BUILDING a ROAD to RESILIENCE

Join us in shaping an effective response to substance misuse.

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The **global impact** of substance misuse and addiction is deadly. And the costs, both emotional and financial, are staggering.

In the United States, substance misuse and addiction end thousands of lives each year, and more than **$820 billion** are lost in workplace productivity, health care expenses, and crime-related costs.

We need to do all we can to reduce the devastating impact of substance misuse on **our loved ones, our friends, our communities, and ourselves.**

**SUBSTANCE MISUSE IS JUST A SYMPTOM.**
### CHALLENGE

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<td>Over 20 million American adults report having a substance use disorder in the past year.</td>
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<td>More than 88,000 people die from an alcohol-related death each year.</td>
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<td>Nearly 130 people die every day from an opioid overdose.</td>
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WE HAVE TO **SOLVE THE UNDERLYING PROBLEMS** SO PEOPLE DON’T FEEL LIKE SUBSTANCE MISUSE IS THE ONLY ANSWER.
The Role of PREVENTION

Prevention lets us *intervene* before substance use disorders develop.

Investing in *effective prevention programs* as part of a full-scale public health response can help individuals and communities reduce costs associated with substance use disorders.

Prevention programs:

- **Address the root causes** of substance misuse, such as trauma, mental illness, over-prescribing, and harmful social norms
- **Help adolescents and young adults** develop the skills they need to make healthy choices and decisions
- **Break the cycle of intergenerational addiction** through treatment, recovery supports, and prevention services
At Education Development Center, we are committed to building a strong, well-prepared prevention workforce able to address this complex problem. Our work includes:

- Designing trainings that help practitioners address current and emerging problems
- Working with communities to develop comprehensive and coordinated action plans
- Disseminating research to policymakers to guide them in making informed decisions
- Equipping schools to address the social-emotional needs of their students
- Developing programs and practices that reflect the latest findings about what works and reach those populations at greatest risk

FOR OVER 30 YEARS, EDC HAS BEEN A LEADER IN SHAPING INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO SUBSTANCE MISUSE PREVENTION.
JOIN EDC IN PREVENTING SUBSTANCE MISUSE

DONATE:
Break the worldwide cycle of substance misuse.
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Sponsor a prevention training in your community.
In-person and online workshops prepare practitioners to tackle today’s complex prevention problems.
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Tools and stories showcase effective prevention efforts nationwide.
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Learn more about the connections between substance misuse and suicide.
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Our partners include federal, state, and local agencies, private philanthropies, foundations, nongovernmental organizations, and industry executives.

600 COMMUNITIES
Intensive EDC training and consultation helped over 600 schools and communities develop and evaluate innovative prevention interventions.

300 FEDERAL BRIEFINGS
EDC briefings for the White House, Office of the Surgeon General, and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration have played a critical role in shaping national drug prevention policy.

FOSTERING INNOVATION

SHAPING POLICY

COMMUNITIES

FEDERAL BRIEFINGS
Contact us for support as you develop and implement your own substance misuse prevention program.

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