

February 2022 Newsletter

SUPR Staffing Update:

Cheryl Andrews has joined the SUPR team as the Behavioral Health Administrator.



Cheryl Andrews

Allison Wood has joined the SUPR team as an intern with the University of Illinois Graduate Public Service Internship Program in the Bureau of Prevention Services.



Allison Wood

We are excited to welcome both members into their new roles within the SUPR family!

IDHS/SUPR Trainings:

30-hour Gambling Disorder Clinical Training:

February 23, 24, 28

March 2, 8, 9, 14, 16, 22, 24

*Each training will be held from **8:15-11:30am CST**. Participants must attend all 10 sessions.*

To register, visit [30-hour Gambling Disorder Clinical Training](#).

The Great Escape- Women and Compulsive Gambling:

February 25

12:00-4:15pm CST

To register, visit [The Great Escape- Women and Compulsive Gambling](#).

Problem Gambling Awareness Month (PGAM) is coming in March 2022!

The Illinois Department of Human Services/ Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery (IDHS/SUPR), in collaboration with the Illinois Council on Problem Gambling (ICPG), has established a virtual calendar of upcoming events hosted by our Illinois Gambling Treatment Providers and Community Outreach Partners.

To access the calendar, visit the [Statewide Events Calendar](#)!

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Housing for Justice-Involved Populations Funding:

The Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) announced funding for its [Housing for Justice Involved Individuals \(HJIIP\) Program](#).

Financing is available for the acquisition, rehabilitation, and/or new construction of HJIIP projects that serve the most vulnerable populations and that offer flexible, voluntary supportive services designed to increase housing stability.



Interested parties are encouraged to review the [Request for Applications](#) and IHDA's [Developer Resource Center](#) for more information.

- Concept meetings must be scheduled with IHDA by 5 p.m. CT on Friday, March 11, 2022. Please complete a [Concept Form](#) and submit along with a request for a meeting to justicerfa@ihda.org.
- Applications are due to IHDA by 5 p.m. CT on Thursday, March 31, 2022. Applications must be submitted electronically using IHDA's online portal. See page 14 of the [Request for Applications](#) for more details.

Questions and requests for project concept meetings should be directed to justicerfa@ihda.org.

Prevention & Treatment Services Supported with Cannabis Revenue Funds Updates:

Cannabis Revenue continues to grow in the State of Illinois. IDHS, specifically SUPR and DMH, is funding over 20 initiatives and programs across the state with this revenue. Allocation continues to support programs that address mental health and substance use challenges, as well as evaluation of these programs and both marketing and public education regarding cannabis use.

Some exciting opportunities include a focus on establishing a state-wide foundation for the 9-8-8 suicide hotline launch; further expansion of naloxone; and exploration of a community-focused Substance Use Disorder treatment approach.

If you have questions about cannabis-funded initiatives being managed by IDHS, please reach out to Dana Careless, Behavioral Health Advisor with SUPR at Dana.Careless@illinois.gov.

IL.GOV File Transfer System:

When sending confidential information to IDHS/SUPR, you **must** use the State of Illinois File Transfer system. Confidential information should **only** be sent to the appropriate IDHS/SUPR staff using this electronic filing transfer system. Below you will find instructions for electronically submitting confidential documentation via the File transfer system:

- [Instructions: Confidential Documentation](#)
- [Illinois.gov File Transfer](#)

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Access Narcan Project:

The nation surpassed 100,000 [overdose deaths](#) in a 12-month period. The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has created a document to present comparison data from Illinois. You can access this document at [Drug and Opioid Overdose Deaths 2016-2021](#).



The overdose crisis continues impacting the lives of many Illinois residents. Community-based organizations, clinics, hospitals, treatment centers, etc. across IL are saving lives through the Access Narcan project. Access Narcan is a project that allows organizations access to Narcan, an overdose reversal medication, at no cost.

Please see the attached Access Narcan Instructions to join the IDHS/SUPR Access Narcan Project!

IDHS Newsletter Sign-up:

Sign up for the [IDHS ALL IN Stakeholder Newsletter](#) today! The newsletter is full of information about IDHS and its divisions.



Certified Recovery Support Specialist Success Program:

The Illinois Department of Human Services/ Division of Mental Health (IDHS/DMH) announced 11 recipients of Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS) Success Program grants.

This program provides post-secondary education for up to 600 individuals with lived experience of either or both mental health and substance use recovery to enter the behavioral health workforce. The program will also provide support for students to overcome practical barriers to success, such as childcare and transportation.

Program participants will be prepared to sit for one of two certification exams through the Illinois Certification Board, Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS) or Certified Peer Recovery Specialist (CPRS), to further pursue their careers in behavioral health.

Interested students can apply for the program at the following colleges and universities:

- College of DuPage
- Elgin Community College
- Governor's State University
- Heartland Community College
- Illinois Institute of Technology
- Malcolm X College
- Northern Illinois University
- Rincon/New Hope School of Counseling
- Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
- Southern Illinois University School of Medicine
- University of Saint Francis

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COVID-19 Exceptions:

A gentle reminder that COVID-19 exceptions are still in effect and have no expiration date currently. Services delivered through Telehealth are still acceptable.

Please review the Provider Notice from the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) dated March 20, 2020, [“Telehealth Services Expansion Prompted by COVID-19”](#)

IDHS/SUPR has also sent several communications regarding the [COVID-19 Exception](#) that you can review.

Recovery Residences Registry

The IDHS/SUPR Recovery Residence Registry has been moved to the [Illinois Helpline for Opioids and Other Substances](#) to streamline searches, rather than looking in a separate place for recovery residence information. Information in the registry helps IDHS/SUPR better understand recovery residences' capacity and support for Medication Assisted Recovery. If you partner with a residence that is not listed, please invite them to register and/or contact Kimberly.Sriner@illinois.gov to list the organization. Search the [Recovery Residences Registry](#) at any time.

Overdose Response Funding Updates:

SUPR publishes a monthly report summarizing funded projects in response to the overdose crisis. We invite you to review the [Overdose Response Funding Report](#) at your convenience.

Smart Alerts and Other Communications:



[DHS Coronavirus](#)

[SAMHSA COVID-19:](#)

The health, safety, and well-being of all those we serve are amongst our highest priorities. Please visit the [State of Illinois Coronavirus](#) page.

[Summary of SUPR Resources During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

[Smart Alerts](#)

[SUPR COVID-19 Communications](#)