG offers concrete roles and responsibilities for stakeholders who have direct contact with adolescents and influence among them, including professionals from out-of-school, community-based, faith-based, education, healthcare, public health, and social service settings.

Published by: Youth.gov, n.d.

[Girlshealth.gov](#) – A website offering guidance to teenage girls, including recognizing a mental health problem, getting help, and talking to parents.

Published by: Office of Women’s Health, n.d.

[You Can Fight Suicide](#) – This website offers education and resources to those affected by suicide.

Published by: American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, 2019

[Sources of Strength](#) – This website a best practice youth suicide prevention project designed to harness the power of peer social networks to change unhealthy norms and culture, ultimately preventing suicide, bullying, and substance abuse. The mission of Sources of Strength is to prevent suicide by increasing help seeking behaviors and promoting connections between peers and caring adults.

Published by: Sources of Strength, n.d.

[Community Response Checklist](#) – This checklist has resources focusing on prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and recovery. It presents effective policies and programs that communities have implemented.

Published by: Brandeis Opioid Resource Connector, n.d.