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Greetings,

Welcome to the second issue of the [Injury Prevention, EMS & Trauma Newsletter](#). This web-based publication is a compilation of member spotlights, briefs and announcements assembled by the [Hawai'i Department of Health](#), [Emergency Medical Services](#) & [Injury Prevention System Branch](#). The objective of this newsletter is to inform partners across the state of EMS, trauma and injury issues, activities, trainings, and milestones that are related to strengthening our Hawai'i state trauma system and its integral capacity of preventing injuries.

Contributions are available under the following categories:

Member Spotlights: Highlights the notable contribution of individuals or partners in the field of emergency medical services, trauma and injury prevention in Hawai'i .

Member Briefs: As the central component of the newsletter, briefs partners on emerging efforts, current issues, achievements and milestones to strengthen collaboration.

Member Reminders: Announces committee and conference dates, annual reports, emerging events, and trainings.

We all do great work; share the news, no matter the magnitude!

Submissions are included if they address the leading causes of injury and death in Hawai'i and help to educate, support, and mobilize individuals and organizations to effectively work together in preventing injuries. Contributions for the Spring 2016 issue will begin in March, using the online [member update guide](#) or [online submission form](#).

Finally, you are receiving these updates, announcements and other important information because we joined several distribution lists. Please look at the membership options listed below for updating or removing your information from our e-mail distribution lists if you are no longer involved or interested in EMS, trauma and injury prevention work.





New EMS Chief: Dr. Alvin C. Bronstein

Alvin C.
Bronstein, MD,
FACEP



“Aloha,

I am honored to be the new Branch chief. Doing the right thing for the people of Hawai‘i and our visitors is my highest priority. My door is always open.”



Ola Lokahi

Creating a Healthy Hawaii Together

From the time Alvin C. Bronstein, MD, FACEP joined the Hawaii State Department of Health as the new chief of the Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention System Branch on Aug. 31, he has been fully immersed in carrying on the branch's goal of reducing trauma-related deaths, injuries, and permanent long-term disability and improving trauma response capabilities statewide.

“I am honored to join the Hawaii State Department of Health as the new EMS Injury Prevention System Branch chief. The branch has a history of excellence and service, and building on the branch’s achievements is very important to me. My top priority as described in the Governor’s vision statement is to be “*pono*” – always do the right thing for the people of Hawaii.”

In his new role, Dr. Bronstein is responsible for the overall statewide coordination of the delivery of health care services under emergency conditions. This includes optimizing medical and surgical treatment for all seriously injured individuals in Hawai‘i. He will work with hospitals and health care providers to identify problems and collaboratively develop and implement solutions to improve patient treatment and outcomes.

He will also support the Statewide Trauma Advisory Committee and Regional Trauma Committees, and serve as a resource to hospitals to develop and maintain their trauma centers. He will develop procedures for the designation and periodic re-verification of hospitals as trauma centers, and ensure a statewide trauma registry is used to drive improvements in trauma care at hospitals at the state and county levels.

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Safe Hawaii Award 2015

Therese Argoud MPH - Program Manager

It's rare to have a partnership with an individual that spans so many years of significant work and that marks many milestones and progress. For injury prevention, Bruce McEwan, is such an individual. Bruce chaired the Governor's Taskforce on Accident Prevention and Injury Control in 1986 that advocated for an injury prevention program within the Hawai'i State Department of Health.



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Eric Tash, Therese Argoud, Bruce McEwan, Deb Goebert

Big Island Trauma Advisory Council collaboration aims to provide quality care for our military trauma patients on the Big Island

Kimberly Bastien RN, CEN CFRN - Trauma Program Manager



The collaborative efforts of the Big Island Regional Advisory Council (BITAC) support optimal care for trauma patients of the Big Island. Through the Hawai'i State Trauma System, these types of collaborative efforts are possible and can improve outcomes for patients. Our discussions involving the US Military, included: 1) initiation of their medical evacuation procedures for the military training base on the Big Island, and 2) an introduction to their operations and how the trauma centers on the island can work collectively to care for the ill and injured military patients.

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New Director of Queen's Medical Center's Trauma and Outreach

Cora Speck, MS, MBA -Trauma Injury Prevention & Outreach Coordinator

Doris Warner was selected to serve as Director of Queen's Medical Center's Trauma and Outreach Program. As such, she is tasked with improving the quality of patient care, overseeing data collection and reporting, research, and injury prevention. Her overarching goal is to prepare the Queen's Trauma Program to become accredited by the American College of Surgeons as a Level I Trauma Center in 2017.

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**DORIS J. WARNER,
MSN, RN, CEN**

Hawaii Disaster Medical Assistance Team

TOBY L. CLAIRMONT, RN, CEM ® - Director of Emergency Services

The Hawai‘i Disaster Medical Assistance Team (Hawai‘i DMAT) is a deployable, federal medical team of the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS). All team members are federal (intermittent) employees of the US Department of Health & Human Services.



Emergency Services

The team is led by a Team Commander and consists of over 80 credentialed healthcare professionals. The team is capable of activating and deploying a ten-person medical strike team within 4 hours of request and a full 36-member (main body) team within 12 hours to any region of the United States and US pacific territories.

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Kapi‘olani Medical Center for Women and Children Officially Receives Level III Pediatric Trauma Center Designation Renewal

Casey Golden, APRN, MPH - Trauma Program Coordinator

Kapi‘olani Medical Center for Women and Children (KMCWC) is proud to announce that the hospital has officially received re-designation approval from the Hawai‘i State Department of Health as a Level III Pediatric Trauma Center. An on-site evaluation was conducted at KMCWC on May 28 and 29, 2015, by a team of trauma surveyors from the Trauma Center Association of America (TCAA). The trauma surveyors verified that KMCWC meets the state criteria for trauma center designation and recommended approval to the Hawai‘i State Department of Health officials. The DOH was present at the time of the evaluation and subsequently granted the Level III Pediatric re-designation status to KMCWC, effective July 15, 2015.



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Preventing Infant Deaths through Safe Sleep Education

Melissa Nagatsuka, MPH - Project Coordinator

Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawaii

Unintentional suffocation is a leading cause of fatal and nonfatal injury

among infants¹ and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) is the leading cause of death among infants between the age of one month and one year; the third leading cause of infant mortality overall in the United States.



In Hawai'i, data³ SIDS was the leading cause of death among post-neonate resident infants in Hawai'i, accounting for 13% of the deaths over the 2010-2014 period. Data² also indicates that only 35.4% of babies usually sleep in an environment that meets all of the American Academy of Pediatrics' (AAP) recommendations for a safe sleep environment. As many families are unaware of the simple preventative steps, as well as the behaviors and risk factors that endanger their infant, education is an ongoing area of importance for the nearly 19,000 births each year in Hawai'i.²

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Safe Kids Hawai'i is the state coalition led by Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children.

Lisa Dau, RN, BSN - Injury Prevention Coordinator

Preventable injuries are the number one killer of kids in the U.S. According to Safe Kids Worldwide, 8,000 families lose a child every year because of a preventable injury. Hawai'i State Department of Health data shows an average of 13 children die each year. For every death, 14 children are hospitalized and 740 are treated at emergency departments. Too many times a parent experiences the dreadful moment that their child has died from an injury. And too often when a parent asks "was there something I could have done to prevent this" doctors are forced to say "yes". This was the case for Dr. Marty Eichelberger. In 1988, Dr. Marty Eichelberger, a pediatric surgeon and Herta Feely, a public relations professional from Children's Health System in Washington, DC founded Safe Kids Worldwide from the frustrations of seeing kids being killed from preventable injuries.

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The 4th Hawai‘i Fall Prevention Conference: Speaker Presentations

On behalf of the Hawai‘i State Fall Prevention Consortium, the Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention System Branch, the Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society, and our many valued sponsors, we want to thank you for participating in the 4th Hawai‘i Fall Prevention Conference of 2015. The mission of the Hawai‘i Fall Prevention Consortium is to prevent falls through networking, education, advocacy and resource development. In keeping with this mission, we present the selected speaker presentations. The (*) notes presentations only available for 30 days following this publication of this newsletter.



Mahalo, **Stanley Michaels** - Senior Fall Prevention Specialist

Conference Presentations

- [**Hawai‘i Fall Prevention Data**](#) - Dan Galanis, PhD
- [**Stay Well At Home: A Peer-Facilitated Multifactorial Fall Risk Reduction Program**](#) - Debra Rose, PhD*
- [**Reframing the Issue: Can Fall Risk Reduction Serve as a Pathway to Whole Person Wellness?**](#) - Debra Rose, PhD*
- [**Just say “Maybe” to Drugs, Drugs: the Slippery Slope LSD is not the only way to trip**](#)—Shari L. Kogan, MD, FACP*
- [**Implementing a fall prevention campaign within Kaiser Permanente**](#) - Walt Schroeder Pharm. D, Sandi Brekke, COTA.
- [**Movement and Fall Prevention Strategies for Parkinson’s Disease**](#) - Kevin Lockette, PT
- [**Personal Emergency Response Systems \(PERS\): Its Role in Preventing Falls From Becoming Medical Disasters**](#) - Cullen Hayashida, PhD
- [**Evaluation Results and Recommendations -Vital to Safe Mobility and Fall Prevention**](#) - Valerie Yontz, RN, MS, MPH, PhD
- [**A Key to Fall Risk Reduction: Medication Reviews and Attention to Detail**](#) - Julianne Aquino, PharmD Candidate



Trainings & Events

Becoming A Mother Workshop Series: Preparation for Parent Success

Joanne Viloria, Program Coordinator - Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawai‘i

For parents, birth is a powerful event that leads to one of the biggest transitions in life. In order to help alleviate the anxiety, frustration or postpartum depression (PPD) many new parents commonly experience, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawai‘i (HMHB) has introduced a monthly series called “Becoming a Mother,” designed to help parents bridge the gap from pregnancy to parenthood with ease.



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ASIST: Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Trainings

Nancy Deeley MPH - Suicide Prevention Coordinator

- **December 3, and December 4, 2015; 7:45 am – 4:30 pm:** The training is held BOTH days at West Hawai‘i Civic Center, located at 74-5044 Ane Keohokalole Hwy Community Hale (Building G) Kailua-Kona, HI 96740.
[**Read Full ASIST Flyer Here**](#)
- **January 7th, and January 8th, 2016; 7:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.:** The training is held BOTH days at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo, University Classroom Building, Room 114, located at 200 West Kāwili Street, Hilo, 96720.
[**Read Full ASIST Flyer Here**](#)

This **TWO-DAY** workshop will equip participants to respond knowledgeably and competently to persons at risk of suicide. Participants learn and practice skills in identifying and responding to people at immediate risk of suicide. Just as “CPR” skills make physical first aid possible, training in suicide intervention develops the skills used in suicide first aid. This is a highly interactive workshop that will give you the training that you need in order to be a caregiving resource within your community.

Trainings & Events

- **The online States Alliance Training Center** launched an expanded version of the **Training Center** – a user-friendly resource for accessing trainings and other learning opportunities for injury and violence prevention, public health, and other prevention professionals. The Training Center features a growing list of over 70 online trainings – all of which are mapped to the Core Competencies for Injury and Violence Prevention.

[**View Training Center**](#)



**Expanded Training Center
Now Available**
www.SafeStates.org/?page=Training_Center

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- **Community Research Utilities and Support (CORUS)**- an online platform for finding and sharing tools for community engaged research, aims to strengthen the activities of community engaged research programs and their partners by building a robust database of best practices.
 - **Research Toolkit**- designed for a broad audience of various research experience and includes resources for every project phase: Building Collaborations, Developing Proposals, Starting up a Study, Conducting and Managing Projects, and Disseminating and Closing Research. The toolkit also includes resources for partnering with indigenous communities.
 - **Make Research Matter**- assists developers of public health and health services research interventions increase the dissemination and implementation (D&I) potential of their interventions.
 - This CDC **Logic Model Magic Tutorial** CDC Logic Model Magic Tutorial -provides information and resources to assist in planning and developing a logic model for describing programmatic efforts and guiding program evaluation. The tutorial includes opportunities to interact with the material and is self-paced.



Conferences

- **2016 Annual Meeting of the Safe States Alliance: April 12-14, 2016 Albuquerque, New Mexico**

Join the [Safe States Alliance](#) and fellow injury and violence prevention professionals next spring for a dynamic Annual Meeting experience with a Southwestern flare at the charming Hotel Albuquerque-Old Town in Albuquerque, NM.

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- **Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities: April 3-5, 2016, Long Beach, California**

The largest gathering of highway safety professionals in the U.S. will be held at the Long Beach Convention Center. For more information visit: <http://www.lifesaversconference.org>



Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

- **The 2016 NACCHO Annual Conference, July 19–21, Phoenix, Arizona**

This will be the largest gathering of local health department leaders and other public health professionals in the United States. The goal of this year's meeting is to provide local health officials with the opportunity to learn and share insights about effective evidence-based public health strategies. The conference will focus on reducing and eliminating the root causes of inequity and disparity in the distribution of illness, disease, injury, and death in communities across the country.



Resources and Tools

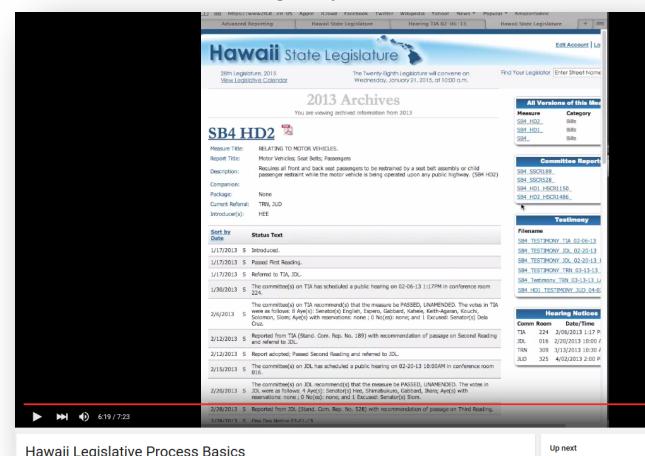
- **Trauma Research Support** - Do you have a great research idea, a mountain of data you need analyzed, or trouble finding collaborators/funding? Maybe you need help writing an IRB application or getting that manuscript written? If any of those things keep you frustrated and up late at night, fear not, you have help! Send your queries to, or stop in and chat with, Chad Walton, the Director of Trauma Research. His email is cwalton@ucera.org, and his office is in the University Tower (QUT) at QMC, Room 601. His focus is on statewide trauma research efforts with a particular penchant for interdisciplinary, inter-institutional and translational projects. Everyone is encouraged to drop in and bounce ideas off him, or solicit support, as he describes himself as a "serial researcher" and maintains an open door policy.

Chad Walton, PhD - University Tower (QUT) Queen's Medical Center Campus, Room 601
 Website: ma.jabsom.hawaii.edu & E-mail: cwalton@ucera.org

- **Understand the Hawai'i Legislative Process in 10 minutes or less** — The Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention System Branch (EMSIPSB) has been involved with the state legislative process since the time of typewriters and hand delivery of 30 paper copies of testimony to the state capitol building. Thankfully, much has changed to streamline the legislative process. EMSIPSB has put together a simple 7-minute video that walks you through the basics of the legislative process.

Kari Benes - Trauma System Public Health Educator

[View Training Website](#)



- **Injury Prevention Legislation Database** — the National Conference of State Legislatures works in cooperation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to bring you up to date, real time information about injury prevention legislation that has been introduced in the 50 states and the District of Columbia. You can search 2015 legislation by state, topic, keyword, year, status or primary sponsor. Injury prevention topics include: Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs, Prescription Drug Abuse: Rescue Drugs, Prescription Drugs: Other, Traumatic Brain Injury, Older Adult Falls, and Teen Dating Violence.

[View Legislative Database](#)



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- **Hawai‘i Public Health Training Hui** [Needs Assessment Report](#) assess the training needs of the public health workforce in the State of Hawai‘i, a needs assessment was conducted using a survey tool developed and modified by Denise Nelson-Hurwitz, Valerie Yontz, and other members of the steering committee members of the Hawai‘i Public Health Training Hui (PHTH). The survey was developed online and distributed to potential participants by email primarily between July 14, 2015 and August 4, 2015. Survey participants were asked for demographic information, as well as information about self-assessed skill/expertise level and potential interest in eight public health workforce skill domains and specific workforce skills within each domain. Further information was asked to assess the level of training interest.



A Member of the Nation's Network of Public Health Training Centers

[Read Needs Assessment Report](#)

- **The Western Pacific Injury Prevention Network** began in 2011 as a result of a CDC-funded initiative for a Regional Network. Washington State was awarded the grant to convene Health and Human Services regions 9 and 10 and the US Affiliated Pacific Islands. Will Hitchcock, PhD, is the new Regional Network Leader Coordinator, responsible for the regional project by planning and providing facilitation to build capacity amongst membership. Membership is open to all injury and violence prevention state and territorial staff, injury control research centers and public and private sector injury prevention advocates within the region. We work collaboratively through shared leadership to exchange information and resources, share best practices, and strengthen the relationships of all members in order to build injury and violence prevention capacity across the network.



Western Pacific Injury Prevention Network

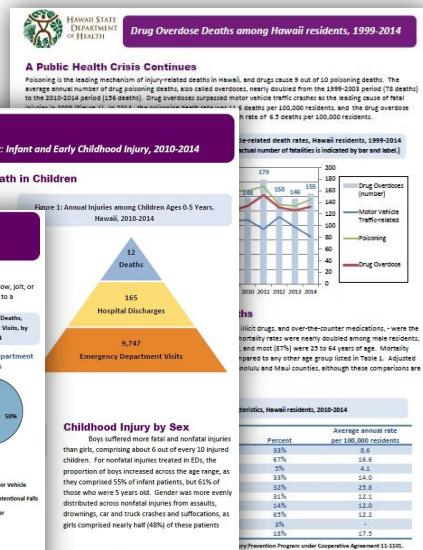
Will Hitchcock, PhD - WPIPN Regional Network Leader Coordinator, Washington State Department of Health, Will.Hitchcock@doh.wa.gov



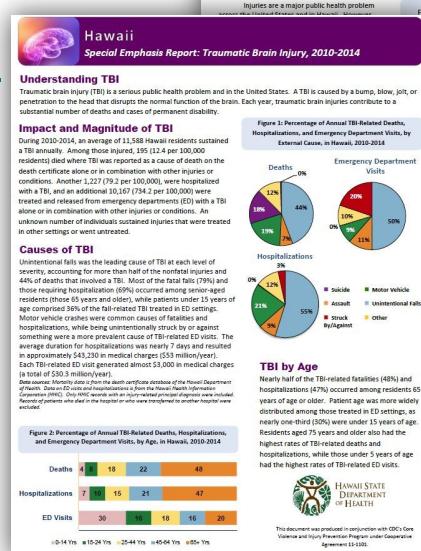
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- The **Hawai‘i State Injury Special Emphasis Reports** are publications by the [Hawai‘i Department of Health](#), [Emergency Medical Services](#) & [Injury Prevention System Branch](#), in cooperation with the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. These three reports highlight 1) drug overdoes deaths, 2) infant and early childhood injury, and 3) traumatic brain injury; findings and conclusions in these report are those of the Hawai‘i State Department of Health and do not necessarily represent the official position of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

1. Read Drug Overdose Deaths among Hawai'i residents, 1999-2014



2. Read Infant and Early Childhood Injury, 2010-2014



- The CDC published a new Policy Guide for State Health Department's: the [State Health Department's Role in the Policy Process: A Tool for State Health Department Injury and Violence Prevention Programs](#) to provide guidance to state health departments about their role in the policy process. The tool highlights the different types of policies, the stages of the policy process (shown in the image), and examples of policy-related activities states can undertake in each stage of the policy process.

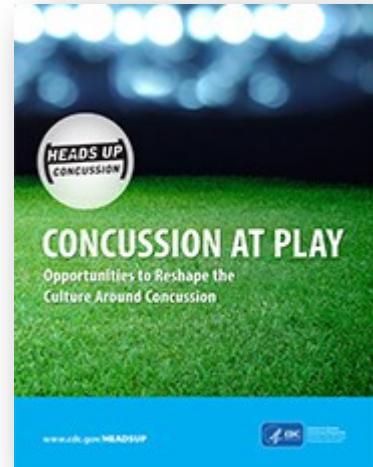
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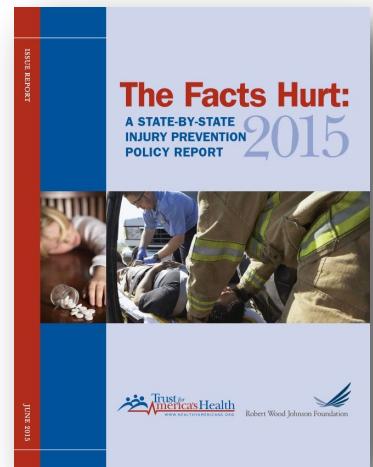
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- **Concussion at Play: Opportunities to Reshape the Culture Around Concussion.** This report provides a snapshot on the current concussion research pertaining to knowledge, awareness, attitudes and behaviors. This new report also describes opportunities to help build a culture in sports where athletes take steps to: lower their chances of getting a concussion, recognize concussion symptoms, and report concussion symptoms. This involves moving beyond our general concussion knowledge and changing the way we talk about and respond to concussion. This will empower athletes to not play with a concussion or hide their symptoms.



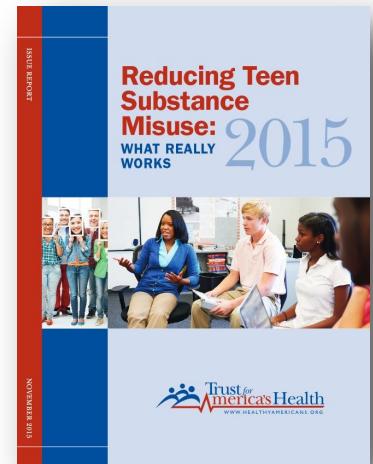
[View Concussion Information](#)

- **Trust for America's Health and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Injury Prevention Policy Report.** The Trust for America's Health (TFAH) and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) has released the second edition of *The Facts Hurt: A State-By-State Injury Prevention Policy Report*. TFAH and RWJF worked with experts from the Safe States Alliance and the Society for the Advancement of Violence and Injury Prevention (SAVIR) who provided guidance on the report.



[View Injury Prevention Policy Report](#)

- **Reducing Teen Substance Misuse: What Really Works**, including state-by-state youth drug overdose death rates and rankings, and a report card for how well states scored on 10 key indicators of leading evidence-based policies and programs that can improve the wellbeing of children and youth and have been connected with preventing and reducing substance - alcohol, tobacco or other drugs misuse.



[View Teen Substance Misuse Report](#)

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