

A photograph of a woman and a young girl sitting on swings in a park. The woman, on the left, is wearing a black t-shirt and blue jeans, smiling and looking towards the girl. The girl, on the right, is wearing a pink and white patterned t-shirt and shorts, looking down. A dog is visible in the background behind the woman. The background is a lush green park with trees and bushes.

BUILDING a ROAD to RESILIENCE

Join us in shaping an **effective response**
to substance misuse.

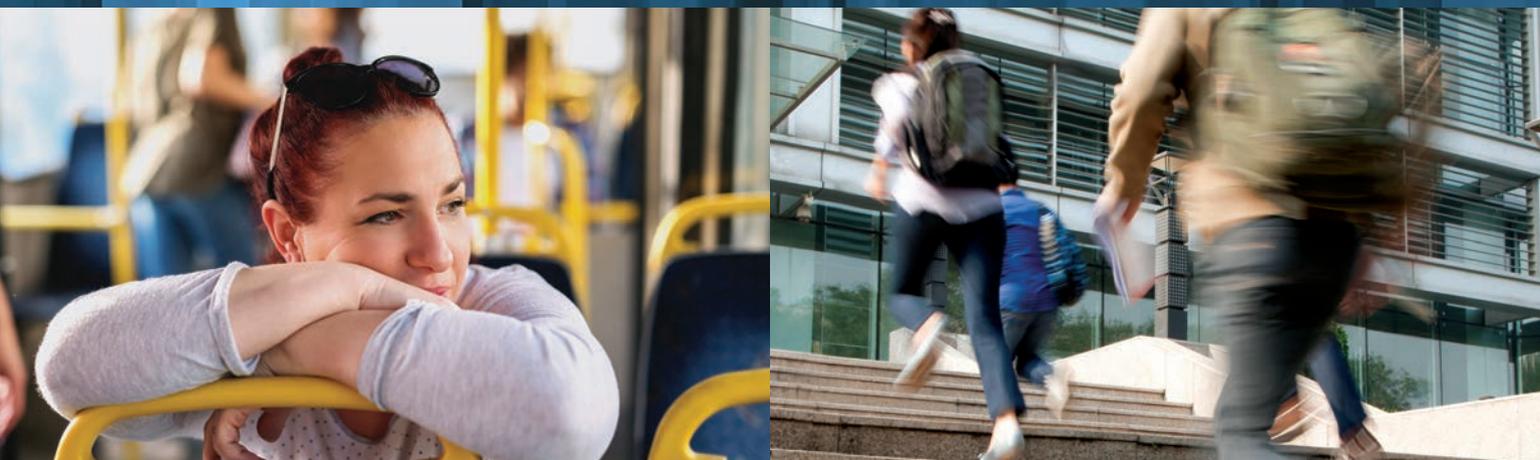
The **global impact** of substance misuse and addiction is deadly. And the costs, both emotional and financial, are staggering.

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.**

SOURCES: NDIC (Above); CDC, SAMHSA, 2018 (Right)

SUBSTANCE MISUSE IS
JUST A **SYMPTOM.**



CHALLENGE

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Over 20 million American adults report having a substance use disorder in the past year.

88,000

More than 88,000 people die from an alcohol-related death each year.

130/day

Nearly 130 people die every day from an opioid overdose.



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
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Knowledge **TO ACT**

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.



EDC IMPACT



**BUILDING KNOWLEDGE
AND SKILLS**

75,000

PRACTITIONERS AND POLICYMAKERS

EDC reached more than 75,000 professionals working to implement effective prevention strategies.



**PROFESSIONALIZING
THE WORKFORCE**

39

U.S. STATES

Across the United States, 39 states have formally adopted EDC's Substance Abuse Prevention Skills Training as their foundational behavioral health workforce curriculum.

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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**FOSTERING
INNOVATION**



**SHAPING
POLICY**

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.

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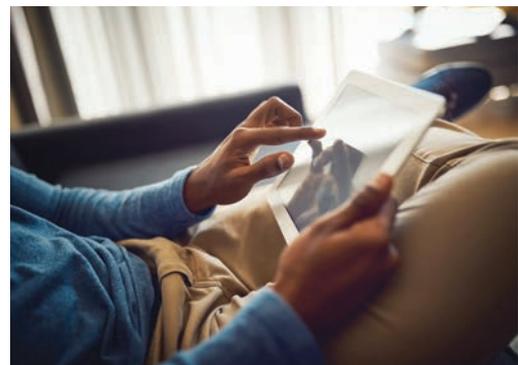
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Visit the Suicide Prevention Resource Center.

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.



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

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