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E-Newsletter on Drug Abuse

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With national, state and  
local information on Drug Abuse



# CASAS

Region II Consortium of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services

## 2017 Critical Issues Symposium

(Annual Legislative Breakfast)

**Friday, March 24, 2017**

8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

DoubleTree Hotel, 1111 Jefferson Rd, Rochester, NY

### Keynote Speakers

***Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul***

Co-chair, New York State Heroin Task Force

***Rob Kent***

OASAS General Counsel

New York Model for Overcoming the Opioid Epidemic

Sponsored by Region II CASAS

***Fee: \$30.00 per person***

payable to Region II CASAS

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**Please return your registration form by March 15, 2017 to:**

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Deadline: Wednesday, March 15, 2017

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## Kick Butts Day - MARCH 15, 2017!

Kick Butts Day is a national day of activism that empowers youth to stand out, speak up and seize control against Big Tobacco. The next Kick Butts Day is March 15, 2017. We're expecting more than 1,000 events in schools and communities across the United States and even around the world.



On Kick Butts Day, teachers, youth leaders and health advocates organize events to:

- Raise awareness of the problem of tobacco use in their state or community;
- Encourage youth to reject the tobacco industry's deceptive marketing and stay

tobacco-free; and

- Urge elected officials to take action to protect kids from tobacco.

Kick Butts Day is organized by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. The first Kick Butts Day was held in 1996.

Read more:

<http://www.kickbuttsday.org/about/>

## National Inhalants & Poisons Awareness Week, March 20 to 26



It's important to keep in mind that even run-of-the-mill household items can be used as mind altering drugs. Substances such as aerosols, paint, glue and solvents - products squirreled away in closets, under sinks and in most American garages are not just dangerous, but can be deadly when inhaled. "Huffing," which is more common among kids and teenagers, is the intentional inhalation of these poisons to achieve a high.

Read More:

<https://www.inspiremalibu.com/blog/drug-addiction/national-inhalants-poisons-awareness-week/>

## Doctors warn against teen pot use amid looser marijuana laws

CHICAGO (AP) – An influential doctors group is beefing up warnings about marijuana's potential harms for teens amid increasingly lax laws and attitudes on pot use.

Many parents use the drug and think it's OK for their kids, but "we would rather not mess around with the developing brain," said Dr. Seth Ammerman.

The advice comes in a new report from the American Academy of Pediatrics, published Monday in Pediatrics. The group opposes medical and recreational marijuana use for kids. It says emphasizing that message is important because most states have legalized medical use for adults, and many have decriminalized or legalized adults' recreational use.



Read More:

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/pediatricians-warn-against-pot-not-dads-marijuana-060452647.html>

## Problem gambling - If you're suffering from it, you're not alone



MARCH IS  
**PROBLEM  
GAMBLING**  
AWARENESS MONTH  
HAVE THE CONVERSATION



Gambling disorder affects men and women, young and old, of all backgrounds, ethnicities and lifestyles. People gamble for various reasons, and they do so in many different ways. Some gamble for thrill, and others seek an escape. Many gamble socially, while others gamble in isolation.

Too often, gambling is the "hidden addiction" that goes unnoticed by family members

and friends until physical, financial and emotional consequences have stacked up. But there's good news: help for problem gambling is available, and recovery is possible. KnowTheOdds seeks to raise awareness about problem gambling, prevent addiction from affecting more of our community members, and help those hurting from problem gambling right now. Explore our resources to learn about problem gambling, understand how to recognize its signs, and find a path to recovery for you or your loved one. Together, we can work toward a future without problem gambling.

Read More:

<https://www.oasas.ny.gov/Gambling/index.cfm>

## Warning Signs of Problem Gambling

If you or someone you know answers yes to any of the following scenarios, they may have a gambling problem. Please call 1-877-8HOPENY for help.



- thinks constantly about gambling
- increases bets to sustain the thrill
- exhibits agitation when cutting back
- gambles as an escape
- "chases" losses with more gambling
- lies to conceal their gambling activity
- finances bets through illegal acts
- jeopardizes significant relationships with family and friends
- relies on others to bail them out
- fails in their efforts to control or stop gambling

## Price of Naloxone Device Soars as Demand Increases

The price of Evzio, a device that delivers the opioid overdose antidote naloxone, has soared from \$690 in 2014 to \$4,500 today for a twin-pack, Scientific American reports. Evzio talks people through the process of using the device as they inject naloxone. Evzio, which was approved by the Food and Drug Administration in 2014, accounted for almost 20 percent of the naloxone dispensed through retail outlets between 2015 and 2016.

"There's absolutely nothing that warrants them charging what they're charging," said Leo Beletsky, Associate Professor of Law and Health Sciences at Northeastern University in Boston.

Kaleo, the company that makes Evzio, has donated more than 180,000 devices to cities, first responders and drug treatment programs. Last year, Kaleo's donation supply ran out by July. Although the company is donating more injectors this year, the free device program could run out of supplies even sooner if the current demand continues, the article notes.

## Repealing Affordable Care Act Could Slash Coverage for

## Addiction Treatment: Experts

Some health experts are warning that repealing the Affordable Care Act (ACA) could slash treatment for addiction and mental health, the Associated Press reports.

Richard Frank, a health economist at Harvard Medical School, predicts repealing the health law could end coverage for 1.8 million people who have undergone addiction or mental health treatment. He warns if ACA is repealed, it could result in a cut of \$5.5 billion in spending on addiction and mental health treatment.

Many of those who would be affected by the repeal are currently covered by Medicaid. Instead of covering a certain percentage of each state's Medicaid costs, the Trump Administration has expressed support for giving states a fixed amount of money, known as block grants, and allowing states to design their own Medicaid programs. Some experts say these block grants are likely to come with less money, which could force states to reduce benefits.

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## Commentary: Turning the Tide on the Opioid Epidemic

These are all-too common scenes appearing in our communities: A mom goes into her daughter's room and sees her limp on her bed. Blue lips. Not breathing. A friend finds his buddy on the bathroom floor at a concert. Barely breathing. Unresponsive. Cold and clammy to the touch. A police officer responds to a 911 call to find someone in a car unconscious. Grayish skin. Slow and erratic gurgling noises. Gasping for air.

In 2015, more than 12 million Americans reported misusing a prescription opioid in the past year.

New data just released from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) show that 91 people die every day from an opioid overdose - a marked increase from 78 in 2014. Hospitalizations related to opioid misuse also have increased dramatically, with new data now showing the rate of adult hospital inpatient stays per 100,000 population nearly doubling between 2000 and 2012. If it weren't for the life-saving opioid overdose reversal drug naloxone, the tragic loss of life in our communities would be even greater.

[Read More:](#)

<http://www.drugfree.org/news-service/commentary-turning-tide-opioid-epidemic/>

## Quote of the Month

# SUCCESS

Remember:  
comes from ~~having dreams that~~  
are **bigger** than your fears.

Stay Clean -- Stay Sober -- Stay Healthy

*~ Terry Litwiler*

-Tim VanDamme -  
Executive Director  
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