Quick Fact: The US opioid epidemic resulted from fraudulent pharmaceutical claims and subsequent lack of understanding among health care providers. Since the use of opioid prescriptions became widespread in the mid-1990s, opioid-related deaths in the US have been increasingly substantial. To learn more visit these sites: Opioid Crisis Roots, Understanding the Epidemic, Mitigating Opioids’ Harm
Overdose Awareness Day – August 31st

August 31st marks Overdose Awareness Day every year. It’s a day to remember and grieve those we’ve lost, and to strengthen resolve to end overdose injuries and deaths.

In 2020, over 93,000 people in the U.S. lost their lives to drug overdose. The fight against the drug overdose epidemic is continually evolving.

Naloxone is a lifesaving medicine that can reverse an overdose from opioids, even when benzodiazepines are also present. Often given as a nasal spray, naloxone is safe and easy to use—and is safe to administer when bystanders are uncertain if opioids are involved because adverse side effects are very rare.

Be sure to contact emergency services for overdoses involving both benzodiazepines and opioids, even after naloxone administration, because benzodiazepine overdose symptoms may need additional medical treatment.

For more information go to https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/featured-topics/ioad-benzo-overdose.html

Wyoming Harm Reduction Collective

The Wyoming Harm Reduction Collection is the grassroots Wyoming organization of amazing people with lived experience and allies of PWUD. Their mission is to build healthier communities by creating a safe space to engage in evidence-based practices surrounding people who use drugs.

CDU NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2022

340B and Ryan White Site Visits

CDU resumed 340B and Ryan White site visits for the first since the pandemic. It was great to meet with you to hear your successes and troubleshoot challenges.

We appreciate the work you are doing and your input helps us improve our programs.

Thank you!

CDU Monthly Webinar: Kinks, Fetishes, and Prevention

Bambi from John Hopkins Prevention Training Center (JHPTC) is joining us again for the August CDU Monthly Webinar: Kinks, Fetishes, and Prevention on August 16th from 2-4pm. This webinar will cover common kinks and fetishes, including those reported by clients in Wyoming, as well as prevention measures associated with kinks and fetishes.

Please complete this anonymous pre-survey as soon as possible to allow Bambi to better focus the webinar content.

Survey link: https://jhmi.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5i07npfOrQAQYdM

Register in advance for this meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcqce6qqT0jHd2fP2GETCh7522b9ELqleLS

CDU Outreach Staff

CDU would like to welcome two new locations to the Outreach Contract Staff team, Wyoming Equality and Northwest Healthcare. Both are currently hiring for their Outreach Coordinator positions. Wyoming Equality and Northwest Healthcare join Carbon County Public Health, Teton County Health Department, and Natrona County Health Department in our CDU Outreach Staff team.
CAPPA

The Wyoming Comprehensive Care and Prevention Planning Alliance (CAPPA) is the statewide community planning group for HIV, AIDS, hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections (STI) Wyoming.

2022 CAPPA Meeting Schedule
August 12-13, Gillette
October 21-22, Laramie

For the meeting agenda and more information go to the CDU CAPPA website at https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/communicable-disease-unit/cappa/

Curry International Tuberculosis Center – Training Opportunities

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https://www.currytbcenter.ucsf.edu/trainings

Job Board

Wyoming Equality CDU Outreach Coordinator
https://www.wyomingequality.org/jobs
CDU would like to welcome our new Disease Intervention Specialist/Epidemiologist, Cameron Ward, who joined CDU on August 1st.

Cameron moved to the area from Salem, Oregon, where he worked for Marion County as an epidemiologist on their COVID-19 surge team, and has lived all over the country, mostly in Columbia, Missouri, and East Lansing, Michigan. He has been working at the Wyoming Public Health Lab as a Laboratory Scientist conducting COVID-19 testing and sequencing since January 2021. Cameron has a BS from Truman State in Kirksville, MO, majoring in Health Sciences, and a MSc from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in Control of Infectious Diseases. Cameron lives in Fort Collins with his partner, Savannah, who he met while living at a wildlife center in rural Alaska. He is an avid skier, and enjoys rock climbing, live music, and trivia. He is excited to join the Communicable Disease Unit to serve the residents of Wyoming.

Quarterly TB Update

The CDU TB Team will now be hosting a Quarterly TB Update for TB Case Managers and anyone else interested in TB updates and reminders, there will also be an opportunity to ask TB related questions.

Q2 TB Update
Wednesday, September 7th, 2-3pm
Register in advance at:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcsf--trz0oHdJ_jPmSA2TWKXB56s7mxtQF

Prevention Heroes

Shout out to Weston County Public Health for adding five new condom dispensers!
Darcey at Converse County Public Health, received a glowing review from the patient when Katelyn conducted her patient interview.
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