

Wellness and Prevention Digest

TODAY'S NEWS - May 23rd, 2023



Reports and Announcements

- This morning, the U.S. Surgeon General released a new advisory on [Social Media and Youth Mental Health](#). This Advisory describes the current evidence on the impacts of social media on the mental health of children and adolescents. According to the resource, social media use among young people is nearly universal, with up to 95% of teenagers, and even 40% of children aged 8-12, on social media. Despite this widespread use among children and adolescents, there is not yet enough evidence to determine if social media use is sufficiently safe for them—especially during adolescence, a particularly vulnerable period of brain development.
- Last week, the White House [announced](#) new actions to address the Nation's mental health crisis as part of [Mental Health Awareness Month](#). These actions include \$200 million to scale up 988 suicide and crisis lifeline and new resources for school-based mental health services.

- CDC has released a [pre-solicitation notice on SAM.gov](#) from the Office of Readiness and Response. In December 2022, through Section 2231 of the federal authorization for fiscal year 2023, the CDC was directed to support not fewer than 10 Centers for Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response that are equally distributed among the geographical regions of the U.S. (referred to as the “network of centers”). To prepare for the establishment of this network of centers, CDC will be releasing a call for proposals to establish regional entities to develop five-year work plans that prioritize efforts to implement evidence-informed or evidence-based practices to improve public health preparedness and response, including reducing the transmission of emerging infectious diseases.

Events

- Please join the [American Foundation for Suicide Prevention](#), in conjunction with the Congressional Mental Health Caucus and the Suicide Prevention Task Force, for a [briefing](#) on how investment in programs like the [CDC’s Comprehensive Suicide Prevention Program](#) can help us better understand and prevent suicide. The briefing will take place **today**, May 23rd at 11:30 a.m. To register for the [livestream](#).
- Join the Alliance for Health Policy **tomorrow**, June 23rd for the webinar [What’s Next on Mental Health - Making the System Work for People Living with Schizophrenia](#). This webinar, held on World Schizophrenia Day in partnership with the Schizophrenia and Psychosis Action Alliance, aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of the needs of people living with schizophrenia and the implications of the severe, systemic gaps in care often experienced by this population. Panelists will explore the role of innovation, care delivery, and policy in alleviating the human and economic toll of schizophrenia, psychosis, and related disorders.

Job Opportunity

- TFAH seeks an Executive and Operations Assistant to support the administration and operations of the organization. This position requires that the individual be skilled at professionally representing TFAH to a diverse group of internal team members and external stakeholders, delivering courteous service, and providing high quality administrative and operations support. Read the [full job description](#).

Opportunities and Deadlines

Sign On Documents and Opportunities for Input

- The U.S. Breastfeeding completed a detailed analysis of the Fiscal Year 2024 President's Budget on the [Federal Appropriations for Breastfeeding webpage](#) and released an [organizational sign-on letter](#) calling for increased funding for the CDC Hospitals Promoting Breastfeeding line item. CDC efforts to support states, territories, tribal nations, cities and counties, hospitals, and communities in advancing breastfeeding continuity of care and in increasing access to breastfeeding-friendly environments within hospitals, workplaces, and community spaces are high-value, low-cost public health interventions.
- The [Department of Health and Human Services \(HHS\) Office of Climate Change and Health Equity \(OCCHE\) recently announced](#) that the White House-HHS Health Sector Climate Pledge will accept new signatories on an ongoing basis. The announcement comes after multiple health sector stakeholders requested to join the initiative following its October 2022 deadline.
- The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids has joined with several partners to develop this [short statement](#) to demonstrate the depth of support at the local, state, and national level for eliminating all flavored tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes. Signatories will be accepted on a continuous basis.
- USDA is interested in learning from stakeholders how we can better meet the needs of customers seeking kosher or halal foods through The Emergency Assistance Food Program (TEFAP). So far, USDA has held discussions with several advocacy organizations, 9 State Agencies, and food banks in those states that serve communities with kosher and/or halal food needs. USDA is reviewing the information gathered through these conversations to determine some actions and next steps we can take to better meet the needs of customers seeking kosher and halal foods. USDA is interested in feedback from States and food banks in all States and territories about how to best meet their customers' needs. Feedback can always be shared with your State Agency or sent to USDAFoods@usda.gov.

Funding Opportunities and Awards

- The [Carolyn C. Mattingly Award for Mental Health in the Workplace](#) (Mattingly Award) is now accepting applications for the 2023 award cycle. The Mattingly Award was established to help employers share best and promising practices as well as expose organizations to newly emerging scientific literature on what constitutes

best practices for protecting and promoting employee mental health and well-being. Deadline, May 31st.

- The Administration for Community Living (ACL) has announced [\\$20 million in new funding](#) for their first major initiative in support of the 2022 National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers. ACL will award five cooperative agreements for projects to foster advancements in two programs authorized by the Older Americans Act — the National Family Caregiver Support Program and the Native American Caregiver Support program. The deadline to apply is June 26th.
- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently published an [Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking \(ANPRM\) requesting comments on potential revisions to HUD's Section 504 regulations](#). Section 504 prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance. HUD will consider comments on the Section 504 ANPRM before proposing regulatory changes. The ANPRM poses questions on issues such as barriers to transitioning from institutional to community settings, program accessibility, the adoption of an updated federal accessibility standard, and enforcement mechanisms. The deadline for comments is July 24, 2023.
- The National Headache Foundation (NHF) announced today it is seeking 2023 nominations for the [Ellen Aubry Memorial Award](#) to recognize the accurate depiction of headache and migraine disorders in film and television media. Nominations are now being accepted and can be submitted by both viewers and producers for consideration until August 15, 2023. The winners will be recognized at the NHF's 37th Annual Gala on November 4, 2023, in Chicago, IL.
- The U.S. Breastfeeding Committee (USBC) announced the [Creating Space Scholarship](#): The award which will allow the USBC to award 100 organizations with complimentary membership for 2023. The scholarship is open to organizations that are a new USBC membership applicant, led by and serving BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) or other priority populations, and have an operating budget of less than \$250,000. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

Other

- TFAH is committed to elevating healthy aging as a core public health function. A key component of this effort is building the capacity of public health professionals through training and professional development. TFAH's Age-Friendly Public Health Systems (AFPHS) Initiative offers an "AFPHS Champion" designation to empower and encourage more leaders to champion healthy aging. This recognition honors public health professionals who are committed to expanding their knowledge about healthy aging and want to lead their departments and organizations in becoming age-friendly. Anyone can become a Champion! Reaching this status is simple: individuals who attend or view at least six AFPHS monthly trainings will be designated as AFPHS Champions. You can [sign up for and attend a live training](#) OR [view a recording of a training](#) and [complete a survey](#) to indicate you viewed a session. Over 50 people across the country have been recognized as Champions! Visit the [AFPHS Recognition Program page](#) for more information.
- The [Congressional District Health Dashboard](#), developed by the Department of Population Health at NYU Grossman School of Medicine in partnership with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, is now live! The Dashboard will equip users with first-of-its-kind data on health and the conditions that affect health in every congressional district across the country. This new Dashboard site builds on the experience creating and managing the [City Health Dashboard](#) and provides important data on health and equity, but now calculated to the congressional district level.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has several diverse fellowship, internship, training, and volunteer opportunities for students and professionals. Many of these opportunities provide invaluable experience and potentially offer clear cut paths to exciting careers with CDC, including the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD). Opportunities include:
 - [Prevention Effectiveness Fellowship](#)
 - [Public Health Informatics Fellowship Program](#)
 - [Applied Public Health Informatics Fellowship](#)
 - [Science Ambassador Fellowship](#)
- Learn how your health department can protect workers and diners from COVID-19 with a new, video-based, interactive training developed by the Public Health Foundation, in partnership with the Food and Society Program at the Aspen Institute. The training, [Safety First: Helping Restaurants Reduce the Spread of COVID-19](#), is now available through the TRAIN Learning Network.

- The National Headache Foundation (NHF) launched [Primary Care Migraine](#), a new educational training program available at no cost to health practitioners. The program was announced by Tom Dabertin, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the National Headache Foundation. The course also offers a diagnosis tool to assist one in quickly diagnosing migraines while interviewing and examining patients.
- Prevent Blindness is seeking applicants for the [A.S.P.E.C.T. \(Advocacy, Support, Perspective, Empowerment, Communication, and Training\) Program](#), which aims to equip participants with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to become advocates for vision and eye health- at the individual, peer-to-peer, community, state, or national levels via an 8-week educational series.

Upcoming Events

Today's Additions in Red

CleanMed 2023

May 23rd - 25th

Pittsburgh, PA

[For more information and to register](#)

Research to Understand Systems of Housing (RUSH): Feasibility & Acceptability of Aligning Systems for Fathers

Sponsored by Systems for Action

Wednesday, May 31st, 12:00 p.m. (ET) - webinar

[For more information and to register](#)

Investing in Health and Well-Being: Reimagining Opportunity and Accountability

Sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Wednesday, May 31st, 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. (ET)

New York, NY (Virtual option also available)

[For more information and to register](#)

Virtual Briefing on Mental Health and Substance-Use-related Effects of Violence

Sponsored by The National Health Collaborative on Violence and Abuse

Thursday, June 1st, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. (ET) - webinar

[For more information and to register](#)

How to Make your Safe Streets and Roads for All Application Successful

Sponsored by Rails-to-Trails Conservancy

Tuesday, June 6th, 2:00 p.m. (ET) - webinar

[For more information and to register](#)

Systems Alignment to Optimize Health Services for Youth Experiencing Homelessness

Sponsored by Systems for Action

Wednesday, June 7th, 12:00 p.m. (ET) - webinar

[For more information and to register](#)

Connections at the Capitol

Sponsored by the Coalition to End Social Isolation and Humana's Far From Alone Campaign

Tuesday, June 13th, 4:30 p.m. (ET)

U.S. Capitol Visitor Center Room SVC 209-08

[For more information and to register](#)

American Public Health Association Policy Action Institute

June 15th - 16th

Washington, D.C. and online

[For more information and to register](#)

The Ecosystem of Health Equity Measures: A Workshop

Sponsored by the National Academies

Wednesday, June 21st, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. (ET)

Oakland, CA and virtual

[For more information and to register](#)

Aspen Ideas: Health

June 21st - 24th

Aspen, CO

[For more information and to register](#)

Safe States Alliance Annual Conference

September 11th - 13th

Denver, CO

[For more information and to register](#)

2023 Age-Friendly Ecosystem Summit

Sponsored by George Washington University

September 26th - 27th & October 3rd - 4th (virtual)

[For more information and to register](#)



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