

January 2023 Newsletter

SUPR Staffing Update:

Kelly Casad has joined the SUPR team as an Office Manager in the Office of the Chief of Staff.



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Alexis Long has joined the SUPR team as an Office Manager in the Office of the Chief of Staff.



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Jim Rawlings has joined the SUPR team as a Tobacco Compliance Specialist in the Bureau of Prevention Services.



Jim Rawlings

Please join us in welcoming each member of the SUPR family into their new roles!

Upcoming Trainings:

***1st Annual Latinx Conference on Problem Gambling (In-person)**

WHEN: January 13, 2023
8:00am-6:00pm CST

WHERE: Morton College
Student Commons, Bldg. C
3801 S. Central Ave.
Cicero, IL 60804

Space is limited! RSVP today at [1st Annual Latinx Conference on Problem Gambling](#).

***Recovery Home Series- Part 5:**

Please join ICPG for the 5th Part of its Recovery Home Series. This webinar will describe the cycles of addictions, relapse risk factors, and different types of triggers that can contribute to relapse.

WHEN: January 17, 2023
1:00pm-2:30pm CST

Register now by visiting [Recovery Home Series- Part 5: Relapse Prevention Skills and Strategies](#).

***Alcohol Misuse & Mental Health in the Pandemic Era & Beyond**

Alcohol consumption and related harms were increasing in the United States prior the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly for women. The Alcohol Policy Resource Center is hosting the *Alcohol Misuse and Mental Health in the Pandemic Era and Beyond* webinar with Dr. Aaron White. 1.5 CEUs will be available for this live webinar.

WHEN: January 19, 2023
10:00am-11:30am CST

To register for this webinar, please visit [Alcohol Policy Resource Center \(APRC\)](#).

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Recovery Trainings:

IDHS/SUPR has partnered with Faces and Voices of Recovery to assist in the expansion of recovery community organizations (RCO) across the state.

Part of this expansion involves providing free trainings to providers and community stakeholders on recovery topics. For more information about Faces and Voices Illinois project, training calendars, and registration information, please visit [Illinois Recovery Project](#).

Please share these trainings widely within your agencies and communities. If you have questions or would like to discuss starting a recovery community organization in your community, please contact Kim Sriner at Kimberly.Sriner@illinois.gov.

DEA Published 2022 Edition of Drugs of Abuse:

The Drug Enforcement Administration has announced that the new 2022 edition of *Drugs of Abuse* is now available in digital form along with all of DEA's other community outreach publications.

The flagship publication for DEA for decades, *Drugs of Abuse* is updated every two years with the latest statistics, trends, and information. Please share this publication widely in your community outreach efforts to adults. The 2020 edition is now out of date and should no longer be distributed.

The 2022 edition of *Drugs of Abuse* is available for download and distribution in English and Spanish on DEA's public publications page at [DEA Publications-Get Smart About Drugs](#).

SUPPORT Act Evaluation Survey Participation:

Your participation is needed! The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) are evaluating the Substance Use Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities (SUPPORT) Act section 1003 demonstration, enacted by Congress on October 24, 2018.

The SUPPORT Act section 1003 aims to increase the capacity of Medicaid providers to deliver substance use disorder (SUD) treatment, including opioid use disorder (OUD) treatment and recovery services.

We need your help with the SUPPORT Act section 1003 evaluation. Your input is critical for assessing the impact of the SUPPORT Act on SUD and informing the future strategic direction of these efforts.

IBM Consulting and NORC at the University of Chicago are conducting a survey of providers who prescribe buprenorphine and opioid treatment programs. **If you have been selected to participate, you will receive an email or letter invitation in January 2023. Your response is important!**

You can view the survey questionnaire and learn more about the survey on [NORC's website here](#). If you have any questions about the survey, please contact the evaluation team at SUPPORT-Act@norc.org or 1-877-368-6572.

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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 simplify public inquiries for Recovery Residence. 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 quarterly 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](#)