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21st Century Cures Act

The Act expands access to treatment and prevention

Last week, President Obama signed into law the 21st Century Cures Act that includes \$1 billion over two years for grants to States to comprehensively tackle the opioid crisis. The bill will expand access to prevention, treatment, Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs, and prescriber training. The Act also reauthorizes the Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking (STOP) Act and other smaller bills that focus on safe communities, mental health and criminal justice.

For more information on the State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis Grants that resulted from this Act, check out the [STR grant announcement](#) from SAMHSA.

DEA Creates New Code for Marijuana

The new code allows better tracking of marijuana extracts

In the December 14 edition of the Federal Register, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) announced new rules that creates a new Administration Controlled Substances Code Number for "Marihuana Extract". According to the Federal Register, the new code will allow "DEA and DEA-registered entities to track quantities of this material separately

from quantities of marijuana." Previously, the DEA's code numbers tracked marijuana and tetrahydrocannabinols (THC) but not for marijuana extract.

Under the United Nation's international drug treaties, differing regulatory controls exist pertaining to marijuana extracts, THC, and marijuana. The new administrative code aids the DEA in compliance with international treaties.

[Click here for the
Federal Register Rule](#)

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

[Kootenai County Substance Abuse Council](#)



Left:Monte Stiles Presentation, Top Right: BetheParents underage drinking campaign, Bottom Right: Marijuana social norm campaign

Contributed by Jessica Godderz, Program Coordinator

With the Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG) funds the Kootenai County Substance Abuse Council (KCSAC) has been able to make a significant impact in substance abuse prevention in North Idaho. The Council has brought back the quarterly Lunch and Learn training that were offered years ago to the North Idaho community. These Lunch and Learn training sessions focus on substance abuse prevention and education.

In September, the Council kicked off the first training by bringing in

Monte Stiles to present on "Why Drug Prevention Works." KCSAC just recently had their second training that had almost 90 people in attendance. The December event was on "Street Drugs and Drug Trends," presented by Lt. Sam Ketchum. They have two more events scheduled for March 10: Drugs, Alcohol and Social Media and June 9: Impaired Driving.

In addition to the Lunch and Learn sessions, KCSAC has increased substance abuse prevention awareness in their community through the use of social media and a billboard campaign. The billboard campaign includes using the Be The Parents marketing messages as well as the billboard messages designed by the Community Coalitions of Idaho. The Council has increased their social media presence with a social media campaign that provides followers with news updates and information on substance abuse and prevention. The Council has used a lot of the marketing messages and images provided by the Be the Parents Campaign in their social media campaign.

"We are very excited to see the impact both our Lunch and Learn trainings and media campaigns are having on the community," said Jessica Godderz, Program Coordinator. "Since we have brought back these Lunch and Learn trainings we have realized the huge need in our community for education on substance abuse and prevention. The feedback we have received is that this was much needed and our community wants more of it. We have seen an increase in attendance at each event because the word is getting out that these are being offered again."

Drug Trends

Synthetic marijuana causes "zombie outbreak"

Earlier this year, a synthetic cannabinoid with the street name "AK-47 24 Karat Gold", was responsible for what witnesses called a "zombie outbreak" in New York. Patients under the influence of the drug were suffering from central nervous system depressant symptoms. One medical report stated, "One patient had a blank stare and was sweating,

though his heart sounds were normal. His movements were slow and mechanical, and he had intermittent periods of 'zombielike' groaning".

Researchers determined the culprit was synthetic marijuana known as AMB-FUBINACA, and was developed by a pharmaceutical company in 2009 as a potential pain medication. Roy Gerona, PhD, and colleagues at the University of California San Francisco reported that the drug is "85 times as potent as the THC found in marijuana and 50 times as potent as the active ingredients found in the synthetic cannabinoid products K2 and spice" (in Fiore, December 14, 2016).

For more information, check out the following articles:

CNN: ['Fake pot' Causing Zombielike effects is 85 times more potent than Marijuana](#)

Medpage Today: [Potent Cannabinoid Culprit in NY 'Zombie' Outbreak](#)

The Idaho Office of Drug Policy leads Idaho's substance abuse policy and prevention efforts by developing and implementing strategic action plans and collaborative partnerships to reduce drug use and related crime, thereby improving the health and safety of all Idahoans.



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