



March 25, 2022

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### CCoVA 2022 Post General Assembly Survey

Community Coalitions of Virginia wants to hear from you! Please let us know what your experience was like this year in working with your legislatures. What went well? What would you have done differently? What resources from CCoVA were useful? How else can CCoVA help?

[Take the VERY SHORT survey here](#)

### Have you wondered.....

- **If Marijuana Laws Discriminate?**
- **How farmers, pharmaceutical processors, and retail vendors are impacted by legislation?**

**CCoVA plans to have an open conversation with invited organizations and individuals in support of Virginia's regulated cannabis industry.**

**Join CCoVA on May 2nd @ 11:00 to learn more**

**REGISTER  
NOW**

## WHAT'S NEW?



Read more [Here \(Today\)](#)

**"7 children hospitalized  
after another kid gives  
them sleeping pills,  
police say"  
- Hopewell, Virginia**

# What do you think about Naloxone in schools? One school says "it's a no brainer"

[Read more here: USA Today](#)



## TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT



### Preventing Underage Drinking

**4/6** Preventing underage drinking: Part I, Identifying & Understanding the Data- PTTC  
[Register Here](#)

**4/13** Preventing underage drinking: Part II, Strategies and Recommendations for Prevention- PTTC

[Register Here](#)



Community Impact of North Carolina is offering multiple FREE virtual trainings:

**3/28** Environmental Scans: What are they & why your community might do one

**3/30** Impairment Recognition: History and Trends

[Register Here](#)

## GRANT FUNDING



[HHS Announces Funding](#)

[Drug Free Community](#)

# for Substance Use Treatment and Prevention Programs Due April 25th

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), is announcing two grant programs totaling \$25.6 million that will expand access to medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder and prevent the misuse of prescription drugs. [HHS Grant Funding](#)

# (DFC) Support Program Due May 17th

Eligible applicants are community-based coalitions addressing youth substance use that have not yet previously received a DFC grant.

[Grants.Gov](#)

## DBHDS OBHW Community Coalition Funding Opportunity

Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services' Office of Behavioral Health Wellness (DBHDS OBHW), in partnership with OMNI, previously surveyed Community Services Boards to gather requests for additional Block Grant funding available through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Reach out to Behavioral Health Wellness Consultant, Jennifer Farinholt with any questions at [jennifer.farinholt@dbhds.virginia.gov](mailto:jennifer.farinholt@dbhds.virginia.gov)

This **second** survey pertains to requests for **community coalition needs only!** **If your CSB previously replied with a request for ARPA funding related to a community coalition, there is no need to reply to this second survey unless** your coalition wants to request additional funding above the original request.

The goal of ARPA funds for coalitions is: to develop staff support and capacity for community coalitions to build their infrastructure and viability for Drug Free Communities grants and other funding opportunities.

**ARPA funds must be spent by September 30, 2025**

*Reply to the Survey by APRIL 8th [here](#)*

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY & MEMBER EVENTS

**Mark your Calendar!**



**4/19- 4/20 Rams in Recovery  
Conference** (former COBE Town  
Hall)

Speaker Announced, **Mecca**

**Williams, LPC**, other speakers found [Here](#)

[Tickets here](#)



# Virginia Summer Institute for Addiction Studies

*In-Person*

This years theme is "VSIAS 2022: RESILIENT RECOVERY"

July 17 - 20, 2022

## Coalition Spotlight

If you have an evidenced-based best practice or innovative coalition strategy to share, we want to hear from you! Please contact *Jill @ infoccova@gmail.com* to be featured during our Monthly meeting or in the CCoVA Newsletter

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[<https://communitycoalitionsofva.com/>]

Please send news, stories, updates, and items of interest to CCoVA to be included in the weekly News Bulletin

