Recovery, Harm Reduction, and the Federal Government

Preventing overdose and supporting recovery at SAMHSA's Office of Recovery and Office of Prevention Innovation

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Recovery and prevention efforts include support from a variety of sources, including healthcare providers, nonprofit organizations, family and friends — and even the federal government.

You may be surprised to learn that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has two new and innovative offices dedicated to the advancement of recovery and elimination of overdose within the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA): the Office of Recovery and the Office of Prevention Innovation.

For our September Family Forum, we'll introduce you to these offices and their mission to prevent overdose and support harm reduction and recovery. Join us as we welcome guest speakers **David Awadalla, MSW, BSHP,** Public Health Advisor with the Office of Recovery, and **Chase Holleman, LCSW, LCAS**, Public Health Analyst with the Office of Prevention Innovation.

David and Chase will describe how the federal government is supporting harm reduction, prevention, and recovery support services across the nation. In addition, they plan to:

- Define goals, objectives, and priorities of the Biden Administration's Overdose Prevention Strategy and SAMHSA"s Office of Recovery and Office of Prevention Innovation.
- Explain how people with lived and living experience — including federal staff — are leading efforts to eliminate overdose and promote recovery across the country.
- Identify federal harm reduction and recovery resources that are available to the public.
- Briefly explain how the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) combats discrimination against people in treatment or recovery from opioid use disorder.

Come learn how to access the resources offered by the federal government to those in recovery, those who may be using drugs, and their family, friends and loved ones. ***Register today!***

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Meet David

David Awadalla, MSW, BSHP, is a Public Health Advisor with SAMHSA's Office of Recovery. David led the development of SAMHSA's National Model Standards for Peer Support Certification, called for in President Biden's 2022 Unity Agenda, and currently serves as the SAMHSA Lead for the Peer Recovery Center of Excellence and the Office of Recovery's criminal justice, re-entry, and collegiate recovery initiatives. David also co-leads the National Harm Reduction Technical Assistance Center (NHRTAC), in partnership with SAMHSA's Harm Reduction Lead and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Division of Overdose Prevention. Prior to transitioning to the federal level, David served as the State Opioid Consultant for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), where he led several state-wide overdose prevention efforts. **Click to read full bio.**



Meet Chase

Chase Holleman, LCSW, LCAS, has served as SAMHSA's leading subject matter expert in harm reduction since 2021. Housed in the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP)'s Office of Prevention Innovation at SAMHSA, Chase acts as an external liaison to partners and community collaborators, tracking on trends, promising practices and challenges. Additionally, as SAMHSA continues to integrate harm reduction activities that support sustainable community-level harm reduction activities, Chase provides guidance and resources supported by evidence-based practices and community insight. **Click to read full bio**.

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