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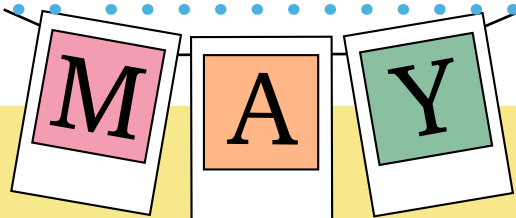
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## Important Dates

- **All month:**

- Mental Health Awareness Month
- Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

- **Dates to note:**

- **May 11th-17<sup>th</sup>:** National Prevention Week
- **May 26<sup>th</sup>:** Memorial Day - RPC closed for holiday

# FUNDING UPDATES



## *Opioid Settlement Funds*

### Applications are open!

Each coalition can apply for up to \$5,252 to implement the allowable strategies, with additional funding available depending on the application pool.

Review the [funding announcement](#) and submit the brief application form **by 5:00pm on Thursday, May 15th.**



## *Opportunity for Funding: Legislative Discussions*



We still have some funds available to support coalitions in **hosting community conversations with legislators** on substance use and mental health.

These events must be open to the public and held before June 15th, 2025.

Interested in doing something like this in your community or want to learn more?

Email Kat and let us help you with the logistics!

# ANTI-STIGMA INSTITUTE



**Kat had the privilege of attending the Spring 2025 Anti-Stigma Institute, hosted by the Addiction Policy Forum!**

This two-day event brought together professionals and community leaders dedicated to addressing and reducing the stigma associated with substance use disorders (SUDs).

As mentioned at our April meeting, we're now able to offer coalitions the two evidence-based, anti-stigma trainings outlined below:

## **enCompass**

enCompass is an interactive, multidisciplinary, 8-hour training program that teaches participants about the science of addiction and equips them with the knowledge and tools to understand and address substance use disorders.

***Informational one-pager  
linked [here](#)***

## **Responding to Addiction**

Responding to Addiction was developed by the Addiction Policy Forum to increase knowledge about addiction, improve helping behaviors toward individuals with substance use disorders, correct misconceptions about addiction, and reduce stigma in communities.

***Informational one-pager  
linked [here](#)***

The Anti-Stigma Institute will be held again in Washington DC,  
September 29-30, 2025 - Registration is open now!  
Connect with Kat if you're interested in learning more about the  
Institute or training shared above!

# MAY TRAININGS



Click title  
for  
registration

**May 15th, 11am - 12pm**

Introduction to a Comprehensive Community  
Needs Assessment in Prevention

**May 15th, 10:30am - 12pm**

Smart & Sustainable: Social Media Tactics  
for Prevention Professionals

**May 19th, 10 - 11am**

Understanding Addiction and Recovery:  
Information for Family, Friends, and Caregivers

**May 20th, 12:30pm - 2pm**

Leveraging Youth-Adult Relationships to  
Promote Social Responsibility and Civic Action

**May 22nd, 12 - 1pm**

A Fresh Look at the Strategic Prevention Framework: Community-  
Centered Prevention in Action Session 1: Rethinking Assessment

**May 29th, 10am - 1pm**

Implementation 101: Navigating Step 4 of  
the Strategic Prevention Framework

**May 29th, 10am - 11:30am**

Conflict to Connection: Create the Conditions for Healthy Disagreement

**May 29th, 12 - 1pm**

A Fresh Look at the SPF: Community-Centered Prevention in Action  
Session 2: Building Capacity with Connection

# IN THE NEWS



## Health Equity Policy Hub

HealthBegins has launched The Health Equity Policy Hub to support communities in staying up-to-date with policies coming out of the executive branch.

*From HealthBegins:*

“In the midst of this confusion, many in our community of health equity champions are looking for support to navigate potentially harmful policies, and to sustain and advance programs, policies, and institutional actions for health equity. This is where the Hub comes in.”



## National Ave. neighbors might have started a movement to reduce single-serve alcohol sales

Check out the power of community and how a shared concern over littering opened conversations for neighbors to form a multi-sector plan of action.



"I'm hoping it will make a difference," Kuschel said. "I think this idea is something outside-the-box to work together with our businesses to have a more thriving neighborhood."

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## **SE Region Quarterly Meeting Schedule**

*Save the following dates for our 2025-2026 quarterly meetings from 11:30am - 1pm:*

- July 16, 2025 - virtual
- October 15, 2025 - in-person
- January 14, 2026 - virtual
- April 15, 2026 - in-person

## **Mini-grant funded coalitions**

- This month will wrap up your grant period! Please submit reimbursement requests and keep an eye out for reporting requirements.

## **SOR funded coalitions**

- Please continue to submit reimbursement requests for expenses on a monthly basis to Hannah - [hlepper@communityadvocates.net](mailto:hlepper@communityadvocates.net)

If anyone has suggestions or things they want to see included in the newsletter please feel free to email me!