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# APRIL

- **All month:**
  - Alcohol Awareness Month
  - Stress Awareness Month
  - Family Strengthening Month
- **Dates to note:**
  - **April 15:** SE AWY Q4 Regional Meeting

# APRIL REGIONAL MEETING

*We're looking forward to seeing you all in-person at our upcoming quarterly meeting!*

**Wednesday,  
April 15, 2026  
10am - 2pm**

**Greendale Hose Tower  
5699 Parking St.  
Greendale, WI 53129**

## ***Join us for...***

- Updates from State partners
- Navigating Change: A Sustainability Planning workshop
- Regional announcements
- Lunch, networking, and more!

## ***Details:***

- Lunch will be provided
- Free parking on-site
- Bring your coalition's guiding documents (or a laptop to access them)

RSVP for the meeting  
[using this link](#)  
by **Tuesday, April 7.**

Please ensure at least one member of your coalition is in attendance to meet AWY membership requirements.

# TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

APRIL 2026

## Tools

### National Prevention Week is May 10 - 16, 2026

- Keep an eye on [SAMHSA's page](#) for resources

### Annual Teaching Cannabis Awareness and Prevention Conference

- April 22 - 23, 2026 (virtual)
  - While we've maxed out our funding, registration remains open!
- **Can't attend but still interested in the learning?**
  - We've got you covered: [complete this form by April 24](#) to request information from specific sessions or content areas.

# SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, May 28, 2026  
9am - 12pm

Join us for a training by the Tall Cop, Jermaine Galloway, to learn about substance use trends and availability in Milwaukee.

Location to be announced with registration, coming soon!



# LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

## MENTAL HEALTH ACROSS THE LIFESPAN

APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2026  
9:00-11:00AM

**GREENDALE  
HISTORIC HOSE TOWER**  
5699 PARKING ST., GREENDALE,  
WI 53129

### BE PART OF THE DISCUSSION

- A community forum focused on strengthening mental health supports across the lifespan.
- Open to residents, educators, healthcare professionals, and community partners.
- Legislators are invited as special guests to hear and engage with community perspectives.

### SPECIAL GUESTS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE:



Rep. Bob Donovan



Sen. Van Wangaard



Greendale Board of  
Education - President  
Rob Kobleska



MKE Co. Mental Health  
Board - Chairwoman  
Mary Neubauer

Please Register By:  
**Monday, April 20th**  
Registration is required.

Contact:  
communityalliancehcgd@gmail.com,  
with questions.



Scan the  
QR code to  
register.

Hosted by the Oak Creek Health Department, Healthiest Oak Creek Coalition, and Alliance for Wisconsin Youth

# Legislative Breakfast Monday, May 4 from 9-10am at the Oak Creek Civic Center Multi-Purpose Room

8040 S 6<sup>th</sup> St., Oak Creek

Enjoy a light breakfast as local leaders share their priorities on substance use and mental health. This session will showcase recent public input on these topics and conclude with an opportunity for Q&A.



Senator Larson



Rep. Rodriguez



Mayor Bukiewicz

**Registration  
Required**

Scan the QR code  
or call 414-766-7950



[go.ocwi.org/LegislativeBreakfast](https://go.ocwi.org/LegislativeBreakfast)

Financial assistance for transportation to the event may be available.  
Call 414-766-7950 for more information.



# Prevention in Practice: Community Leadership Breakfast

Hosted by the Jefferson County Drug Free Coalition

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**TUESDAY | MAY 5, 2026 | 7:30AM**

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**Watertown Fire Department Conference Room  
621 Bernard St, Watertown, WI 53094**

7:00am - Breakfast, Meet & Greet

7:30am - Welcoming Remarks

7:40am - History of JCDFC

7:50am - Community Partner Collaboration

8:40am - Table Discussion & Summary

9:30am - Adjourn



**RSVP required**

Questions: [vleaders@jeffersoncountywi.gov](mailto:vleaders@jeffersoncountywi.gov)



# APRIL TRAININGS



Click title  
for  
registration

**April 15, 10 - 11:30am**

[Substance Use Prevention in Rural & Frontier Communities](#)

**April 15, 11am - 12:30pm**

[Sustaining Prevention Programs: Demonstrating Impact to Strengthen Funding & Community Support \(Part 1\)](#)

**April 16, 10am - 11:30am**

[How to Plan for Anything \(Really\): Solutions for Unexpected Changes](#)

**April 22, 10am - 11:30am**

[From Custody to Community: Substance Use in Correctional Facilities Through a Global Lens](#)

**April 23, 11am - 12:30pm**

[Sustaining Prevention Programs: Demonstrating Impact to Strengthen Funding & Community Support \(Part 2\)](#)

**April 29, 9 - 10:30am**

[Medetomidine: An Emerging Adulterant Reshaping Toxicity and Withdrawal Management](#)

**April 29, 12 - 1:30pm**

[Say It So They Hear It: CLEAR in Action](#)

**April 30, 12 - 1:30pm**

[Stronger Together - Building Powerful Prevention Partnerships: A Dynamic Panel Webinar for Substance Use Prevention Professionals](#)

# IN THE NEWS



## ***Awareness of Alcohol-Cancer Link Holds Steady Despite Omission in New U.S. Dietary Guidelines***

In case you missed it, [new dietary guidelines](#) were released by the USDA in January. One month later, the Annenberg Public Policy Institute conducted a survey measuring people's knowledge around alcohol and health.

**Click the title link to see their findings.**



## ***What are nixodine vapes?***

**New product alert!**



Learn more using the title link, and check out additional product overviews through the UW-Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention's [Product Watch page](#).



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## SE Region Quarterly Meeting Schedule

*Save the following dates for our 2026-2027 quarterly meetings:*

- July 15, 2026 (virtual)
- October 21, 2026 (in-person)
- January 20, 2027 (virtual)
- April 21, 2027 (in-person)

*All meetings - except April - will be held from 11:30am - 1pm.*

***Do you have an event or request for support  
to share with other coalitions?***

Email Kat - [kbecker@communityadvocates.net](mailto:kbecker@communityadvocates.net) to see whether we can feature it in an upcoming newsletter!