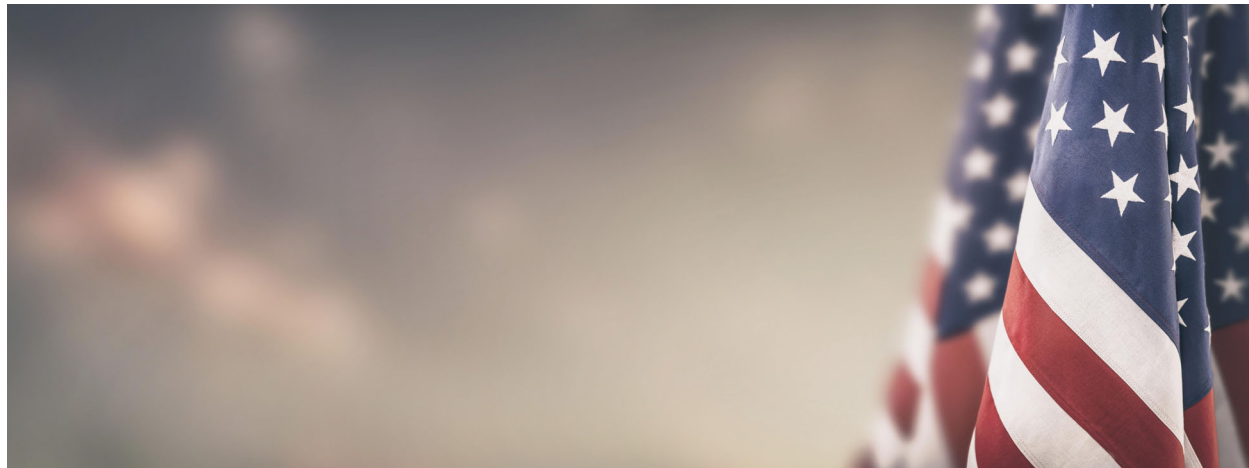


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NATIONAL

The American Society of Addiction Medicine Congratulates President-Elect Joe Biden and Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris

On November 9, ASAM congratulated President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris on their projected historic victory and expressed ASAM's readiness to work with them and Congress to confront COVID-19 and addiction.

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ASAM Applauds Introduction of the Methamphetamine Response Act

On October 14, ASAM sent a letter to Senators Diane Feinstein (D-CA) and Chuck Grassley (R-IA) thanking them for their introduction of S. 4612, the Methamphetamine Response Act, which would declare methamphetamine an emerging drug threat.

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ASAM Issues New Public Policy Statement on Cannabis

On October 13, ASAM released new policy recommendations to protect public health and mitigate the risks of cannabis use.

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ASAM Public Policy Committee Seeking Applications

ASAM's Public Policy Committee (PPC) is seeking new members to help write and review ASAM [Public Policy Statements](#). The solicitation for new members is open from **October 26, 2020 – November 30, 2020**.

[Apply Here](#)

STATE

ORSAM Applauds Oregon Governor Kate Brown for Considering Increased Wine and Beer Taxes

On November 3, the Oregon Society of Addiction Medicine (ORSAM), Oregon Recovers, and nine other organizations sent a letter to Governor Kate Brown in support of raising beer and wine taxes and using that revenue to make significant investments in addiction prevention, treatment and recovery services.

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ASAM Releases State Brief on MAT in Correctional Settings

ASAM has released a state brief to empower clinicians and other stakeholders to advocate for improved access to medications for addiction treatment in correctional settings in their state.

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HAPPENINGS ON THE GROUND

**LOOKING TO HIRE
CLINICIANS TO SERVE IN
YOUR RURAL COMMUNITY?**

**REGISTER FOR THE
VIRTUAL JOB FAIR
FOR RURAL SITES**

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18
6:45 P.M.-10:15 P.M. ET**

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Health Resources & Services Administration

HRSA Virtual Job Fair for Rural Communities

In celebration of National Rural Health Day, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is hosting a Virtual Job Fair for Rural Communities on Wednesday, November 18 from 6:45 to 10:30 pm ET. For more information and to register visit [HRSA Virtual Job Fairs](#).

What's Next for Telehealth: Sustaining and Expanding Access After COVID-19 Webinar

On November 13, the Bipartisan Policy Center will host a webinar discussion with Sen. Angus King (I-ME), Maine health care providers, and BPC experts on the benefits of telehealth during the pandemic and what things look like for the future of telehealth in Maine and throughout the country.

[Register Here](#)

ADVOCACY MEMBER VOICES

Coronavirus Pandemic Causes Rise in Drug Overdose Deaths, Preliminary CDC Data Shows

ASAM president, Dr. Paul Earley, highlights the impact of COVID-19 on those suffering with substance use disorder.

How Addiction Treatment Prepared One Woman To Face The Pandemic Head On

ASAM president, Dr. Paul Earley, discusses a new online [Addiction Treatment Needs Assessment](#).

ADDICTION POLICY IN THE NEWS



Will Supreme Court Invalidate Obamacare A Decade After It Was Enacted?

Nina Totenberg, National Public Radio

1 in 3 Americans Now Lives in a State Where Recreational Marijuana is Legal

Natalie Fertig and Mona Zhang, Politico

Oregon Becomes 1st State in the US to Decriminalize Drug Possession

Amelia Templeton, Oregon Public Broadcasting

Federal Court Orders UnitedHealth To Fix 67,000 Behavioral Health Denials

Graison Dangor, Forbes

The American Opioid Epidemic in Special Populations: Five Examples

Blanco, et al., National Academy of Medicine

Governor Wolf Signs Bills to Expand Clean Slate Law, Support Sexual Assault Survivors, Mental Health Parity and Veterans, Among Other Bills

Bucks Local News

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The [Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training \(BHWET\) Program for Professionals](#) application is now open. Interested accredited programs, including Institutions of higher education or professional training programs that focus on mental health, Doctoral, internship, and postdoctoral programs of health service psychology, and Master's and doctoral degree programs of social work, are encouraged to read the [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) to learn more about the eligibility requirements. The application cycle will close on January 21, 2021.

For more information, read the [HRSA announcement](#).



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