

Kentucky Statewide Opioid Stewardship (KY SOS)

March Newsletter

Overdose Data 2 Action (OD2A) Quick News

OD2A has published a quick news newsletter. You can find information on a Recovery Housing grant opportunity, Drug-Free Communities Support Program, Fatal and Non-fatal injury data, webinar opportunity and more.

To access OD2A Quick News, please visit: <https://mailchi.mp/84e12dd57ccf/od2a-quick-news-11413773?e=e1fe803961>

You can subscribe to their quick news in the upper left corner of the link.

Opioid Stewardship Program Quickinar Series

This Opioid Stewardship Program Quickinar Series, created by HSAG, provides an action-based approach of tactics, strategies, and information needed to implement a successful Opioid Stewardship Program. Each quickinar in the series builds upon the previous session with many nationally recognized subject matter experts lending their expertise to the sessions. Attendees include staff from acute care inpatient departments, emergency departments, and post-acute care and are provided guidance on completing a gap assessment, identifying and implementing best practices, tracking progress, and accessing tools and resources. Sessions are recorded for on-demand viewing.

[View a 1 minute promo video for the March 10 session and register here.](#)

Four Kentucky Clinics Certified to Provide Integrated Primary and Behavioral Health Care Services

Kentucky selected among just 10 states to take part in Medicaid demonstration project aimed at caring for Kentuckians battling substance use or mental health disorders

Kentucky has certified four community mental health clinics to participate in a program designed to expand access to behavioral health care and medical services for any Kentuckian in need. The development is a significant step forward in efforts to expand behavioral services into Kentucky communities, ensuring greater accessibility for behavioral health services such as treatment for substance use and mental health disorders.

The newly certified clinics are part of a broader national program to demonstrate the effectiveness of a health care model for service delivery and payment. Kentucky was selected along with nine other states to operate a limited number of Certified Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) in an effort to expand access to mental health, substance use, and primary health

care services. As part of the demonstration, providers will receive an enhanced federal funding match for the treatment of Medicaid patients to incentivize utilization of the CCBHC program.

Governor Andy Beshear described the model as “a significant advancement in the delivery of behavioral health care in Kentucky.” He continued, “We have made tremendous progress in this state, but too often someone seeking care for issues such as depression, anxiety, and addiction are left to navigate complicated, frequently disjointed systems. These clinics bring behavioral and physical health services under one roof and tailor services to the needs of the individual. This gives us the ability to treat the whole person, prevent further complications, and improve health outcomes.”

CCBHCs must provide care regardless of an individual’s ability to pay, serving those who are on Medicaid, underserved, homeless, have low incomes, or are uninsured. Care is also ensured for those who are active-duty military or veterans.

The clinics, based in the Lexington, Louisville, Northern Kentucky, and Northeast Kentucky areas, are open and currently providing services to clients in 42 counties. For more information, individuals may contact agencies by phone or through their individual websites;

- Seven Counties Services: (502) 589-1100, <https://sevencounties.org>
- NorthKey : (859) 331-3292, <https://www.northkey.org/contact-us>
- New Vista: (800) 928-8000, <https://newvista.org>
- Pathways: (606) 324-1141, <https://www.pathways-ky.org/>

The four agencies listed above have been certified by the Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services. The commonwealth was selected for participation in the program by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Additional information on the CCBHC demonstration may be found at: <https://www.samhsa.gov/section-223>

Drug Czar Talks Drug Crisis during Kentucky Visit

State and federal leaders say they’re working to address the growing addiction crisis in Kentucky and the U.S.

Dr. Rahul Gupta, director of the U.S. Office of National Drug Control Policy under President Joe Biden, met with Republican U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell, state Republican Senate President Robert Stivers and others in Louisville Thursday to discuss the issue.

Gupta said the current crisis is being fueled by the highly powerful synthetic opioid fentanyl. A person dies every five minutes on average from substance use, he said.

[Full Article](#)

UNSHAME Kentucky

UNSHAME Kentucky is a statewide campaign to destigmatize opioid use disorder (OUD) by providing education on OUD-related topics and sharing stories of people in recovery. To find out more information on the campaign, get additional education on OUD or find events and resources, please visit <https://unshameky.org/>

Did You Know...?

KY SOS Advisory Committee members will come to your facility or schedule a zoom meeting for technical assistance. This opportunity allows your staff to get specific education on opioid best practices. If you have specific questions, reach out to KHA SOS staff and you'll be connected with the appropriate KY SOS Advisory Committee member.

Two Articles from CMS Health Equity Quarterly

- [Changes in Access to Medication Treatment During COVID-19 Telehealth Expansion and Disparities in Telehealth Use for Medicare Beneficiaries with Opioid Use Disorder](#) – This data highlight provides an overview of how access to medication treatment for people enrolled in Medicare Fee-For-Service with opioid use disorder changed amid COVID-19 telehealth expansion.
- [Access to Medications for Opioid Use Disorder \(MOUD\) Among Medicare Fee-for-Service Beneficiaries](#) – This data highlight describes sociodemographic and health condition characteristics among people enrolled in Medicare fee-for-service with opioid use disorder overall and by medications for treating opioid use disorder (MOUD) use status, before and after onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and implementation of the CARES Act.

Pharmacy Webinar Series by the Purchase Area Health Connections

The Purchase Area Health Connections has developed a **FREE** 4-part webinar series tailored to provide pharmacist with the necessary knowledge to better serve our community. Pharmacists across Kentucky assisted in identifying the health topics that will be discussed. Continuing Pharmacy Education opportunities are being pursued; updates regarding CEUs will be provided.

The first webinar in the Pharmacy Webinar Series will be March 31st at 12pm. Kristen Blankenbechler, the Director of Clinical Outreach from the Kentucky Pharmacy Education and Research Foundation, will explain ASAMs guidelines for the treatment of opioid use disorder and MAT.

DATE: March 31, 2022

TIME: 12:00 PM CST

REGISTRATION: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)
(https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YdHpcoDKQTiLDw4Ez5ID7A)

Data Update

KY SOS continues to encourage all facilities to submit their monthly data into KY Quality Counts (KQC). Please continue to report **monthly** data on both the process and outcomes measures. Education and the future of the program are based in part on the data reported. Areas of improvement and areas of success will be highlighted and emphasized as KY SOS continues. If you need assistance with data input or navigation of the KQC data collection system, please contact **Emily Henderson** (ehenderson@kyha.com) or **Melanie Moch** (mmoch@kyha.com).

The Happenings

Upcoming Events/Webinars

- KY SOS is not having a March webinar due to presenting at KHA's Annual Quality Conference on March 9 – 11, 2022 in Lexington. If you are interested in attending, please reach out to one of the KHA staff members for information.
- **KY SOS April Webinar** hosted by **Michael Muscarella, PT DPT LDE**, Baptist Health Paducah, and **Charlie Workman MSPT, MBA**, Baptist Health Lexington, will present an educational webinar on **April 20, 2:00 – 3:00 PM EST**. This webinar, entitled Choose PT, will focus on Physical Therapy services as an alternative to opioids for pain control and management. Calendar invites will be sent closer to date. Please share with your PT and OT departments too. CE is pending for medicine, pharmacy, nursing, PT and OT.

Zoom information

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87933414469?pwd=YkJSOjBpGUGN3KzVZN25NY0ZFL1U3QTO9>

Meeting ID: 879 3341 4469

Passcode: 2501

- **KY SOS May Webinar** hosted by **Doug Oyler, PharmD**, Director of the Office of Opioid Safety at the University of Kentucky, will present an educational webinar on **May 10, 11:00 – 12:00 PM EST**. This webinar is entitled, Experience with an Inpatient Multimodal Analgesic Order Set. Calendar invites will be sent closer to date. Share webinar information with colleagues. CE is pending for this webinar.

Zoom information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81705334093?pwd=MThDS0tDWGJmUEMwOFJPaFJmYnFEZz09>

Meeting ID: 817 0533 4093

Passcode: 2501

Additional Resources on KY SOS Website

- Find Help Now KY is a website used to assist individuals in the community find an addiction treatment facility. For more information, visit the website at www.findhelpnowky.org
- Kentucky Opioid Response Effort (KORE) has funded access to treatment and recovery for individuals who have a functional hearing loss and need effective communication. The guidelines can be found on the KY SOS website or click the link to be directed: <http://www.kentuckysos.com/Portals/2/Documents/KOREGuidelinesDeafHardofHearingAccessdoc.pdf>
- All other KY SOS resources can be found at <http://www.kentuckysos.com/Resources>

For more information, please visit www.kentuckysos.com or contact a KHA staff member to assist.

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Missed a webinar? All presentations are recorded and can be found under the events & education link.