

OCTOBER 27 – 28, 2022
PRE-CONFERENCE: OCTOBER 26, 2022

2022 KANSAS PREVENTION CONFERENCE

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



CHUCK KLEVGAARD

Chuck Klevgaard is a nationally recognized expert in substance misuse prevention, public health, and school-based health. Drawing on his experience in collective impact and prevention-focused partnerships, he builds the capacity of states, tribes, schools, communities, and cities to use evidence-based substance misuse prevention and intervention strategies. He specializes in behavioral health support; training and technical assistance; and evidence-based alcohol, opioid, and substance misuse programs and policies. Nationwide, he provides training to prevent opioid overdose, including working with first responders to administer naloxone. As a consultant to Great Lakes Prevention Technology Transfer Center, Klevgaard provides training and technical assistance to substance misuse

prevention entities within the Great Lakes region, which includes Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Ohio. Klevgaard, a Certified Senior Prevention Specialist through the Illinois Certification Board, Inc., holds a BSW from Minnesota State University Moorhead.

Harm Reduction in Prevention - Not Your Parent's Strategies

Keynote Description: Harm reduction is increasingly emphasized as an important approach when working across the continuum of care. While many in the prevention field remain focused on primary prevention, opportunities exist for preventionists to support and augment local harm reduction efforts. This presentation will focus on steps prevention practitioners can take to support harm reduction efforts, including promoting community readiness to support harm reduction approaches, addressing substance use disorder-related stigma, and linking harm reduction efforts to more "upstream" efforts while galvanizing individuals across disciplines to play a role in prevention, response, harm reduction, and treatment activities.



NICOLE M AUGUSTINE

Nicole M Augustine is the Founder & CEO of RIZE Consultants, Inc, a strategic consulting firm founded in January 2015. Nicole is an entrepreneur, public health professional, and social justice advocate. Her journey in public health began at Cornell University when, after graduating, she worked for three years as a BASICS counselor for Cornell's campus harm reduction initiative. From there, Nicole transitioned into the George Washington University School of Public Health before experiencing a rapid career progression from providing prevention education to providing training and technical assistance to communities, professionals, and state agencies.

Nicole has served as the Project Coordinator for the Southeast PTTC, the Project Director of the NC Behavioral Health Equity Initiative, and the Prevention Director for the Addiction Professionals of NC. In addition to running her own company, Nicole currently serves as an Advanced Implementation Specialist with the Opioid Response Network, and a consultant to Prevention Transfer Technology Centers. Nicole gained the Prevention Specialist credential in 2014 and has worked at every level of prevention practice - from providing prevention education to providing training and technical assistance to communities, states, and federal agencies. In August 2022, Nicole— in collaboration with Routledge— released the first academically published Prevention Specialist Exam Study Guide. She hopes this resource will help more prevention professionals around the world prepare for and pass the certification exam.

Connect the Dots: Bringing Together Strengths and Strategies for Better Outcomes

Keynote Description: We are at a pivotal moment in time. Our country is experiencing a social and political upheaval, and it is more important than ever that we, as prevention professionals, step up and lead the way towards equity. This is our primary call to action. We all want to create better outcomes for our communities, yet at times it can feel like we're swimming against the tide. Prevention professionals have a unique role to play in bringing together strengths and strategies to create positive change. In this closing keynote, we'll explore how we can "Connect the Dots", by assisting communities in developing strategies that promote equity and inevitably improved health outcomes. This is an important conversation that you won't want to miss!

CONFERENCE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2022

12:00 PM Pre-Conference Registration

1:00 PM **Pre-Conference** (Ending at 5:00 PM)
Opioids 101: Empowering Coalitions to Increase Awareness of Opioids in their Communities
Alyssa Nava, MPH

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022

7:30 AM Registration and Breakfast

8:30 AM Welcome and Opening Remarks
KS Grand Ballroom

9:15 AM Opening Keynote
KS Grand Ballroom
Harm Reduction in Prevention - Not Your Parent's Strategies
Chuck Klevgaard, BSW, Certified Senior Prevention Specialist

10:15 AM Break (15 minutes)

10:30 AM Breakout Session One

Salons A-C
1.1 Community Change
Preventing Suicide When Everyone Is Afraid to Speak: Lessons Learned in a Deployed Environment to Reach Difficult to Engage Populations
Jason Deselms, Ph.D., LP

Salon 1
1.2 Connect the Dots
Recovery Within the Justice System
Brittany Brest, Ph.D.; Itzel Moya, MSW; Seth McGinnes

Salon 2
1.3 Prevention Science
Leveraging KCTC Student Survey Data Now and Into the Future
Rachel Phillips, BSEd

Atrium
1.4 Capacity Building
Operationalizing Zero Suicide
Bailey Blair, LMSW; Shawna Allen, LMSW LMAC

12:00 PM Lunch and Kansas Prevention Collaborative Award Recognition
KS Grand Ballroom

1:30 PM Breakout Session Two

Salons A-C
2.1 Community Change
Prioritizing Prevention in Douglas County
Chrissy Mayer; Lydia Fuqua, MA

Salon 1
2.2 Connect the Dots
Prevention for the Next Generation: How Suicide Death Data Can Be Leveraged for Systems-Level Suicide Prevention
Monica Kurz, LMSW; Dee Vernberg, Ph.D

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- Salon 2** **2.3 Prevention Science**
Intensive, Intentional Mentoring: Evidence from Prime Fit Youth Foundation's School-Based Program
Kimberly Wilson, Ph.D., CCC-SLP
- Atrium** **2.4 Capacity Building**
Cross-Sector Collaboration - Empowering Communities to Lead the Change
Seth Dewey
- 2:30 PM** **Self-Care Break** (30 minutes)
- 3:00 PM** **Breakout Session Three**
- Salons A-C** **3.1 Community Change**
Breaking Down the Seven Strategies for Community Level Change
Jamie Katz, MPH, CPP
- Salon 1** **3.2 Connect the Dots**
Connecting Teen Dating Violence & Other Unhealthy Behaviors
Kaiti Blackburn, MPS; Evelyn Dubey
- Salon 2** **3.3 Prevention Science**
Opioid Epidemic - Update for Kansas in 2022
Daniel Warren, MD
- Atrium** **3.4 Capacity Building**
Drug Endangered Children and Creating Community Alliances
Jennifer Gassmann, LBSW; Michael Parsons, BA
- 4:00 PM**
KS Grand Ballroom **KPC Conference Reception** (Ending at 6:30 PM)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2022

- 7:30 AM**
KS Grand Ballroom **Breakfast**
- 8:30 AM** **Breakout Session Four**
- Salons A-C** **4.1 Community Change**
Life Outside the Boxes - Living Life as a Non-binary Person
Peggy Bennett, LMSW, LMAC; Terry Bennett
- Salon 1** **4.2 Connect the Dots**
Fill Two Needs With One Deed: Developing Approaches to Reduce Substance Misuse and Suicide
Lydia Fuqua, MA; Meg Hasselman, LMSW
- Salon 2** **4.3 Prevention Science**
Prevention Education: Leveraging Technology to Inform
Erica Hart, MA

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- Atrium** **4.4 Capacity Building**
Setting the Table: Building a New Statewide Suicide Prevention Coalition in Kansas
Monica Kurz, LMSW; Bailey Blair, LMSW
- 9:30 AM** **Break** (15 minutes)
- 9:45 AM** **Breakout Session Five**
- Salons A-C** **5.1 Community Change**
How to Engage your Community in Effective Legislative Advocacy: AFSP's Public Policy & Advocacy Program
Taylor Kleffel, MSW
- Salon 1** **5.2 Connect the Dots**
Lessons Learned from Connecting Cultures
Patricia Houston, MBA
- Salon 2** **5.3 Prevention Science**
The Kansas Marijuana Bellwether: Findings from Interviews with Key Stakeholders
Ngoc Vuong, Honors Baccalaureate with Concentrations in Psychology and Public Health and a Minor in Economic; Tara Gregory, BA in Psychology, MA in Community Psychology, Ph.D. in Community Psychology
- Atrium** **5.4 Capacity Building**
The Power of Coalitions: Better Outcomes for All
Jamie Katz, MPH, CPP
- 10:45 AM** **Break** (15 minutes)
- 11:00 AM** **Breakout Session Six**
- Salons A-C** **6.1 Community Change**
Expanding Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care in Rural Communities
April Jackson; Charlie Harding
- Salon 1** **6.2 Connect the Dots**
Strengthening Families through Family Connect Modules
Bonnie Houk, MS History, Grant Professional Certification Credential; Dawn Flores, MS Human Resource Development
- Salon 2** **6.3 Prevention Science**
Connecting the Dots for Physical and Mental Health: Results of the 2021 Kansas Young Adult Survey
Lisa Chaney, MS
- Atrium** **6.4 Capacity Building**
From Ten Digits to Three: 988 Implementation in Kansas
Jared Auten, LMSW
- 12:00 PM** **Lunch**
KS Grand Ballroom
- 12:45 PM** **Closing Keynote**
Connect the Dots: Bringing Together Strengths and Strategies for Better Outcomes
Nicole M Augustine, MPH, MCHES, CSAPC

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

CONFERENCE TRACK DESCRIPTIONS:

Community Change:

Become a Catalyst by facilitating Community Change. In this track, you'll find presentations on how to create positive change in your community.

Connect the Dots:

Connecting the Dots between the KPC Prevention Message and other sectors. Presentations that are outside of the typical realm of KPC prevention and all about connecting with other sectors to spread the Prevention message.

Prevention Science:

Stay in the Know: Keeping up with Prevention Science. This track will showcase presentations on the science of it all.

Capacity Building:

Be an Architect: Building Capacity in Your Community and Coalition. A track with presentations on building capacity in your organization, coalition, or community.

PRE-CONFERENCE

Opioids 101: Empowering Coalitions to Increase Awareness of Opioids in their Communities

Alyssa Nava, MPH, Prevention Specialist, DCCCA

This session will focus on educating attendees on the current understanding and trends of opioids in Kansas. The Pre-Conference session will be split into Part A and Part B. Part A will include a review of the opioid epidemic, the impact of fentanyl and polysubstance use on opioid overdoses, and identify resources and strategies that community members can engage to prevent opioid overdoses in their community. Part B will be an interactive Training of Trainers (TOT) workshop that will allow attendees to be trained on how to give a community presentation on the topics discussed in Part A. Attendees will leave the session with a broader understanding of how fentanyl and polysubstance use is influencing the opioid overdose epidemic and with a community presentation for them to provide in their communities.

BREAKOUT SESSION ONE

1.1 - Preventing Suicide When Everyone Is Afraid to Speak: Lessons Learned in a Deployed Environment to Reach Difficult to Engage Populations

Jason Deselms, Ph.D., LP, Aeromedical Psychologist, 11th Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigade

Suicide prevention initiatives focus intensely on increasing access to essential resources for those struggling with mental health concerns, relying heavily on people seeking out and presenting for services. Less than half of individuals with mental health concerns will receive help, often due to concerns about being treated differently or fear of the impact on their ability to earn a living. Therefore, the question becomes: how do we prevent suicide among those who don't want to speak with you? This presentation will address how prevention professionals and behavioral health providers can work to overcome the stigma barrier at all levels to reach difficult-to-engage populations. It will draw on experiences in a combat environment to address behavioral health issues within the aviation community. Issues related to concerns about seeking treatment, disclosing suicidal thoughts and the stigma of seeking help will be discussed. It will include lessons learned and practical applications that can be used for those working with vulnerable populations who are resistant to seeking behavioral health care in the general community.



SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

1.2 - Recovery Within the Justice System

Brittany Brest, Ph.D., JAG Project Director, NAMI Kansas; Itzel Moya, MSW, Assisted Outpatient Treatment Project Director, NAMI Kansas; Seth McGinnes, Western Affiliate Development Coordinator & Ending the Silence Program Coordinator, NAMI Kansas.

The issue this presentation will address is recovery (both mental health and addiction) within the justice system on the individual, organizational, and systemic levels. One portion of the presentation will speak about how NAMI Kansas is addressing the increased need for mental health services within local county jails and prisons within the state of Kansas. The next portion will address how NAMI Kansas is helping prevent the mental health population from entering the justice system and instead being diverted from the court and justice system through Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT). In the final piece of the presentation, we will examine the experience of individual recovery while integrated into the justice system. We target individuals with mental illness and addiction who are involved in the Justice System. The target audience for this presentation includes the individuals but is expanded to justice/ community leaders, mental health/ healthcare professionals, and state/ local officials. The strategies we utilize to bring about change vary in each section of this presentation but include onboarding local leaders/ officials, gaining access and trust within law enforcement/ judicial branches, community collaboration between partners to create a functional process, and personal storytelling. Data is being collected across these projects, but evaluation outcomes are not yet available.

1.3 - Leveraging KCTC Student Survey Data Now and Into the Future

Rachel Phillips, BSEd, Project Manager, Greenbush the Southeast Kansas Education Service Center

Student perception data is gathered annually from 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th graders through the Kansas Communities That Care (KCTC) Student Survey. In 2021 and 2022, several improvements were implemented to reduce the overall length of the survey and enhance readability and inclusive language. Additionally, an optional module for sexual orientation and gender identity demographics was offered in 2022. This session will include a brief overview of changes in this year's survey; highlight trends and insights from 2022 data; and present future considerations for the evolution of the student survey. Join this session to learn more about how KCTC Student Survey data can inform community strategies and provide input on plans to ensure access to relevant and meaningful data. Preview kctcdata.org and come equipped with questions and feedback.

1.4 - Operationalizing Zero Suicide

Bailey Blair, LMSW, Clinical Liason, Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas; Shawna Allen, LMSW LMAC, Senior Director of Outpatient Services, Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas

Kansas ranks 13th in the nation for the highest rates of death by suicide. The suicide rate in Kansas rose by more than 60%, from 12.02 per 100,000 population in 2000 to 19.25 per 100,000 population in 2020, according to the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability. At the same time, inpatient psychiatric beds have been decreased causing an increasing burden on emergency rooms, jails, and community mental health centers across the state. This leaves an ever-increasing amount of Kansans experiencing thoughts of suicide with few options in maintaining their safety. As part of a Zero Suicide initiative, the Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas committed to increasing support for individuals in crisis, staff members responding, and the community in 2021; this resulted in significant changes not only in policies and training but also in the philosophy of addressing suicidality. Join us to discuss their successes, struggles, and the lessons they have learned along the way.



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BREAKOUT SESSION TWO

2.1 - Prioritizing Prevention in Douglas County

Chrissy Mayer, Chief Community-Based Services Officer, DCCCA, Inc.; Lydia Fuqua, MA, Lead Prevention Specialist, DCCCA, Inc.

In 2017, Douglas County behavioral health leaders established and identified behavioral health as a priority issue. Three strategies were identified to make an impact in the community, with one strategy focused on prioritizing prevention. With the passage of a ballot measure in November 2018, planning began for the implementation of the work. In January 2019, Engage Douglas County was formed to support the creation of an integrated system of care that moves from crisis and illness as a norm, to recovery and prevention as a practice. Priority issues for the coalition included substance use among youth (alcohol, vaping, marijuana, prescription drugs) and suicide. Join us to learn how prevention efforts began, have grown, and have impacted the community including leveraging county dollars to secure a federal Drug-Free Communities grant.

2.2 - Prevention for the Next Generation: How Suicide Death Data Can Be Leveraged for Systems-Level Suicide Prevention

Monica Kurz, LMSW, VP Policy and Prevention, KSPHQ; Dee Vernberg, Ph.D., Senior Analyst in Informatics, Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health

Kansas Suicide Prevention HQ and Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department have partnered on a suicide postvention strategy utilizing coroner data from Douglas County. This session will explore the ways mortality data can be used for prevention planning. Participants will also become familiar with the partnerships and steps needed to execute this project.

2.3 - Intensive, Intentional Mentoring: Evidence from Prime Fit Youth Foundation's School-Based Program

Kimberly Wilson, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Professor, Wichita State University

Every year, over 1.2 million students drop out of high school in the United States alone. That's a student every 26 seconds - or 7,000 a day. African American children, children from homes of poverty, children in urban districts, and children with parents who have a high school education or less are at the highest risk of dropping out (NCES, 2015). Dropouts report low school engagement and low school belonging (NCES, 2015). Mentoring has shown to have a positive, lasting impact on the prevention of school disengagement and dropouts (National Dropout Prevention Center, 2019). This presentation highlights the outcomes of an empirically supported, intensively culturally congruent mentoring program serving at-risk youth in Wichita. It will showcase a triad partnership between USD 259, WSU, and Prime Fit Youth Foundation, as well as the outcome data and model design.

2.4 - Cross-Sector Collaboration - Empowering Communities to Lead the Change

Seth Dewey, Health educator, Project coordinator, Reno County Health Department, Kansas Recovery Network, All Aspects Development

Overdose, personal trauma, community trauma, lack of resources, burnout, and more. Challenges like these can leave community coalitions and stakeholder groups losing steam and wondering how to get the fire back into this work. When this happens, we must get to the core of the issue. We will delve into some of the common reasons why this tends to happen, but more importantly, ways in which we can help our communities to feel empowered and energized in their work.



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BREAKOUT SESSION THREE

3.1 - Breaking Down the Seven Strategies for Community Level Change

Jamie Katz, MPH, CPP, Prevention Coordinator, Johnson County Mental Health Center

There is no single strategy that prevents substance misuse. Coalitions and communities can be more successful in achieving community-level change related to substance misuse prevention when their strategies are part of a comprehensive plan. Research has shown that a comprehensive plan needs to target individual youth and adults and impact the shared community environment in which we live. There are seven strategies, commonly referred to as CADCA's Seven Strategies for Effective Community Change, typically used by coalitions to change individual behaviors and community conditions. These strategies include: Provide Information; Enhance Skills; Provide Support; Enhance Access/Reduce Barriers; Change Consequences, Incentives/Disincentives; Change Physical Design; Modify and Change Policies. This interactive engaging workshop will fully describe these strategies and provide specific examples of ways in which they are implemented by coalitions and communities to address preventing substance misuse. Additionally, participants will have opportunities to brainstorm their current initiatives and identify potential strategies that enhance their efforts for sustainable community change

3.2 - Connecting Teen Dating Violence & Other Unhealthy Behaviors

Kaiti Blackburn, MPS, Executive Director, Jana's Campaign; Evelyn Dube, Education & Prevention Specialist, Jana's Campaign

Teen dating violence is a very real public health issue that affects teens and adolescents every day. This life-threatening violence can have lifelong effects, such as adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), on those who experience violence in their young relationships or witness it at home. These experiences can have a large impact on future violence victimization and perpetration, and future health and opportunity. It is critical to address gender and relationship violence in a continual and comprehensive way during adolescence and young adulthood. The presenters will discuss the reality of teen dating violence, its connection to other health issues, such as suicide and drug/alcohol abuse, and the paradigm shift necessary to create new social norms and increase peer responsibility to take action. Programming on comprehensive cognitive, behavioral, and attitudinal changes at all levels of the socio-ecological model will also be discussed. Original research and data from rural, Midwest communities will be shared.

3.3 - Opioid Epidemic--Update for Kansas in 2022

Daniel Warren, MD, Assistant Professor, KU School of Medicine-Wichita

Join Dr. Warren to learn how fentanyl has poisoned the drug supply in Kansas, how it is killing Kansans, and what we can do about it. We will develop a shared understanding of the genesis and evolution of opioid-related harms in Kansas and the United States. Dr. Warren will also share meaningful harm reduction techniques to save the lives of people using high-potency opioids.

3.4 - Drug Endangered Children and Creating Community Alliances

Jennifer Gassmann, LBSW, Parent Child Assistance Program Supervisor, Kansas Children's Service League; Michael Parsons, BA, Prevention Program Coordinator, DCCCA

Participants will be introduced to the concept of Drug Endangered Children. The course identifies factors that create an environment where substance use endangers the health and safety of children. It will discuss best practices for working with families of drug-endangered children and methods for inter-agency cooperation to provide safe environments for children.



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BREAKOUT SESSION FOUR

4.1 - Life Outside the Boxes - Living Life as a Non-binary Person

Peggy Bennett, LMSW, LMAC, Quality and Compliance Specialist, Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas; Terry Bennett

Peggy and Terry will share their experiences as mothers and daughters trying to navigate the world of non-binary gender identity. This incredibly honest and open presentation gives a personal perspective on discrimination (finding adequate medical care is a struggle), suicidality (when your Mom is a therapist), mental health diagnoses (does being non-binary mean you are mentally ill?), grieving the loss of expectations, and the incredible power of love and acceptance.

4.2 - Fill Two Needs With One Deed: Developing Approaches to Reduce Substance Misuse and Suicide

Lydia Fuqua, MA, Lead Prevention Specialist, DCCCA; Meg Hasselman, LMSW, Program Coordinator, Kansas Suicide Prevention Resource Center

Substance misuse and suicide share many of the same risk and protective factors, but community-level approaches to prevent these two behavioral health issues often target them separately. During this workshop, we'll dig in to better understand the implications of the shared risk and protective factors and explore approaches for preventing both substance misuse and suicide among young people.

4.3 - Prevention Education: Leveraging Technology to Inform

Erica Hart, MA, Director, K-12 Implementation, EVERFI

Are schools in your community prepared to address mental health and substance abuse topics in your community? In this session, we will explore the latest research related to empowering students with voice and choice through prevention education, as well as explore several evidence-based resources that will equip teens with the knowledge and skills they need to make safe and informed decisions. Attendees will leave this session with a comprehensive Mental Wellness and Substance Abuse Prevention plan for schools in the community, complete with free resources and a rollout plan.

4.4 - Setting the Table: Building a New Statewide Suicide Prevention Coalition in Kansas

Monica Kurz, LMSW, VP Policy and Prevention, Kansas Suicide Prevention HQ; Bailey Blair, LMSW, President, Kansas Suicide Prevention Coalition

Suicide Prevention is a well-known need in Kansas, with passionate advocates working across the state to improve the lives of Kansans and create suicide safer communities. Infrastructure in the state was needed to sustain suicide prevention in the long-term through partnerships and the free flow of information between advocates, communities, agencies, and public servants. The Kansas Suicide Prevention Coalition was launched in September 2021 with support from the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, and the Attorney General's Office. This presentation will focus on the process undertaken by an independent steering committee to build the foundation of a coalition. It will also review the process of capacity building for the statewide coalition.



SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

BREAKOUT SESSION FIVE

5.1 - How to Engage your Community in Effective Legislative Advocacy: AFSP's Public Policy & Advocacy Program

Taylor Kleffel, MSW, Senior Manager of State Policy, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

This session will educate attendees on how to effectively advocate for lawmakers and have a real impact on public policy. The ins and outs of advocacy will be explained through the work of the AFSP public policy office and its advocacy program through which volunteers across the country help to advance mental health and suicide prevention laws and policies. Topics covered will include building relationships with key lawmakers, engaging community members in large-scale advocacy campaigns, and participating in the legislative process. This session is for individuals from agencies and organizations that want to improve the lives and health of Kansas residents through systemic macro-level initiatives.

5.2 - Lessons Learned from Connecting Cultures

Patricia Houston, MBA, Community Program Specialist, Community Engagement Institute

The Kansas Prevention Collaborative has hosted the Connecting Cultures Series for two years. It's a series that's mission is to reduce and eliminate behavioral health disparities in Kansas by welcoming BIPOC and other marginalized populations to an educational series of meaningful conversations about culture. In this session we will summarize what we heard, the lessons we learned, and the innovative ideas discovered that can help reduce behavioral health disparities in our communities for all.

5.3 - The Kansas Marijuana Bellwether: Findings from Interviews with Key Stakeholders

Ngoc Vuong, Honors Baccalaureate with Concentrations in Psychology and Public Health and a Minor in Economics, Community Mobilizer, Safe Streets Wichita; Tara Gregory, BA in Psychology, MA in Community Psychology, Ph.D. in Community Psychology, Director of the Center for Applied Research and Evaluation, Wichita State University Community Engagement Institute

According to the Kansas Speaks Fall 2021 survey, 71% of Kansans support the legalization and taxation of recreational marijuana for those 21 and older. Despite the high support for marijuana legalization in Kansas, legislative efforts to date have faltered. However, the possibility of marijuana legalization in Kansas underlies the need for stakeholders to evaluate the positive, neutral, and negative implications of marijuana legalization in other states and countries and to proactively mitigate cannabis-related harms. Through a partnership between Safe Streets Wichita and the Community Engagement Institute, stakeholders such as elected officials, law enforcement/criminal justice officials, behavioral health professionals, and cannabis advocacy groups were interviewed to provide their thoughts on marijuana legalization, the mitigation of cannabis-related harms, and the power dynamics of drug policy reform in Kansas. This session will provide a landscape of the status and potential implications of marijuana legalization in Kansas, with guidance on best practices for communities in preparing for potential marijuana legalization, and provide space for participants to share their thoughts and recommendations on marijuana.

5.4 - The Power of Coalitions: Better Outcomes for All

Jamie Katz, MPH, CPP, Prevention Coordinator, Johnson County Mental Health Center

Have you ever wondered what it would take to create a group that would make a real difference for your community? How do you engage community leaders in supporting the community? What is a community coalition? Learn about how community coalitions can make an impact in your community and participate in hands-on activities that will help you start to create a coalition to support better outcomes for all. This session will give you resources and tools to position your coalition for success and create community change.



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BREAKOUT SESSION SIX

6.1 - Expanding Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care in Rural Communities

April Jackson, Rural Health Coordinator, Thrive Allen County / SEK Substance Misuse Prevention Coalition; Charlie Harding

The Southeast Kansas Substance Misuse Prevention Coalition designed a recovery housing program for the unhoused who are affected by Substance use disorder located within rural communities. The main floor of the house serves as a community base of resources for recovery-oriented systems of care for anyone seeking relief from the effects of substance use disorder and addiction. Residents in the housing program are required to maintain an abstinent lifestyle free from prescription drug abuse, illicit drug use, and alcohol use. Staff work with residents by introducing recovery-based programs and helping them to make a lifestyle change. A telehealth room with technology to connect with existing therapy providers is available for any community member to access. Removing barriers to treatment access, offering prevention services, and building more recovery-oriented systems of care is how we are creating a culture of recovery.

6.2 - Strengthening Families through Family Connect Modules

Bonnie Houk, MS History, Grant Professional Certification Credential, Program Manager for School-Based Programming, The Center for Community Supports at Greenbush; Dawn Flores, MS Human Resource Development, Project Manager for Community Based Programming, The Center of Community Supports at Greenbush

Greenbush, an education service center in southeast Kansas, received funding from the Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund to create eight one-hour interactive online modules focusing on resources to strengthen families. Modules focus on topics placing the family at the center and include families as foundations, communicators, advocates, partners, and community members. These modules align with the Kansas Family Engagement and Partnership Standards. Three additional modules, currently in development, will be released in the latter part of 2022 based on stakeholder input through focus groups. Families receive \$25 for each completed module. Multiple members within a family unit can complete the modules and receive a stipend. These modules have also proven helpful for other stakeholders, such as family support workers, practitioners, child care providers, and others working closely with families of young children.

6.3 - Connecting the Dots for Physical and Mental Health: Results of the 2021 Kansas Young Adult Survey

Lisa Chaney, MS, Statistical Analyst, Learning Tree Institute at Greenbush

The Kansas Young Adult Survey (KYAS) is administered every other year to the hard-to-reach population of young adults aged 18-25 both in college and not in college. This session will highlight outcomes from the 2021 survey as well as trends over the past six years to see how patterns have changed. Survey results will show connections between general, physical, and mental health, including substance use, sources of stress, depression, help-seeking behavior, and driving under the influence. This statewide survey provides valuable information to guide prevention efforts to improve the lives of Kansas young adults.

6.4 - From Ten Digits to Three: 988 Implementation in Kansas

Jared Auten, LMSW, Crisis Line Director, Kansas Suicide Prevention HQ

While the implementation of 988 has taken place across the country, local communities must have the chance to broaden their understanding. In this presentation, Jared Auten, Crisis Line Director for Kansas Suicide Prevention HQ, will break down the 988 implementations in Kansas and how it impacts consumers, professionals, and organizations. Participants should walk away from this presentation with a better understanding of the crisis care continuum in Kansas.



CONFERENCE INFORMATION

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

The Kansas Prevention Conference provides educational opportunities to increase awareness of emerging trends, build skills and knowledge to prevent suicide, alcohol, tobacco, and other drug misuses, and advocate for best practices:

1. Participants in the Kansas Prevention Conference will increase their knowledge and awareness related to the prevention of suicide and alcohol, tobacco, and other drug misuse.
2. Participants in the Kansas Prevention Conference will increase their connection or reach through educational opportunities and networking.
3. Participants in the Kansas Prevention Conference will increase their knowledge of ways to connect with their community and others to advocate for best practices in prevention.
4. Participants in the Kansas Prevention Conference will increase their knowledge about prevention activities currently underway in Kansas.

GENERAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

The fee to attend the General Conference (October 27-28, 2022) is as follows:

- Early Bird Registration: **\$150**
(Received by October 5, 2022)
- Late Registration: **\$175**
(Received after October 5, 2022)
- General Conference Speaker Fee: **\$75**

The fee to attend the Pre-Conference (October 26, 2022) is as follows:

- Pre-Conference Fee: **\$50**

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

All cancellations must be in writing.

A 15% cancellation fee will be assessed on all cancellations (this includes purchase orders and unpaid registrations). There will be no refunds after October 12, 2022.

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