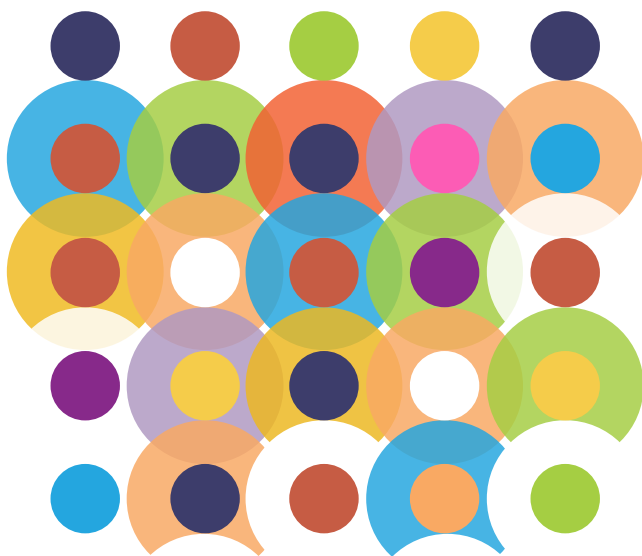


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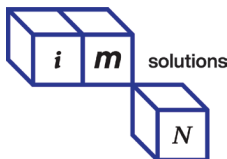




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Dear Colleagues and Partners,

Welcome to our nation's capital for CADCA's National Leadership Forum. Each year, this convening brings together coalition leaders, prevention professionals, researchers, and partners from across the country who are committed to strengthening communities. This year's theme, Resilient Communities. Lasting Change., reflects both the realities we face and the opportunities before us.

Resilience is built intentionally. It grows through strong relationships, shared leadership, and the ability to adapt in the face of uncertainty. Communities that endure and thrive do so because they invest in people, partnerships, and proven strategies. Coalitions are central to this work, serving as the connective force that brings diverse voices together to address complex challenges.

The National Leadership Forum is designed to support that resilience. Throughout the conference, participants engage in hands-on training, timely discussions, and peer learning focused on strengthening coalition capacity and sustaining impact. Sessions highlight practical tools, emerging research, and real-world examples that help coalitions build strong infrastructure, use data effectively, and plan for long-term success. With designated youth tracks, sessions offered entirely in Spanish, content grounded in Indigenous perspectives, and substance-specific sessions, the Forum is designed to meet coalitions where they are.

Resilient communities also require a strong voice. This Forum prepares coalitions to lead both locally and nationally, including opportunities on Wednesday for participants to travel to Capitol Hill to advocate for prevention and the Prevention Movement. These moments underscore a core message of this year's conference: lasting change depends on coalitions who can adapt, build durable partnerships, and advocate effectively as priorities and funding environments evolve.

As we look ahead, resilience will remain essential. The prevention field is changing, and federal funding continues to shift. Yet the path forward is clear. By strengthening coalitions, expanding partnerships, and investing in leadership and capacity, we can create lasting change that extends far beyond any single program or funding cycle.

I am grateful to each of you for the work you do every day and for being part of this community. I hope the conversations, connections, and learning you experience at the National Leadership Forum leave you energized, equipped, and ready to lead with confidence.

Together, we are building resilient communities and shaping a future defined by lasting change.



With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barrye L. Price".

**Barrye L. Price, Ph.D.**

*Major General, U.S. Army, Retired  
President and CEO, CADCA*

National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

## CADCA National Leadership Forum

February 2–5, 2026

Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center  
National Harbor, MD

### Preventing Opioid Use and Misuse Among American Indian/Alaska Native Young People

#### NIDA Power Session

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. EST

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#### PRESENTERS

**Kelli Komro, Ph.D.**

*Emory University*

**Elizabeth D'Amico, Ph.D.**

*RAND Corporation*

#### SESSION CHAIR

**Amy Goldstein, Ph.D.**

*Branch Chief, Prevention Research Branch, NIDA*



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For more information about NIDA, please visit [www.nida.nih.gov](http://www.nida.nih.gov).

## Forum Schedule-At-A-Glance

*All events will take place at the Gaylord National Hotel & Convention Center*

**NOTE:** Schedule is subject to change.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

3 – 7 pm                      Registration Open (*Convention Center Foyer, Level 2*)

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

7 am – 6 pm                      Registration Open (*Convention Center Foyer, Level 2*)  
8:30 am – 4:45 pm              SAMHSA's 22<sup>nd</sup> Prevention Day and Inaugural Youth Summit  
3:30 – 4:30 pm                      Serenity Session (*National Harbor 8*)  
5 – 6:30 pm                      Opening Reception / Coalitions Ideas Fair / Exhibits Open (*Maryland Ballroom*)  
7 – 8 pm                          Youth Opening Plenary (*Woodrow Wilson A*)  
8 – 10 pm                          Youth Meet Up N' Chill (*Woodrow Wilson A*)

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7 am – 6 pm                      Registration Open (*Convention Center Foyer, Level 2*)  
7:30 – 8:15 am                      Networking Continental Breakfast / Coalitions Ideas Fair (*Maryland Ballroom*)  
7:30 am – 4 pm                      Exhibits Open (*Maryland Ballroom*)  
8:30 – 11 am                      Opening Plenary – National Leadership Plenary, Coalition Academy  
Graduation, and Awards (*Potomac Ballroom*)  
11 – 11:30 am                      Networking Refreshment Break (*Maryland Ballroom*)  
11:30 am – 12:45 pm              Training Sessions  
12:45 – 2:15 pm                      Lunch Break (*On Own*)  
1 – 2 pm                          Serenity Session (*National Harbor 8*)  
2:15 – 3:30 pm                      Training Sessions  
3:30 – 4 pm                          Networking Refreshment Break (*Maryland Ballroom*)  
4 – 5:15 pm                          Training Sessions  
5:30 – 6:45 pm                      State and Territory Advocacy and Networking Meetings

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7 am – 3 pm                      Registration Open (*Convention Center Foyer, Level 2*)  
7:30 – 8:15 am                      Networking Continental Breakfast / Coalitions Ideas Fair (*Maryland Ballroom*)  
7:30 – 8:30 am                      Serenity Session (*National Harbor 8*)  
7:30 am – 1 pm                      Exhibits & Coalitions Ideas Fair Open (*Maryland Ballroom*)  
8:30 – 10:30 am                      Capitol Hill Day Plenary and Legislative Update (*Potomac Ballroom*)  
10:45 am – noon                      Training Sessions  
11 am – 6 pm                      Congressional Appointments  
8 – 10 pm                          Youth Dance (*Woodrow Wilson A*)

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7 am - 12 pm                      Registration Open (*Convention Center Foyer, Level 2*)  
7:30 – 8:45 am                      Membership Breakfast, Open to Members and Nonmembers  
(*Potomac Ballroom*)  
9 – 10:15 am                      Training Sessions  
10:15 – 10:45 am                      Networking Refreshment Break (*Convention Center Foyer, Level 2*)  
10:45 am – noon                      Training Sessions  
12:20 – 2:20 pm                      National Leadership Awards Closing Plenary Luncheon (*Potomac Ballroom*)

## About CADCA

CADCA is the premier prevention association equipping coalitions with tools, knowledge, and support to create positive change in their communities. CADCA's vision is safer, healthier, and stronger communities everywhere. Through our work we have built a network of more than 7,000 coalitions across the United States and over 28 countries. At the core of CADCA's creation is the belief in the effectiveness and efficiency of local coalitions as catalysts for drug-free communities globally, combating substance misuse through the implementation of comprehensive strategies for community change.

CADCA brings together sectors of the community – schools, businesses, parents and youth, law enforcement, healthcare providers, faith-based organizations and many more – and advances their efforts through our three main pillars:



### Advocacy:

CADCA empowers members to advocate effectively for prevention within the complex landscape of public policy, ensuring their voices are heard amidst competing issues at all levels of government.



### Training:

Whether you're starting, joining, or enhancing your prevention efforts, CADCA offers a wealth of resources and training to bolster the effectiveness of and sustainability of your community initiatives.



### Support:

Navigating the challenges of community prevention efforts can feel overwhelming. Join CADCA to connect with coalition members globally, share best practices, and receive personalized support tailored to your community's needs.





## CADCA Membership: There's Power in Numbers

Become a new member at Forum and receive a FREE t-shirt while supplies last. Stop by CADCA Corner for more information.

### Membership Benefits

When you become a CADCA member, you're joining more than an association. You're joining a movement to build safer, healthier, and stronger communities and empower youth to make meaningful choices so they can reach their full potential. To help our members do this critical work effectively, CADCA provides the following benefits:



The CADCA Community – an online forum where members network, learn from one another, and share resources



Volunteer request referrals



Priority access to grants, scholarships, contests, and special projects



Opportunities to advocate on Capitol Hill as the voice and champion of funding for coalitions and the prevention movement



Posting privileges on CADCA's Prevention Job Board



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### Questions?

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## Forum General Information

**APP:** Download the free CADCA Forum 2026 app to your phone or tablet! Visit your app store and search “CADCA Events” to download. The app contains training session descriptions, presenter information and available PowerPoints. Users can connect with other Forum attendees, view venue floorplans and information on restaurants and sites in National Harbor and confirmed appointments for Capitol Hill Day. Most importantly, the app provides a quick and efficient way to evaluate ALL Forum training sessions. Be sure to download the app today!

**BADGES:** Badges must be worn during Forum sessions and networking events. To reprint a badge, you must pay a fee of \$25, so please be sure to keep yours in a secure place at all times. Badges are required to board complimentary CADCA Metro shuttles.

**CADCA INFORMATION DESK:** Stop by the CADCA Information Desk in the Registration Area during registration hours (*Convention Center, Level 2*) for general questions regarding Forum or Capitol Hill Day.

**CHILD ACCESS:** Youth and children (*not registered to attend Youth Leadership programming*) are allowed access to the Exhibit Hall ONLY during exhibition hours and are NOT allowed access to the training session meeting rooms. Please contact the Gaylord (*or applicable hotel*) concierge for childcare assistance.

**CEU CREDITS:** Participants may obtain Continuing Education Units (CEU) from George Mason University (GMU) for attending CADCA's National Leadership Forum. The CEU at GMU is a nationally recognized measurement that validates you have taken a non-credit instruction. CEUs are awarded based on the following: ten instruction hours equals one CEU.

A link to request CEU certificates directly from GMU for a cost of \$50.00, will be made available at **forum.cadca.org** beginning Thursday, February 5 at 3 pm.

**CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE:** A Certificate of Attendance is available for attendees who fill out the 2026 Forum Overall Feedback Survey at the end of the event. A link for the Overall Feedback Survey will be **emailed to all attendees** on Thursday, February 5. After you submit, you will be directed to a webpage to download a certificate of attendance to the email you provide at the start of the evaluation. Please contact [evaluation@cadca.org](mailto:evaluation@cadca.org) with any questions.

Please note, for CPS credit hours, some states require more than a Certificate of Attendance. IC&RC provides a list by state at [www.internationalcredentialing.org/member-boards](http://www.internationalcredentialing.org/member-boards).



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**CONGRESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS:** Questions regarding appointments for Wednesday on Capitol Hill should be directed to the Capitol Hill Day Information Booth during registration hours. Information on confirmed appointments will be available at the booth (*Convention Center, Level 2*), and at <https://www.cadca.org/chdscheduling/>.

**FIRST TIME ATTENDEES:** Stop by CADCA Corner in the Exhibit Hall during exhibit hours for assistance on how to navigate Forum. CADCA staff will be on hand to assist with questions about Forum, CADCA membership, resources and more!

**FRIENDS OF BILL:** Private meeting space is available in National Harbor 14, 7 am – 10 pm, Monday – Wednesday.

**EMT:** An EMT will be available during Forum business hours at the Potomac Reg Desk A to assist guests with any health challenges that arise.

**LOST AND FOUND:** Please check the Lost and Found at the CADCA Information Desk in the registration area to drop off and look for any missing items.

**MEALS:** Some meals are included with your Forum registration. Please check the Schedule of Events for times of continental networking breakfasts, refreshment breaks and luncheons. The Gaylord's Harbor Marketplace is located in the Atrium and offers grab & go meals.

**NURSING MOTHER'S ROOM:** The room will be available Monday – Thursday, 9 am – 5 pm in Mezzanine Room 4. Please visit the CADCA Information Desk in the Convention Center area for the room key. Take the escalator down one level adjacent to the Information Desk to reach the Mezzanine Rooms.

**PRESENTATIONS:** PowerPoint presentations from training sessions and other resources (if provided to CADCA by session presenters) are posted in the Forum app and on the Forum website. Be sure to visit [forum.cadca.org](https://forum.cadca.org) and check the Forum app for more details (**password: FORUM2026**).

### REGISTRATION HOURS:

Sunday	3 – 7 pm
Monday	7 am – 6 pm
Tuesday	7 am – 6 pm
Wednesday	7 am – 3 pm
Thursday	7 am – 12 pm



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**SESSION EVALUATIONS:** Evaluation forms are submitted exclusively electronically on the Forum app or on the CADCA website. Please submit an evaluation form for each session attended. A PowerPoint detailing how to access evaluations will be shown at the beginning of each session. Instructions for accessing the session evaluations via the app will also be available in the meeting rooms. This feedback is incredibly valuable and impacts content development for future events. Thank you for taking the time to share your feedback with us.

### How to Access Sessions Evaluation Forms

There are several ways you can share your feedback on the training sessions with CADCA.

**Method 1:** Submit your feedback for all training sessions on the CADCA Forum app by tapping on the “Sessions” button on the 2026 Forum app home page and selecting the type of session: adult or youth. Then navigate to the day of your course and scroll through the session titles to select the one you attended. Tap the “Evaluation” button to begin the brief evaluation.

**Method 2:** To access the evaluation from the CADCA website, use the training session grid to identify and select the session you want to submit feedback for. Click the link on the session webpage to begin the evaluation.

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** Please contact any CADCA staff member on site in the registration area to discuss special needs or disabilities that may have an impact on participation during Forum.

**SPEAKER READY ROOM:** The Speaker Ready Room is located in Chesapeake 1 (Convention Center, Level 2) and will be open during the following hours:

Monday	8 am – 5 pm
Tuesday	8 am – 5 pm
Wednesday	8 am – 2 pm
Thursday	8 am – 1 pm

Presenters are *strongly encouraged* to preview files on the computers available in the room to ensure everything is in order prior to the start of their presentation. An A/V technician will be available to provide technical assistance during these times.

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Sunday 1 – 9 pm  
Monday–Thursday 7 am – 7 pm

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**Wi-Fi:** Complimentary wireless internet is available throughout the Gaylord meeting and convention space for registered Forum attendees.

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## Exhibit Hall Schedule

### Maryland Ballroom

#### Monday, February 2

5 – 6:30 pm	Opening Reception, Coalitions Ideas Fair and Exhibits Open
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#### Tuesday, February 3

7:30 – 8:15 am	Networking Continental Breakfast
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7:30 am – 4 pm	Exhibits Open / Coalitions Ideas Fair
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3:30 – 4 pm	Networking Refreshment Break
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#### Wednesday, February 4

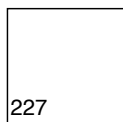
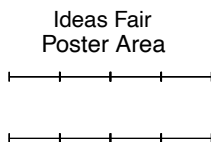
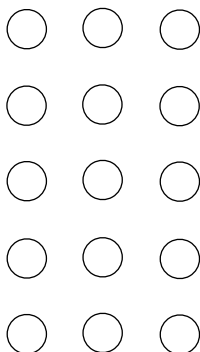
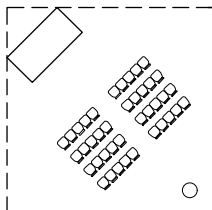
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# Exhibit Hall Floorplan

## MARYLAND BALLROOM

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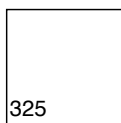
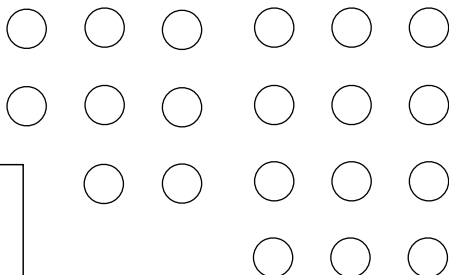


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## Coalitions Ideas Fair Poster Presentations

Don't miss out on this great opportunity to network with and learn from your fellow prevention professionals! The Coalitions Ideas Fair Poster Presentation features innovative approaches to coalition work, recent successful outcomes in addressing substance use and misuse issues, and up-to-date interventions and strategies. Come and make new connections, see familiar faces, enjoy the food and the fun activities and get a renewed sense of energy and motivation for substance use and misuse prevention work.

*NOTE: Reference the Exhibit Hall Floorplan to find the location of the poster numbers listed on page 14.*

## 2026 Coalitions Ideas Fair Poster Presentation Session Synopses

### Poster 1

#### ***Too Much to Lose: A Community Approach to Reducing Underage Drinking***

**Presenters:** Diana DeLeo and Risa Ferrara

The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) administered to Lynnfield High School students revealed not only concerning patterns of alcohol use among youth, but more concerning is the prevalence of home access to alcohol. In response, A Healthy Lynnfield in partnership with the Lynnfield PD launched a comprehensive Social Host community-wide campaign designed to educate parents, caregivers, and community members about the dangers of providing alcohol to minors, as well as the legal and health consequences of underage drinking. This poster presentation highlights the development, implementation, and impact of the campaign, drawing on local YRBS data, and a multi-platform outreach strategy that included banners, social media content, a Safer Party Planning Guide, and expert-written blogs. The Social Media campaign aimed to 1) Increase awareness of the MA Social Host Law, 2) Correct misconceptions by parents that hosting supervised parties with alcohol reduces harm, and 3) Share practical tools for families to prevent underage drinking during high-risk seasons.

### Poster 2

#### ***Mapping Can Confusion: How Harlem Youth Inspired Bills on Alcohol-Soft Drink Co-Location in New York State***

**Presenters:** Anaiyah Smith

In Central Harlem, youth observed a troubling pattern: alcoholic beverages were frequently stocked directly beside non-alcoholic drinks like soda, seltzer, and juice,

often in nearly identical cans. This practice, nicknamed Can Confusion, blurs product boundaries, normalizes drinking, and increases the likelihood of youth access. SAFE in Harlem, a coalition with over a decade of local impact, trained youth to document this issue through retailer audits, photovoice, and geo-mapping. Their research revealed that many neighborhood outlets displayed alcohol in ways that made it easy to confuse with soft drinks. These findings mobilized schools, residents, and community partners, and even inspired legislative attention in Albany. This poster highlights Can Confusion as an emerging environmental risk factor, shares Harlem-based data, and demonstrates how youth-led coalitions can use mapping and data collection to uncover and address similar challenges in their own communities.

## Poster 3

### ***Disfruta la Vida sin Alcohol: Innovative Coalition Strategies for Resilient Communities***

**Presenters:** Israel Roman-Martinez and Mayra Santiago-Reyes

The Coalition Preventiva Lajeña, through its initiative Disfruta la Vida sin Alcohol, is advancing innovative community-level prevention strategies to address underage drinking and promote healthier lifestyles among youth. Rooted in the theme “Resilient Communities, Lasting Change”, the initiative combines environmental prevention strategies, culturally relevant messaging, and strong youth-adult partnerships to reduce alcohol misuse in critical community settings. Our approach includes Youth Empowerment, Environmental Strategies, Culturally Grounded Messaging, Community Assessments, and Sustainable Partnerships. Preliminary results demonstrate increased youth engagement in prevention leadership, heightened community awareness of underage drinking risks, and stronger coalition visibility across multiple community sectors. By aligning environmental strategies with cultural relevance.

## Poster 4

### ***Reaching Busy Caregivers: Vaping Sign Campaign***

**Presenters:** Karen Johnson and Anna Etter

Addressing youth vaping has become a priority for Chambersburg Cares Coalition, the schools, and our community. One of the core efforts is providing prevention and intervention services for youth vaping. However, we recognized a key gap in our strategy: educating adults. Reaching caregivers, an often difficult-to-engage audience, became a priority as we aimed to inspire conversations between parents and children about the risks of nicotine and vaping. To effectively reach a broad range of parents, we used a two-pronged approach: targeting them in places they frequent, such as the car and school pick-up lines. Our two-pronged campaign featured a series of yard signs and a radio ad, both of which highlighted the high rates of student nicotine use, the harmful effects of nicotine on youth learning and behavior, and a call-to-action encouraging parents to discuss vaping with their children. These signs, in both English and Spanish, were strategically placed in high-traffic areas for parents to view.

## Poster 5

### ***Effectiveness of Tier 2 Interventions: Impact of Intensity, Duration, and Frequency on High School Students***

**Presenter:** Dr. Jamie Jones

This poster presents findings from a mixed-methods study examining the effectiveness of Tier 2 interventions within the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) framework at the high school level. Conducted at a suburban high school with students in grades 9–11, the study evaluated how the frequency, duration, and intensity of three intervention types, including Check-In/Check-Out (CICO), small group support, and one-on-one support, impacted academic and behavioral outcomes over seven weeks. Quantitative results revealed significant improvements in academic performance and reductions in behavioral incidents, while qualitative feedback highlighted students' appreciation for trusted relationships, emotional support, and individualized approaches. The project emphasizes the importance of fidelity, consistency, and student voice in implementing Tier 2 interventions that effectively promote engagement, academic growth, and emotional well-being.

## Poster 6

### ***Start with the Neuroscience: Pilot Test Results of a New Prevention Curriculum for Teens***

**Presenters:** Kayla Zawislak and Stella Blanchard

Protect Your Brain is a new interactive curriculum for teens that explores the science of addiction and key neuroscience principles of prevention literacy, from healthy coping and refusal skills to understanding the unique vulnerabilities of the adolescent brain. Created by the Addiction Policy Forum, this free curriculum empowers youth to make informed decisions that support their brain health and lower the risk of substance use. The poster, presented by two high school Neuroscience Ambassadors, highlights the curriculum's design, content, and findings from a pilot study that examined its effect on knowledge and attitudes related to substance use. Through engaging and youth friendly lessons, Protect Your Brain turns complex neuroscience into clear and practical concepts. Viewers will receive resources they can use to share information about the neuroscience of addiction and prevention within their schools and communities, encouraging resilience, promoting brain health, and inspiring the next generation to make healthy choices.

## Poster 7

### ***CAYA Drop-in Center: Addressing Prevention Gaps in a One Stop Location***

**Presenters:** T'ziah Bryson, Edwin Collins, and Duane Howell

Youth leaders of the Coalition for Young Adults and Adolescents worked diligently to investigate community gaps and the protective factors associated with reducing risky behaviors. Their findings informed the creation of a safe and brave space for youth living in Christiansted, Virgin Islands. This drop-in center is the only peer-managed space on the islands that uses an evidence-informed approach to strengthen protective factors. It operates as a core component of the Access to Racial & Cultural Health Institute's Youth Leadership program.

## Poster 8

### ***Duplicating Coalition Principles to Drive Youth-led Prevention in Kraafontein, South Africa***

**Presenters:** Liyabona Thame and Duane Howell

The work of five youth leaders who partnered with U.S. community-based organizations to form a youth coalition in Cape Town, South Africa to address rising substance misuse among high school-aged youth and related risk behaviors, including unsafe sexual practices, violence, low academic achievement, and co-occurring mental health concerns is showcased on this poster. It highlights the distinction between knowing how to access services and the actual availability of those services. It also illustrates the leaders' planning and implementation process, along with their capacity-building efforts using free online resources.

## Poster 9

### ***Getting to "Y": Bringing Autonomy and Leadership to Kearsarge High School Youth***

**Presenters:** Deryn Smith and Jane Bradley

The Getting to Y program has offered the opportunity for Kearsarge High School youth to have autonomy over their school's data, and what they do with it. Through their first year in the Getting to Y program, the students analyzed their data, determined their communities' top strengths and concerns, and then led community events and conversations to determine ways to address those concerns. In their second year of the program, they turned ideas into action and facilitated multiple suicide prevention initiatives at their school. This program allowed students to grow incredible leadership, interpersonal, analytical, and public speaking skills that they will be able to utilize in future endeavors. This program has created a connection between students, staff, parents, and community members that brings everyone together for one purpose: Improving the health, safety, and happiness of their community.

## Poster 10

### ***GameChanger Peer Leadership: Empowering Youth to Build Resilient, Substance-Free School Communities***

**Presenters:** Shelly Mize and Paige Mathias

The GameChanger Peer Leadership Program equips middle and high school students to serve as role models, facilitators, and advocates for substance-free lifestyles. Through developmentally tailored structured training and ongoing mentorship, Peer Leaders learn prevention fundamentals, stigma-free communication, and refusal skills while promoting positive school climate and connectedness. Supported by GameChanger Coaches, Peer Leaders organize prevention strategies such as positive prevention message campaigns, positive social norms promotion activities, substance free alternative events discouraging use and promoting wellbeing. This model demonstrates how empowering students as prevention leaders strengthens protective factors, cultivates belonging, and creates lasting, substance-free change across schools' communities.

## Poster 11

### ***You Have What It Takes: Using the GameChanger Model to Build Resilience and Promote Healthy Decision-Making in Elementary School Students***

**Presenter:** Maryann Corsello

The GameChanger film and lesson series, “You Have What It Takes”, is grounded in principles of social-emotional learning (SEL) that empower elementary students to manage emotions, handle stress, and make healthy choices. Featuring Jennifer Garner and student mentors, the program blends engaging storytelling with practical coping tools like Boxed Breathing and Butterfly Hugs. GameChanger team members deliver 30–45-minute evidence-informed lessons in Grades 3–5 on stress management, friendships, and peer pressure. As a result, students build confidence and resilience, two protective factors that strengthen school climate and build the foundation for lasting, substance-free communities. Complementing this, GameChanger’s Family Toolkit empowers families with the tools, knowledge and strategies to help their children make healthy choices and build resilience.

## Poster 12

### ***Inclusion of the municipal zoning department by the Stamford Prevention Council to address proliferation of smoke shops in Stamford, Connecticut***

**Presenters:** Ingrid Gillespie and Daniella Arias

The density of tobacco product retailers, commonly referred to as smoke shops, is associated with higher likelihoods of tobacco initiation and use among youth. The Stamford Prevention Council in CT, whose mission is to prevent and reduce youth substance misuse through positive youth and community development, has over 65 members representing 20+ agencies. In 2022, we recruited membership by the city zoning department to help address proliferation of smoke shops. In July 2023, the Zoning Board passed new rules requiring special permits to open and restricting permitted locations (effective as of Oct 1, 2023). In July 2024, more rules were passed to expand the definition of a smoke shop, restrict the total number permitted, further restrict their locations, and restrict advertising and signage (effective as of Oct 1, 2024). Since the introduction of the rules in 2023 up to Oct 2025, no new applications for new smoke shop permits have been submitted to the city of Stamford.

## Poster 13

### ***From Policy to People: Strengthening Overdose Prevention in Creek County, Oklahoma***

**Presenters:** K’Cee Scoggins and Aaron Graffman

Creek County Prevention Partnership (C2P2) utilizes the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) to strengthen community-based overdose prevention. Beginning in 2022, C2P2 partnered with local pharmacies to adopt organizational policies supporting Narcan access, secured MOUs with law enforcement and fire departments to carry Narcan, and provided targeted trainings for educators, students, and first responders. Safe kit distribution, which includes Narcan and fentanyl test strips, expanded access for community members while ongoing outreach encouraged open conversations about Narcan placement and overdose response. Since the start of these coordinated efforts, Creek County has experienced a 42% decrease in opioid overdose deaths, from 19 in 2022 to 11 in 2023. The decrease reflects growing

community readiness and reduced stigma, demonstrating the impact of strategic partnerships, education, and policy alignment on saving lives.

## Poster 14

### ***From Stigma to Support: A Community Transformed***

**Presenters:** Allyssa Raines and Cara Cramer

Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition exists to empower youth and adults through education, awareness, advocacy, and relationships to improve the quality of life for individuals and families. When we became a non-profit in 2017, stigma and resistance toward substance use prevention and recovery were major barriers. Through intentional community engagement and evidence-based implementation, we built trust and changed perceptions. Our coalition created opportunities for shared ownership, like the “Name It to Claim It” and logo contests that invited residents to help shape The Vision on Votaw, a recovery home made possible by a property donation from IU Health Jay. Events such as the “Brighter Than the Silence” vigil and “Light Up Jay County” campaign sparked public support, while prevention programs and reentry services strengthened collaboration. What started as pushback has become a community-wide commitment to prevention, recovery, and lasting change.

## Poster 15

### ***Local People, Local Solutions: A Rural Coalition’s Success in Reducing Youth Substance Use***

**Presenters:** Charlene Shreder and Kelsey Harlan

The Community Alliance of Resources for Everyone (C.A.R.E.) Coalition in McClain County, Oklahoma, applies the Drug-Free Communities and Strategic Prevention Framework models to mobilize local people to solve local problems. Through partnerships with schools, law enforcement, and civic organizations, C.A.R.E. targets youth alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana use with data-driven strategies and culturally responsive outreach. Using the seven community strategies for change, the coalition shifts norms, increases youth perception of harm, and strengthens protective factors. Its comprehensive approach, rooted in collaboration and youth leadership, led to measurable reductions in use and earned national recognition through the Chairman Arthur T. Dean Award for Coalition Excellence.

## Poster 16

### ***Find Crisis Support Without Judgment: A Statewide SMVF Mental Health Campaign***

**Presenters:** Catrice Tolbert and Paula Carreiro

The Louisiana Center for Prevention Resources (LCPR) at Southern University launched Find Crisis Support Without Judgment to reduce stigma and to connect Service Members, Veterans, and their Families (SMVF) to crisis and mental health resources statewide. Partnering with the Office of Behavioral Health (OBH), LCPR used a data-driven, multi-platform approach social media, digital ads, and community outreach events to reach the targeted population. With digital analytics support from Performance First Digital, the campaign promoted culturally competent messaging and continuous improvement, building resilient communities through collaboration and access to care.

## Poster 17

### ***From Silos to Solutions: California's Cross-Sector Partnerships for Sustainable Prevention***

**Presenters:** Elizabeth Cayden and Lane Krumpas

Learn how California navigates breaking down silos by integrating substance use primary prevention strategies and discussions that ensure authentic community engagement. Through a prioritized collaborative and capacity building lens, the Advance Behavioral Health Prevention California (ABHPC) program engages stakeholders, rightsholders, system partners, and community champions to address and navigate fragmented systems, ensuring improved access and desired prevention outcomes. This poster explores how California has successfully implemented cross-sector prevention strategies, aligning with Healthy People 2030's goal of promoting health and well-being across all societal levels. Rooted in public health systems science and in line with the Strategic Prevention Framework, together we'll explore how coalition leaders – as well as those who support coalition leadership – can build strong and effective multi-sector partnerships that sustain healthier, safer, and stronger communities.

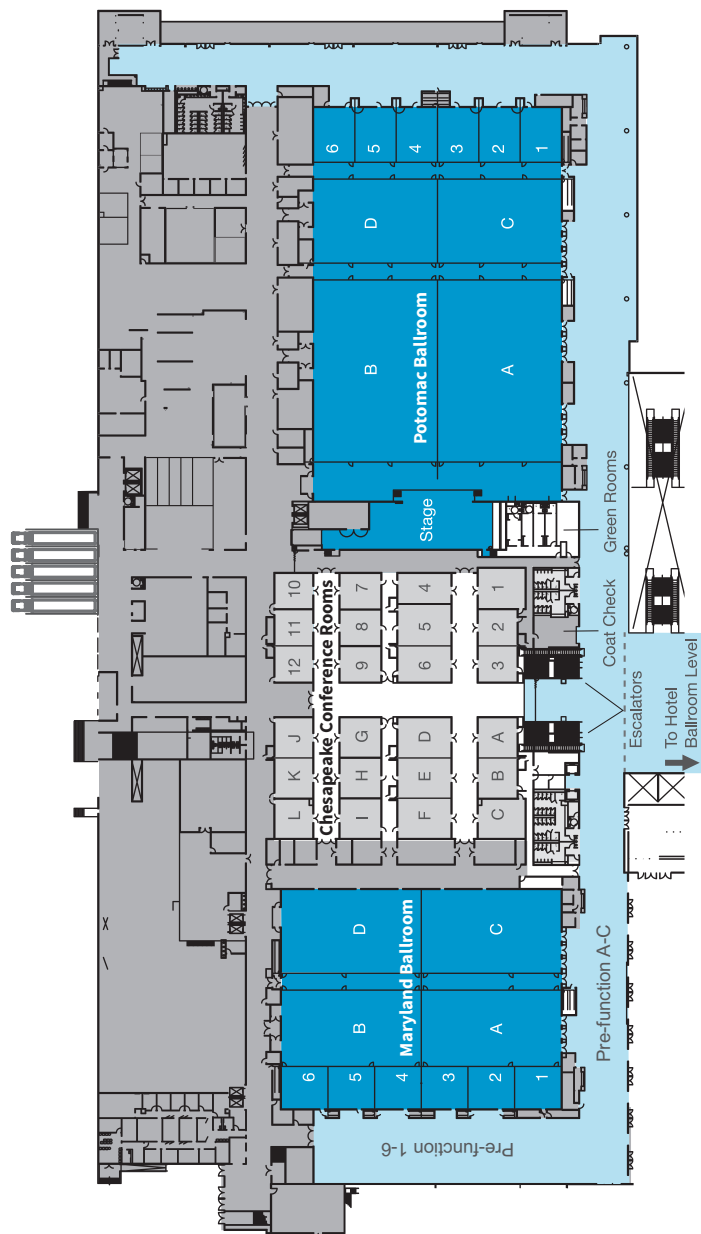
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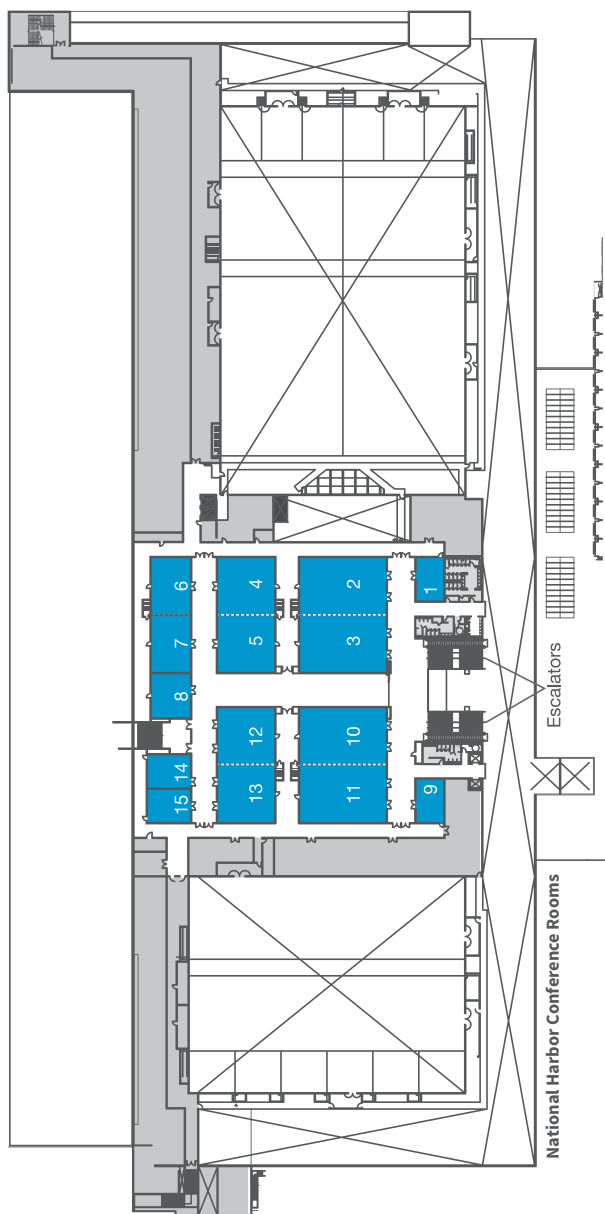
### ***Shaping Spaces and Moments: Coalition Strategies to Protect Youth***

**Presenters:** Travis Sylvester and Vickie Garton-Gundling

Out of sight, out of mind does not apply to underage drinking and the impacts on developing youth. When the sun went down, our coalition flipped the switch on healthy decision-making. Lincoln County Preventing ATODS Abuse partnered with government officials, law enforcement, and community members to install lighting near the fairgrounds and open spaces where teens gathered to drink. The result was fewer citations, safer spaces, and a shift toward healthier recreation. Building on this success, the coalition launched Shape the Moments that Shape Their Future, a parent campaign spotlighting high-risk times when permissive attitudes can lead to youth drinking like holidays, school events, and community gatherings. Finally, the coalition worked with the Oyster Ridge Music Festival to create a vibrant “Family Zone” and strategically place resources that reduced youth exposure to alcohol. This poster will highlight replicable strategies to light up risky spaces, engage parents, and change norms.







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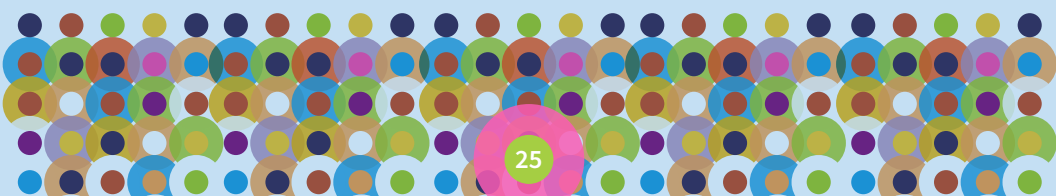
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10 – 11:30 am	Opening Session	
11:45 am – 12:45 pm	Workshops	
2:15 pm – 3:30 pm	Institutes	
3:30 – 4:30 pm	Serenity Session	National Harbor 8
4 – 4:45 pm	Closing	

Opening Reception / Coalitions Ideas Fair / Exhibits Open  
5 – 6:30 pm

Location: Maryland Ballroom

All participants are invited to the Opening Reception! Be sure to participate in this great Forum networking opportunity – visit with colleagues and exhibitors while you enjoy a snack and beverage. In addition, the Coalitions Ideas Fair Poster Presentations will be open and presenters will be available at their posters in the hall to discuss their ideas and prevention strategies.





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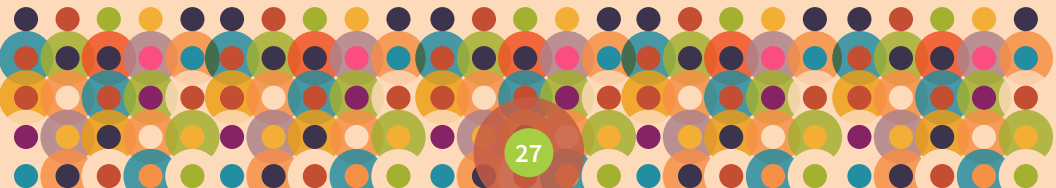


CADCA’s National Leadership Forum

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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7:30 – 8:15 am	Networking Continental Breakfast	Maryland Ballroom
7:30 am – 4 pm	Exhibits Open / Coalitions Ideas Fair	Maryland Ballroom
8:30 – 11 am	Opening Plenary – National Leadership Plenary, Coalition Academy Graduation, and Awards	Potomac Ballroom
11 – 11:30 am	Networking Refreshment Break	Maryland Ballroom
11:30 am – 12:45 pm	Training Sessions	
12:45 – 2:15 pm	Lunch Break	
1 – 2 pm	Serenity Session	National Harbor 8
2:15 – 3:30 pm	Training Sessions	
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4 – 5:15 pm	Training Sessions	
5:30 – 6:45 pm	State and Territory Advocacy and Networking Meetings	

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● 7:30 – 8:15 am ●

### **Coalitions Ideas Fair** **Maryland Ballroom**

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**NOTE:** Refer to pages **18-26** of the listing poster presentations and reference the Exhibit Hall Floorplan to find the location of the poster numbers.

● 8:30 – 11 am ●

### **National Leadership Plenary and Coalition Academy Graduation and Awards** **Potomac Ballroom**

Join General Barrye L. Price, Ph.D., President and CEO of CADCA, for Forum's National Leadership Plenary and Coalition Academy Graduation and Awards. General Price will welcome attendees to CADCA's 36<sup>th</sup> Annual National Leadership Forum and provide a sneak-peek into the highlights of the week, including training sessions, Capitol Hill appointments, networking activities and more. Graduates of CADCA's Coalition Academy and Blue Ribbon Coalitions will be acknowledged. Forum's National Leadership Plenary always sets the tone for a week full of the latest evidence-based prevention strategies, interventions, trainings and findings from the latest research, trends and developments.

#### **Barrye L. Price, Ph.D.**

*Major General, U.S. Army,  
Retired, President and  
CEO, CADCA*

#### **Allison Arwady, MD, MPH**

*Director, National Center for  
Injury Prevention and Control  
Centers for Disease Control  
and Prevention*

#### **Grant Baldwin**

*Director, Division of Overdose  
Prevention, Centers for  
Disease Control and  
Prevention*

#### **Sara Carter**

*Director, Office of National  
Drug Control Policy*

#### **Pat Castillo**

*Chief Strategy Officer  
CADCA*

#### **Mark S. Gold, M.D.**

*Emeritus Eminent Scholar,  
& 17<sup>th</sup> U.F. Distinguished  
Alumni Professor, University  
of Florida  
Voluntary Research Professor,  
Washington University in St  
Louis*

#### **Rear Admiral Christopher Jones, PharmD, DrPH, MPH**

*Director, Center for Substance  
Abuse Prevention  
Substance Abuse and Mental  
Health Services Administration*

#### **Hannah Khan**

*Rise Up Reno Prevention  
Network*

#### **Colby Nixon**

*Senior, Stevenson High  
School; Director of Policy,  
Stand Strong Coalition, Illinois  
Prevention Network Advocacy  
Team*



## 2026 Major General Arthur T. Dean Chairman's Award

Congratulations to Breakwater on winning the 2026 Major General Arthur T. Dean Chairman's Award. Breakwater demonstrated excellence in their understanding and implementation of the materials taught at the National Coalition Academy, an intensive three-week prevention training program developed by CADCA. They received the highest score in their cohort's essential "products", which include their Community Assessment, Logic Model, Strategic & Action Plan, Evaluation Plan and Sustainability Plan. We thank them for their service to their communities and their continued success for years to come.

Throughout the year, over one hundred coalitions participate in various Academies that CADCA offers, such as the National Coalition Academy, Opioid Coalition Academy, and State Coalition Academy.

Because the Academies are such an intensive training experience, completing them is a great reason to celebrate!

## National Coalition Academies

COALITION	CITY	STATE
Action for the Betterment of our Community	Sturgis	SD
Change Collaborative of Manchester/Manchester Youth Services Bureau	Manchester	CT
Cherokee County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse	Gaffney	SC
Coalition for a Better Wallingford	Wallingford	CT
Healthy Community Coalition	Farmington	ME
1P Kids Succeed Coalition	Payette County	ID
Join Together Northern Nevada	Reno	NV
Kosciusko Drug Free	Warsaw	IN
Legacy Behavioral Health	Valdosta	GA
McCall Behavioral Health Network	Torrington	CT
Newton County Partners in Prevention	Jasper	AR
PAYS Coalition	Mountain Home	AR
Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance	Ware	MA
SAFE Great Meadows	Sudbury	MA
Aging Safely Prevention Coalition	Long Island	NY
Tennessee Tech Addiction Prevention & Support Coalition	Cookeville	TN

Walpole Prevention Coalition	Walpole	MA
Warwick Prevention Bandwagon Inc.	Chester	NY
Ogden City CTC	Ogden	UT
West Springfield CARE Coalition	West Springfield	MA
Adolescent Chemical Wellness Advocates	Saint Peter	MN
Bollinger County Children and Youth Issues Coalition	Marble Hill	MO
Breakwater	Oshkosh	WI
Burrillville Prevention Action Coalition	Harrisville	RI
Carter County Drug Prevention Coalition	Elizabethon	TN
Coffee County Youth Coalition	Douglas	GA
Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley	Santa Maria	CA
Garinagu Coalition	New Orleans	LA
Healthy Cabarrus Drug Free Communities Coalition	Kannapolis	NC
Healthy Substance-Free Youth Coalition	Portland	OR
Hempstead Prevention Coalition	Hempstead	NY
Henrico Too Smart 2 Start Coalition	Henrico	VA
Marathon County AOD Partnership	Wausau	WI
Massapequa Takes Action Coalition	Massapequa Park	NY
MATFORCE	Prescott Valley	AZ
Montgomery County Prevention Coalition	Dayton	OH
Northeast Prevention Coalition	St. Johnsbury	VT
Northern Dutchess Coalition/Southern Dutchess Youth Coalition	Wappingers	NY
Northwest Corner Prevention Network	Falls Village	CT
OnTrack! Anti-Drug Coalition	Petersburg	WV
Protecting Our Youth	Sunnyside	WA
Reach Across Hill County	Hillsboro	TX
The Prevention Council of Putnam	Carmel	NY
Ward7 Drug-Free Community Coalition	Washington	DC



## State Coalition Academies

COALITION	CITY	STATE
The Hudson Valley Coalition for a Drug-Free Community / Partners in Prevention	Secaucus	NJ
Health and Wellness Coalition of Union County (Prevention Links)	Kenilworth	NJ
RWJBH - Ocean	Eatontown	NJ
Gloucester Regional Addictive Substance Prevention (GRASP)	Mantua	NJ
Prevention Coalition of Mercer County	Lawrence	NJ
Prevention Coalition of Monmouth County (Prevention First)	Lakewood	NJ
NJCRI	Newark	NJ
Prevention Plus of Burlington County	Marlton	NJ
Milan Prevention Coalition	Milan	TN
Henry County Prevention Coalition	Paris	TN
Metro Drug Coalition	Knoxville	TN
Greene County Anti-Drug Coalition	Greeneville	TN
Stewart County Prevention Coalition	Dover	TN
Cumberland Prevention Coalition	Crossville	TN
Monroe County Prevention & Wellness Coalition	Madisonville	TN
Weakley County Prevention Coalition	Martin	TN
Insight Alliance	Johnson City	TN
Unicoi County Prevention Coalition	Erwin	TN
Obion County Prevention Coalition	Union City	TN
STAND Coalition	Oneida	TN
Carrol County Prevention Coalition	Huntingdon	TN
Power of Putnam	Cookeville	TN
Dekalb Prevention Coalition	Smithville	TN
Stand in the Gap Coalition	New Tazewell	TN
Campbell United	Jacksboro	TN

## Opioid Coalition Academies

COALITION	CITY	STATE
Chance For Life Organization	Southfield	MI
COPE Detroit Coalition	Detroit	MI
Drug Free Youth in Detroit Coalition	Detroit	MI
Face Addiction Now	Clinton Township	MI
Healthy Downriver	Southgate	MI
Livingston County Community Alliance	Howell	MI
Mid-Michigan District Health Department	Stanton	MI
Saginaw County Health Department	Saginaw	MI
Saginaw Fire Department	Saginaw	MI
The Coalition for Urban Youth and Family Development	Detroit	MI
I BEAT That Empowerment Movement	Little Rock	AR
Changing Hearts and Navigating Great Endings (C.H.A.N.G.E.)	England	AR
Cleburne County Health Coalition	Heber Springs	AR
Where You Are Inc.	Texarkana	AR

## Coalition Business Academy

COALITION	CITY	STATE
Alexandria Williams	Memphis	TN
Angelica Cantrell	Woodbury	TN
Ashley Upchurch	Livingston	TN
Candice Beck	Crossville	TN
Christian Shadix	Hohenwald	TN
Christy Smith	Erwin	TN
Ginger Wells Smith	Lawrenceburg	TN
Jack Wyatt	Memphis	TN
Jagger Coffey	Oneida	TN
Jamie Miles	Paris	TN
Jennifer Berven	Johnson City	TN
Kayla Dillon	Somerville	TN
Kody Thompson	Celina	TN
Larissa Angell	Goodlettsville	TN



Lynn Broyles	Greeneville	TN
Mark Cook	Dickson	TN
Nicole Miller	Lawrenceburg	TN
Olivia Allen	Knoxville	TN
Sarah Sumpter	Elizabethton	TN
Savannah Meade	Clinton	TN
Shaunna Caldwell	Johnson City	TN
Sis Poston	South Brighton	TN
Tammie George	Madisonville	TN
Tammy London	Carthage	TN

## STATE AND TERRITORY ADVOCACY AND NETWORKING MEETINGS

● 5:30 – 6:45 pm ●

Immediately following the afternoon sessions, participate in an interactive networking event at the regional and state level for youth and adults to build stronger state policy alliances and to help prepare for CADCA's Capitol Hill Day.

Goals for each state/territory meeting are to connect, network and discuss opportunities/ issues with fellow Forum attendees from your state or territory. Increase involvement of all attendees in Capitol Hill Day activities helping to mobilize collective advocacy efforts across the nation and within your state.

### Agenda

#### 5:30 – 5:35 pm

Welcome and Introductions

- CADCA staff person introduction – welcome on behalf of CADCA
- Facilitator's introduction

#### 5:35 – 6:10 pm

Hill Day Logistics and Information

- State Synopsis Overview
- Planning and coordination for successful Capitol Hill meetings
- Overview of the Capitol Hill Day booklet

#### 6:10 – 6:45 pm

Open Discussion and Information Exchange

- What is happening in prevention in your state? Please describe any positive developments occurring in the past year.
- What challenges, if any, are you facing in your prevention work in your state or territory in the past year?
- What solutions, if any, are you implementing or planning to implement to address the challenges mentioned above.

Here are the locations for each of the meetings at the Gaylord National Hotel:

STATE MEETING	LOCATION
Alabama	Potomac D
Alaska	Potomac Ballroom Foyer
Arizona	Chesapeake D-F
Arkansas	National Harbor 2-3
California	Chesapeake A-C
Colorado	Potomac Ballroom Foyer
Connecticut	Annapolis 3
Delaware	Potomac Ballroom Foyer
District of Columbia	Potomac 6
Florida	Chesapeake J-L
Georgia	Maryland Ballroom Foyer
Hawaii	Maryland Ballroom
Idaho	Maryland Ballroom Foyer
Illinois	Chesapeake 2-3
Indiana	National Harbor 9
Iowa	Potomac D
Kansas	Woodrow Wilson C
Kentucky	Potomac 4
Louisiana	Chesapeake 2-3
Maine	Potomac C
Maryland	Potomac 6
Massachusetts	National Harbor 2-3
Michigan	National Harbor 10-11
Minnesota	Potomac D
Mississippi	Maryland Ballroom Foyer
Missouri	Chesapeake G-I
Montana	Maryland Ballroom
Nebraska	Chesapeake 7-9
Nevada	Maryland Ballroom
New Hampshire	Potomac D
New Jersey	Chesapeake 4-6
New Mexico	Maryland Ballroom
New York	Potomac 1-3
North Carolina	Maryland Ballroom

STATE MEETING	LOCATION
North Dakota	Potomac Ballroom Foyer
Ohio	Chesapeake 7-9
Oklahoma	Annapolis 4
Oregon	Woodrow Wilson D
Pennsylvania	Potomac C
Rhode Island	Woodrow Wilson C
South Carolina	Chesapeake G-I
South Dakota	Potomac Ballroom Foyer
Tennessee	Potomac 5
Texas	Annapolis 2
Utah	Woodrow Wilson B
Vermont	Woodrow Wilson D
Virginia	National Harbor 12-13
Washington	National Harbor 4-5
West Virginia	Potomac C
Wisconsin	National Harbor 4-5
Wyoming	Potomac Ballroom Foyer
Guam, Virgin Islands	Annapolis 3
Puerto Rico	Annapolis 1

#### MEETING ROOM

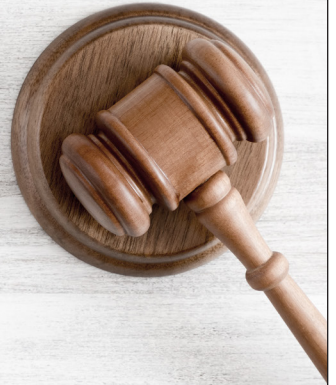
National Harbor 1-15

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 Potomac Ballroom D  
 Potomac Ballroom 1-6  
 Potomac Ballroom Foyer  
 Maryland Ballroom  
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 Chesapeake 1-12  
 Chesapeake A-L

#### LOCATIONS

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The National Alcohol Beverage Control Association (NABCA) is proud to support CADCA and its 5,000 community coalitions working to create healthy and safe communities. As a trade association representing alcohol control systems and regulators throughout the country, NABCA recognizes the critical role its members play in preventing alcohol-related harm in communities, and we are proud to be a partner in the work. Visit our policy pages for white papers, webinars and the Annotated Bibliography, a collection of literature on effective alcohol policies.

For more information about our resources, visit <https://www.nabca.org/policy-research> or email us at [policy@nabca.org](mailto:policy@nabca.org)



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## Capitol Hill Day

### CADCA's National Leadership Forum

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8:30 – 10:30 am	Capitol Hill Day Plenary and Legislative Update	Potomac Ballroom
10:45 am – noon	Training Sessions	
11 am – 6 pm	Congressional Appointments	
8 – 10 pm	Youth Dance	Woodrow Wilson A

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## COALITIONS IDEAS FAIR

● 7:30 – 8:15 am ●

### Maryland Ballroom

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## CAPITOL HILL DAY PLENARY & LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

● 8:30 – 10:30 am ●

### Potomac Ballroom

#### Gregory Puckett, Moderator

*County Commissioner, Mercer County,  
West Virginia*

*Executive Director, Community  
Connections, Inc.*

#### Julie Killian

*Co-Founder, RyeACT*

#### Congressman Mike Lawler

*(R-NY-17)*

#### Sue Thau

*CADCA Public Policy Consultant*

## INVITED PANELISTS

#### Rep. Brad Finstad

*(R-MN-01)*

#### Rep. Andy Harris

*(R-MD-01)*

#### Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi

*(D-IL-08)*

#### Rep. Paul Tonko

*(D-NY-20)*



## LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

**Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL)**

**Senator John Cornyn (R-TX)**

**Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY)**

## CONGRESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

● 11:30 am – 6 pm ●

Meet with your legislators to educate them about the effectiveness of substance use and misuse prevention, treatment and recovery. Don't miss this exceptional opportunity to tell members of your congressional delegation and/or their key staffers about your coalition and what you're accomplishing in the community.

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### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7 am – noon	Registration Open	Convention Center Foyer, Level 2
7:30 – 8:45 am	Breakfast <i>Open to Members and Nonmembers</i>	Potomac Ballroom
9 – 10:15 am	Training Sessions	
10:15 – 10:45 am	Networking Refreshment Break	
10:45 am – noon	Training Sessions	
12:20 – 2:30 pm	National Leadership Awards Closing Plenary Luncheon	Potomac Ballroom

### MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST (OPEN TO ALL)

● 7:30 - 8:45 am ●

#### Potomac Ballroom

Sip your morning coffee and enjoy a hot breakfast to give you a boost into the last day of the National Leadership Forum. This year, come learn about the latest CADCA membership updates from the year. Then sit back and hear from our keynote speaker, Kevin Sabet, PhD. An affiliate of the Institution for Social and Policy Studies and the Medical School at Yale University, and dubbed by NBC News as the “prodigy of drug politics,” and by Salon as the “quarterback of the new anti-drug movement,” author, consultant, and advisor to three U.S. presidential administrations, Kevin A. Sabet, Ph.D., has studied, researched, written about, and implemented drug policy for over 25 years. He is the only person appointed by Republican and Democrats to work at the White House drug office. Kevin is currently the President and CEO of the Foundation for Drug Policy Solutions (FDPS) and SAM (Smart Approaches to Marijuana), two non-profit organizations he founded with Congressman Patrick Kennedy. His book, *Smokescreen: What the Marijuana Industry Doesn't Want You to Know*, distributed by Simon & Schuster, won the Next Generation Indie Book Award in the Social Justice Category, and has been optioned for a documentary film. His latest book, *One Nation Under the Influence*, was published by Polity in November 2025. He regularly publishes op-eds and his work has been seen in the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, and other publications; he is also a regular columnist for Newsweek. He received his doctorate and master's degrees from Oxford University and BA from the University of California, Berkeley.

The membership breakfast is open to members and non-members. Please arrive on time to secure a seat. Learn more about CADCA membership and the CADCA community at [cadca.org/membership](https://cadca.org/membership).

## NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS LUNCHEON

● 12:20 – 2:20 pm ●

### Potomac Ballroom

CADCA's National Leadership Awards Luncheon is the celebratory culmination of the Forum. During the Awards Luncheon, CADCA recognizes individuals and organizations that have made a major impact on the coalition field.

### Outstanding Youth Leader Award

*This award recognizes a youth leader who has made significant strides in prevention within their community using CADCA's framework.*

**Sharmada Venkataramani**

### National Leadership Award

*CADCA's National Leadership Award recognizes leaders who have been longtime supporters of the community coalition movement and who use their voice and influence to educate the community about the importance of substance misuse prevention.*

**Kirk Lane**

### Judge Michael J. Kramer Memorial Advocates of the Year

*This award recognizes substance abuse prevention leaders who are exceptional advocates for our field, forging relationships and educating their elected officials throughout the year about key substance use and misuse-related issues and helping to ensure that Members of Congress understand the importance of community coalitions.*

**Angela Kennecke** (South Dakota)

**Julie Killian** (New York)

### Lifetime Achievement Award

**Dr. Mark Gold**

### Congressional Leadership Award Winners

**Representative Madeleine Dean (D-PA-04)**

**Representative Michael Lawler (R-NY-17)**

**Senator Jack Reed (D-RI)**

### National Newsmaker Award

*The National Newsmaker Award recognizes a journalist who has helped educate the public about substance misuse prevention, treatment and/or recovery through TV, radio or print journalism.*

**Amy Neville & Alexander Neville Foundation**

### Outstanding State Member

*This award recognizes an outstanding state program that has made significant contributions and achievements through support to CADCA coalitions in their state.*

**Louisiana**

### **Dose of Prevention**

*Sponsored by the Consumer Healthcare Products Association (CHPA) and CADCA, this award recognizes member coalitions that have helped raise awareness about the dangers of over-the-counter cough medicine misuse and prescription drug misuse in their community during National Medicine Abuse Awareness Month.*

**Drug Free Cecil Youth Coalition** (Elkton, MD)

### **Emcee**

Pat Castillo  
*Chief Strategy Officer, CADCA*

### **Special Thanks**

U.S. Joint Armed Forces Color Guard  
The Browkin Singers  
Reverend Shane Britt  
*Founder & Executive Director,  
Scottsville Allen County Faith Coalition, Inc.*

## **TRAINING SESSIONS**

Tuesday, February 3      11:30 AM – 12:45 PM  
2:15 – 3:30 PM  
4 – 5:15 PM

Wednesday, February 4      10:45 AM – noon

Thursday, February 5      9 AM – 10:15 AM  
10:45 AM – noon

*For a full list and description of the training sessions, please download the CADCA Events app, or head to [www.forum.cadca.org](http://www.forum.cadca.org).*

# 2026 YOUTH EVENTS

**FEB  
2**

## **OPENING PLENARY**

WOODROW WILSON A | 7PM-8PM

## **MEET UP N' CHILL**

WOODROW WILSON A | 8PM-10PM

**FEB  
4**

## **CAPITOL HILL DAY**

POTOMAC BALLROOM/CAPITOL HILL | 8:30AM-6PM

## **YOUTH DANCE**

WOODROW WILSON A | 8PM-10PM

**FEB  
2**

**FEB  
4**

# CADCA Youth Leadership Initiative Program

Young people are essential to strengthening community coalitions. You see and experience firsthand what's happening in your schools and neighborhoods every day: the challenges, the pressures, and the opportunities, and that insight is invaluable. Your perspective helps ensure prevention strategies are not only relevant, but truly responsive to what is happening on the ground.

At CADCA, building the capacity of community coalitions is at the core of what we do, and developing youth leaders is one of the most meaningful ways to do so. When young people step into leadership roles, prevention efforts become more creative, more effective, and more reflective of the realities facing communities today. We've seen youth leaders create real change in their communities through their involvement in local coalitions. We've watched young people transform unsafe parks into vibrant, family-friendly spaces. We've seen youth advocate for meaningful policy change, from influencing local ordinances to testifying at state hearings on powdered alcohol regulation. Your voice truly moves things forward, and that impact is felt nationwide.

That's why CADCA hosts the Youth Leadership Summit as a major part of our National Leadership Forum. Get ready to join us in the nation's capital for a high-energy experience packed with hands-on training, interactive learning, and sessions led by industry experts and fellow youth leaders. You'll be able to choose between three-hour workshops for deeper engagement and 75-minute presentations for fast-paced, high-impact learning.





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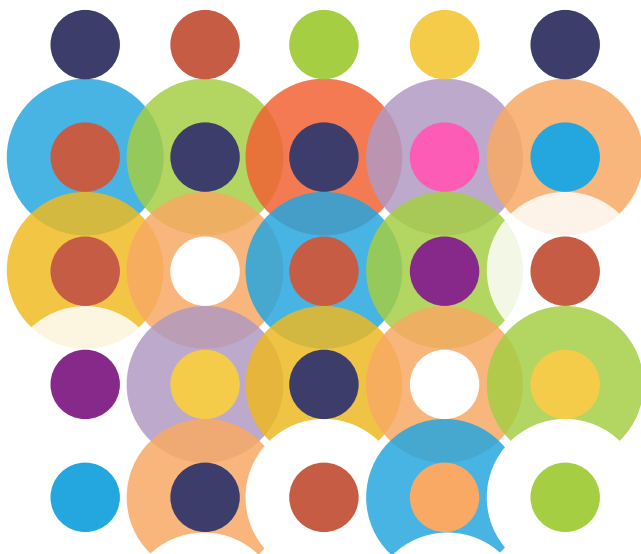
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