

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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NATIONAL PREVENTION *we* **EK**
A CELEBRATION OF POSSIBILITY

SAVE THE DATE

MAY 12-18, 2024

REAA Outreach: Save the Date May 12-18, 2024 National Prevention Week Grand Rapids
officially recognizes Prevention Week with the signing of proclamation



City of Grand Rapids, Michigan

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

ROSALYNN C. BLISS
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Rapids is committed to enhancing access to public mental health and substance use recovery services for all residents, and acknowledges the vital contributions of Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Psychologists, Psychiatrists, Mental Health Specialists, and Recovery Support Professionals; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, 25% of adults live with mental illness, 46 million individuals have a substance use, and one out of six youth experience a mental health disorder every year; and

WHEREAS, Mental Health and Recovery Support Professionals play a pivotal role in helping individuals achieve better outcomes, reduce health disparities, and realize their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Prevention Week, established by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), serves as a national platform to recognize the efforts of Mental Health and Recovery Support Professionals, emphasizing the significance of positive mental health and substance misuse prevention; and

WHEREAS, the theme of this year's National Prevention Week, "A Celebration of Possibilities," aims to raise awareness about substance misuse and mental health issues, highlight the effectiveness of evidence-based prevention programs, foster collaboration with federal agencies and national organizations dedicated to improving public health, and promote the dissemination of quality substance misuse prevention and mental health promotion resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rosalynn Bliss, Mayor of Grand Rapids, do hereby proclaim May 12 – 18, 2024, as Prevention Week and encourage all residents to recognize this week that reaffirms our dedication to fostering positive mental health and preventing substance misuse, and honoring the dedicated professionals who support and promote the wellbeing and recovery individuals and communities.



Rosalynn Bliss

Rosalynn Bliss, Grand Rapids Mayor, has proclaimed Prevention Week locally. [Email](#) to request your copy of the proclamation. We invite you to share your #MyPreventionStory on social media and download the SAMHSA [planning toolkit](#).

As National [Prevention Week](#) approaches, REA Analytics is taking the opportunity to recognizing the initiatives of organizations in our community and nationwide to prevent substance use and promote mental health and well-being. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), established National Prevention Week as platform to recognize the efforts of Mental Health and Recovery Support Professionals, emphasizing the significance of positive mental health and substance misuse prevention.

About Prevention Week

Prevention Week is celebrated every year in May.

The three primary goals of **National Prevention Week** are to:

- Involve **communities** in raising awareness of substance use and mental health issues and in implementing prevention strategies, and showcasing effectiveness of evidence-based prevention programs
- Foster **partnerships and collaborations** with federal agencies and national organizations dedicated to improving public health
- Promote and disseminate quality **substance use prevention** and **mental health promotion resources and publications**.

Ways to Get Involved

There are a variety of ways to get involved in Prevention Week. Here are some ideas from SAMHSA: Organizations and individuals can participate in National Prevention Week in a few different ways. See below for some ideas about how to get involved.

- **Host a Community Event**

During National Prevention Week and year-round, thousands of organizations and individuals across the country host health fairs, block parties, educational assemblies, town hall meetings, memorial walks, social media campaigns, outdoor events, and more. These community events help raise awareness about the importance of preventing substance misuse and promoting mental health in a fun and engaging way.

- **Share Your #MyPreventionStory**

#MyPreventionStory captures the vast array of prevention experiences and stories. We want to grow this online conversation to reinforce why prevention is important and celebrate all that it has to offer! Share your unique perspective by using the #MyPreventionStory hashtag across social media.

- **Use the Planning Toolkit**

The National Prevention Week Toolkit can help you host a successful event that connects your community's efforts to the national observance. The Toolkit has tips on choosing an event topic, hosting logistics, partnership ideas, promotional strategies, and more. [Download the Toolkit](#).

- **Subscribe to SAMHSA Email Newsletters**

Stay up-to-date about the latest news, events, and resources by signing up to our [email list](#). To stay informed about SAMHSA's underage drinking prevention initiatives, visit www.stopalcoholabuse.gov, scroll down to "Sign up for [StopAlcoholAbuse.Gov](#) News & Updates" and enter your email address.

Collaboration and engagement are welcome. Please share your Prevention Week stories and inspire others. We honor the professionals working to assist those in recovery, the families and communities that support recovery and mental wellbeing, as well as those living with substance use disorders and mental health challenges.

REA Announcement: We Welcome Felecia Roger Vargas, MPA to the Team

We are thrilled to introduce Felecia Roger Vargas, MPA as the newest member of our team at REA Analytics, joining us as the Research & Evaluation Project Manager. Felecia holds a master's degree in public administration, specializing in management, policy implementation, and program development within organizational structures. She is fluent in five languages, including Russian and Ukrainian, which she acquired during her time serving as a Peace Corps volunteer as a Community Development Specialist in Ukraine.

Over the past decade, Felecia has held various roles dedicated to serving communities as a social worker, counselor, and program/project leader, both locally and internationally. In her most recent position as Humana's Regional Sr. Wellness Program Director, she successfully implemented clinical programs in senior-based clinics from inception. During this time, she cultivated strong relationships with local and national program leaders.



Felecia's experiences abroad have deeply influenced her, instilling a profound appreciation for people and the importance of community bonds, which she nurtured through meaningful relationships with the families she lived among. She and her husband are proud to call Auburndale, Florida home, where they enjoy traveling, reading, volunteering, and cooking together.

Please join us in giving a warm welcome to Felecia!



FY2024 Funding Opportunities

This list of 2024 funding opportunities is regularly updated on the REA Analytics [blog](#).

Behavioral Health

Open Solicitation

[SM-24-006](#) - Due April 26, 2024 up to \$750,000

Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness

[HRSA-24-096](#) -Due April 26, 2024 up to \$750,000

Health Workforce Education and Training Program- Paraprofessionals

Community Economic Development

Forecasted Opportunity

[HHS-2024-ACF-OCS-EE-1965](#) - Estimated post date April 15, 2024 up to \$800,000

Community Economic Development Projects

Domestic Violence

Open Solicitation

[O-OVW-2024-171933](#) - Due April 12, 2024 up to \$950,000

Fiscal Year 2024 Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program

Forecasted Opportunity

[HHS-2024-ACF-ACYF-EV-0039](#) - Estimated post date April 19, 2024 up to \$300,000

Drug Court

Open Solicitation

[O-BJA-2024-171972](#) - Due date May 2, 2024 up to \$1,000,000

BJA FY24 Adult Treatment Court Program

Homeless Youth

Forecasted Opportunity

[HHS-2024-ACF-ACYF-YO-0047](#) - Estimated post date March 16, 2024 up to \$150,000

FY24 Street Outreach Program

[HHS-2024-ACF-ACYF-CX-0192](#) - Estimated post date April 19, 2024 up to \$250,000

FY2024 Transitional Living Program

[HHS-2024-ACF-ACYF-CY-0133](#) - Estimated post date August 4, 2024 up to \$250,000

FY2024 Basic Center Program

Reentry

Open Solicitation

[FOA-ETA-24-05](#) - Due date April 4, 2024 up to \$4,000,000

Pathway Home 5

Refugee

Forecasted Opportunity

[HHS-2024-ACF-ORR-ZM-0020](#) - Estimated post date June 19, 2024 up to \$325,000

Refugee Career Pathways Program

Substance Use Disorder

Open Solicitation

[TI-24-010](#) - Due April 12, 2024 up to \$995,000

Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)

[HRSA-24-016](#) - Due date March 6, 2024 up to \$600,000

Opioid-Impacted Family Support Program (OIFSP)

[Schedule](#) a FREE application meeting to discuss your grant opportunities.

Email rea@reanalytics.com to be included in this funding alert and receive qualifying grant announcements.

