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# March

- **All month:**
  - Women's History Month
  - Problem Gambling Awareness Month
- **Dates to note:**
  - **March 6:** Black Balloon Day
  - **March 10 - 12:** SE Region SUPST Training
  - **March 31:** Transgender Day of Visibility

# FUNDING UPDATES



## *State Opioid Response*

**ALMOST THERE!!!**

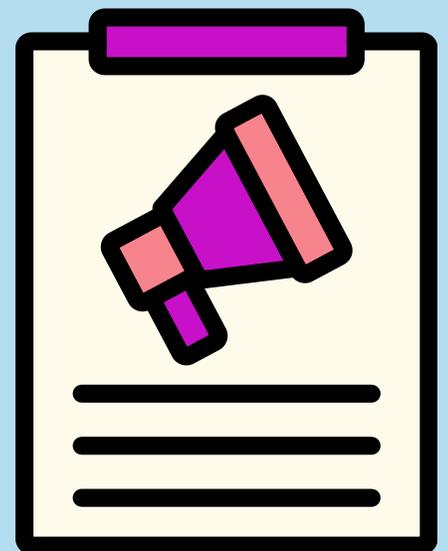
Most grantees have moved on to the contracting process!

Please review your inboxes for communication regarding contracts and reimbursement guidance.

## *Mini-Grants*

Our April meeting is just around the corner, and we're looking forward to hearing from our mini-grant recipients.

Don't stress - we do not need a formal report! Please come prepared to provide an overview of your project, updates, and any requests for support.



# 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

MARCH 2026

## Tools

### What's In Our Hemp?

-  Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reporter, Gina Castro, recently published six stories after looking into the contents of hemp-derived THC products.
- **What does your community think of these findings?**  
Reach out to Kat if you'd like support in building a community discussion around this topic!

## Coalition Support

### Wisconsin Substance Use Summit

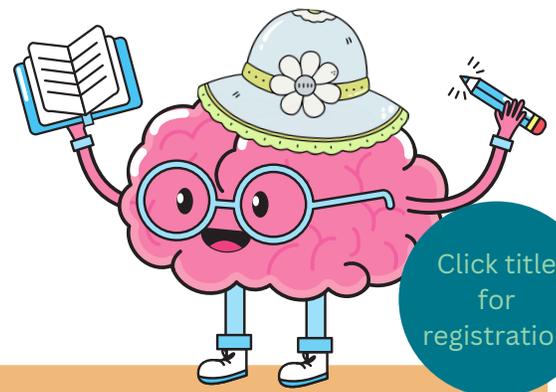
- August 5 - 6, 2026 (Green Bay, WI)
  - Preconference activities to occur August 3-4 for an extra fee.
- We have some funding to cover registration and/or lodging costs for coalition members.
  - Please complete this form to indicate interest in sponsorship! Additional communication to follow.

## Upcoming

### 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.

# MARCH TRAININGS



**March 4, 2 - 3pm**

Prevention Across the Lifespan Series: Promoting Healthy Relationships with Children, Youth and Young Adults

**March 11, 10 - 11:30am**

Logic Models: How to Use the Data

**March 12, 11:45am - 1:15pm**

Tall Cop Says Stop - High In Plain Sight: Current Alcohol, Drug and Concealment Trends and Identifiers

**March 12, 11am - 12:30pm**

One Counter, Many Solutions: Collaborative Approaches to Co-Dispensing Opioid Safety Kits in the Pharmacy Setting

**March 19, 10 - 11am**

Strategic Planning: Short, Intermediate & Long-term Goals

**March 24, 1 - 3pm**

Letting Go of What Doesn't Work: Moving Communities Toward Effective Prevention

**March 25, 12 - 1pm**

Teens, Trends & Turning Points: Exploring Emerging Topics in Youth Substance Use

**March 26, 10 - 11:30am**

Making the Case for Prevention: Crafting Effective Messages That Build Support

# IN THE NEWS



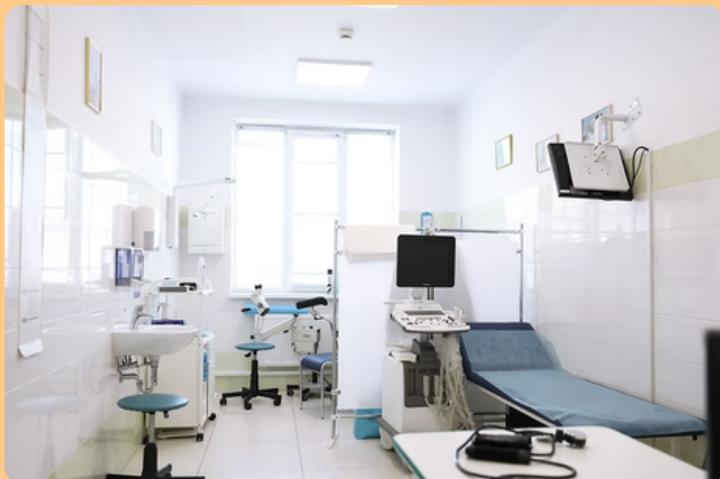
## **Governor Evers Joins the Hemp Conversation**

Governor Evers sent a letter to the State's Congressional delegation on February 27 expressing concern for the economic impacts of the upcoming federal hemp ban.

[Read Evers' comments and associated coverage.](#)



## **Methadone Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder has Increased, but Access Gaps Persist**



How well does the United States get medications for opioid use disorder into the hands of those who need them?

Well, we've made significant progress, but there's a long way to go. Click the link in the title to read more from the Addiction Policy Forum.

# 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!