

# NEWSLETTER

HISTORIC TRIANGLE DRUG PREVENTION COALITION

## NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

### ABOUT RECOVERY MONTH

Recovery Month is observed annually to promote and support new evidence-based treatment and recovery practices, the strong recovery community, and the dedicated service providers making recovery possible. People experience feelings of stigma when others mistreat them because of a behavior, characteristic, or trait. Stigma, whether caused by bias, purposeful exclusion, or a lack of understanding is harmful.

People seeking treatment for opioid use disorder may find that some healthcare professionals won't prescribe medication for treatment, despite there being effective medications for opioid use disorder. Stigma can also stop someone from sharing their health condition with partners or family members. It may also prevent them from seeking the health or behavioral health services and support services.

Download  
SAMHSA's  
National  
Recovery  
Month  
Toolkit [Here!](#)

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

## PREVENTION & EDUCATION

The **BJ Roberts Behavioral Health Center** in Hampton is accepting referrals and conducting admissions from **8am to 4pm**, daily, and are providing services 24/7. Referrals can be made via telephone at **757-788-0800** (or fax 757.251.1215) to speak with a program nurse; or 757-788-0895 to reach the [Program Manager, Centierra Boyd](#).

All referrals sources should call the program prior to submitting referrals via fax. The 23Hr. Crisis program is a community-based, non-hospital program that provides short term assessment, observation, and crisis stabilization services to all referrals for up to 23 hours. The program will offer up to 16 recliners; 5 of which may be flexed with our Crisis Intervention Team Assessment Center (CITAC) based on changing needs. The program is for individuals that require a safe environment for observation and initial intervention.

## POLICY & LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

On July 24, 2025 an [Executive Order](#) signed by the President of the United States stated that to "ensure that discretionary grants issued by SAMHSA for substance use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery fund evidence-based programs and do not fund programs that fail to achieve adequate outcomes, including so-called **“harm reduction”** or **“safe consumption”** efforts that only facilitate illegal drug use and its attendant harm;". Thus, SAMHSA funds can no longer be used to support poorly defined so-called **“harm reduction”** activities. For more information from SAMHSA [click here](#).

## YOUTH & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

The Youth and Family Engagement Committee will meet virtually on Wednesday, September 17th. This committee has standing meetings **every third Wednesday of the month** from **10:30a-12p**. Please contact [Justene Kmetz](#) or [Jan Brown](#) for details.

According to the 2023 National Survey On Drug Use and Health, 73% of youth in Virginia, ages 12 to 17, have not engaged in any type of illicit substance use, including alcohol, nicotine, and marijuana, in the past year.

September is also Suicide Prevention Month. With one conversation, asking someone how they're really doing — and being ready to truly listen — can save lives. No one has to face this alone. And all it can take is for one person to start a conversation. Text 988 for the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.

## TRAUMA & RESILIENCY

The Trauma & Resiliency Committee had their first virtual meeting on Wednesday, August 20th! The Committee will be focusing on:

- 1) Defining what trauma and resilience mean for the Historic Triangle;
- 2) Support the community and the workforce in how to respond to traumatic experiences.
- 3) Effectively share current resources, training, and presentations that are best for the community and the workforce.

The next virtual meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 23rd at 9am. Please contact Committee Chairs, [Lynette Diaz](#) or [Michelle Justiniano](#) for more information!



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## COMMUNITY CORNER

[Click here](#) to checkout the all new Community Calendar on the HTDPC website! This is where all community outreach events can be found. These events are not limited to HTDPC member organizations as long as they align with our mission and purpose. Contact Joi Tramuel, HTDPC Coordinator, at [jtramuel@colonialbh.org](mailto:jtramuel@colonialbh.org) for details.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The [Mikey's Camp for KIDZ'NGRIEF](#) program supported by Bon Secours is now accepting applications and looking for volunteers. This is a free weekend-long camp for children ages 7 to seniors in high school explore the normal process of grieving where they are free to express themselves to be heard, valued, and supported. This camp is staffed by professional grief facilitators and trained volunteers. Camp space is limited, but if you are interested please contact the Bereavement and Volunteer Coordinator, Ariane Walter at (757) 947-3420 or [ariane\\_walter@bshsi.org](mailto:ariane_walter@bshsi.org)

Please reach out to our coordinator at least 2-3 weeks in advance if you would like the HTDPC to promote or participate in your community event. This way we can reach out to HTDPC members to find out who may be interested in participating and schedule ourselves accordingly. Thank you!

## Upcoming Events

### Together: Family Recovery Free Movie Screening

**September 17, 2025 | 6pm**

Regal - New Town

4911 Courthouse St.

Williamsburg, VA 23188

**September 25, 2025 | 6pm**

Regal - Kiln Creek

100 Regal Way

Newport News, VA 23602

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