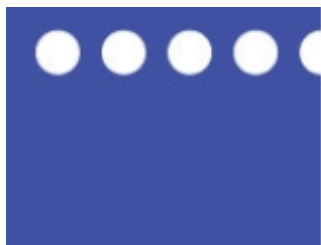


DPI Winter Updates, E-Cig Packaging Regulation, Toolkit for Mental Health, New Online Course, Trainings



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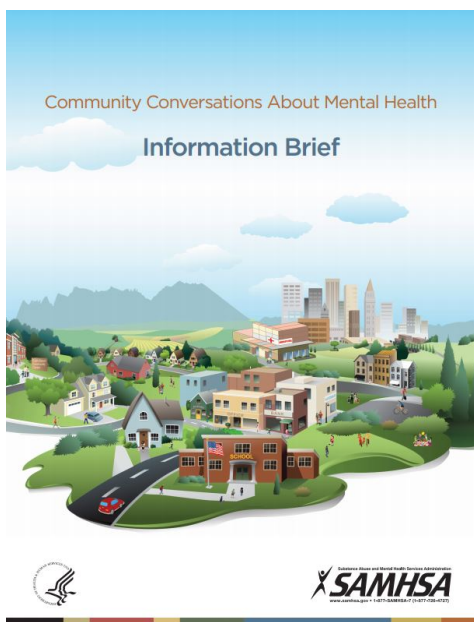
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Congress Approves Bill to Require Childproof Packaging for E-Cigarettes

Concerned that children are being accidentally poisoned by the nicotine in e-cigarettes, Congress has passed legislation to require child-resistant packaging for the liquids that give e-cigarette both their kick and their flavor. [Read more](#)



[Link to E-Cigarette Fact Sheet and Resources](#)



Toolkit for Community Conversations About Mental Health

The Toolkit for Community Conversations About Mental Health is designed to help individuals and organizations who want to organize community conversations achieve three potential objectives:

1. Get others talking about mental health to break down misperceptions and promote recovery and healthy communities;
2. Find innovative community-based solutions to mental health needs, with a focus on helping young people;
3. Develop clear steps for communities to address their mental health needs in a way that complements existing local activities.

The Toolkit includes: Information Brief, Discussion Guide, and Planning Guide. [Read more](#)

NEW Online AODA Basics Course

Learn from the comfort of your office or home! The WISH Center is offering an Online Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse course February 1-29, 2016. An optional graduate credit is available from Viterbo University for \$200. Contact Jackie Schoening, Central Regional Coordinator for more information at jschoening@cesa6.org.



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DPI SSPW Winter 2016 Updates

submitted by Brenda Jennings, DPI Consultant

1. The **AODA Student Mini-Grant Program** allows students to submit proposals/projects, with costs up to \$1,000, each fall. Competition for the 2015-16 school year is complete. For more information regarding Student AODA Mini-Grants go to the following link: <http://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/aoda/mini-grant>.
2. 2015 Building the Heart of Successful Schools Conference was held on December 3rd - 4th at the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells, with a pre-conference on December 2nd. Information on the conference presentations can be found on the WISH Center's website: <http://www.wishschools.org/resources/BHSS.cfm>.
3. Save the date: **The Prevent Suicide Wisconsin Conference** will be held on April 27th at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point. More information coming soon at: <http://www.preventsuicidewi.org/EventCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?ItemID=557&mid=1156&pageid=697>.
4. The core clusters within **Online YRBS** system will continue to align with the 2013 YRBS. If sites select all clusters, it will replicate the 2013 Wisconsin YRBS. The system was updated this past summer to display 2013 state and national data in the comparison report. 2013 statewide YRBS data is available at: <http://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/yrbs> or <http://nccd.cdc.gov/youthonline/App/Default.aspx>
5. The 2015 statewide **Wisconsin Youth Risk Behavior Survey** was conducted with randomly selected schools through May 2015. Despite our best recruitment efforts, weighted data was not achieved. Please continue to use the weighed 2013 data until the 2017 survey is completed. The next YRBS sample of schools is being drawn this winter. In order to get weighted data, recruitment will start in the fall of 2016, with a spring 2017 completion in the schools.
6. When updating your school district's tobacco policy use the newly compiled checklist aligned with the E-cigarette sample school policy language from the Public Health Law Center available on DPI's **Tobacco Prevention** website at: <http://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/aoda/tobacco-program>. If your school district has updated your tobacco policy, notify Brenda Jennings at brenda.jennings@dpi.wi.gov and we will add it to our list of schools on our website.
7. Wisconsin DPI was awarded the **In School Pregnancy/Parenting Interventions, Resources, and Education Project (INSPIRE) Grant** through the Office of Adolescent Health. DPI continues to award 13 Wisconsin school districts and consortia with local grants through 2017. Outcomes include increasing high school graduation and enrollment in higher education, increasing parenting knowledge and skills, and decreasing repeat pregnancy. For more information including training opportunities go to:

<http://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/school-age-parent>.

8. Wisconsin DPI was awarded the competitive **School-based HIV/STD Prevention and Surveillance Grant** through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, year three in a five year project. The HIV grant will have statewide activities around policy and curriculum, but will have targeted activities to 15 priority districts in policy, curriculum, referrals for health service and safe school climate. All grantees are required to address school climate for LGBT youth. More information is available here: <http://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/health-education/aids-hiv>.

9. Wisconsin DHS, in collaboration with DPI, was awarded the enhanced **Chronic Disease Grant**, year two of a five year project. Work in 16 priority districts will be occurring in this grant as well. Site selection was based on disparities in data. Areas of focus are asthma and anaphylaxis, diabetes, epilepsy, and obesity. More information at: <http://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/pupil-services/school-nurse/wellness-improves-learning-for-youth/chronic-illness-management>. Active Students are Better Learners with Active Schools Core 4+ trainings are available at 6 CESA's during 2015-16. Please see the WISH Center website www.wishschools.org for details.

10. Wisconsin DPI has awarded the 2015 **Wisconsin School Health Award** to 34 districts as a way to recognize and celebrate schools with policies, programs, and the infrastructure to support and promote healthy eating; physical activity; parental and community involvement; and staff wellness. The goal of this award is to motivate and empower Wisconsin schools as they create and maintain healthy school environments. The 2015 awards ceremony will be at the WHPE convention in Wisconsin Dells. The next School Health Award competition began in October 2015. For more information contact Eileen Hare at eileen.hare@dpi.wi.gov.

11. There are ongoing DPI internal workgroup meetings for **Academic and Career Planning (ACP)**. The draft rule combining education for employment and ACP requirements (PI-26) has undergone public stakeholder input, revision, and has been submitted for legislative approval. The new PI-26 will inform districts and guide DPI in creating the professional development necessary to effectively implement ACPs statewide by 2017-2018. The governor's 2015-2017 biennial budget included \$1.1 million annually for the purchase of career development technology and professional development. In addition, 25 school districts are participating in an ACP Process Pilot during the 2015-2016 school year. DPI has a website dedicated to the implementation of ACP's at: <http://dpi.wi.gov/acp>.

12. **GSAFE and Mental Health America of Wisconsin** partnered to produce the new resource for middle and high school educators, [Best Practices for Supporting LGBTQ+ Students as They Return to School](http://www.gsafewi.org/resources/for-educators/best-practices-for-supporting-lgbtq-youth-as-they-return-to-school/). Please consider sharing this in love, respect, encouragement, support, and appreciation with educators that you know, including out-of-school and after school workers! Please see attached, or follow the link above or here: <http://www.gsafewi.org/resources/for-educators/best-practices-for-supporting-lgbtq-youth-as-they-return-to-school/>.

13. Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) received the **School Climate Transformation Grant**, funded by US Department of Education at \$578,521/year for five years through 2019. The project will effectively build local capacity to provide, improve and expand multi-level systems of support by directly strengthening positive behavioral interventions and support (PBIS) as well as, integrating school mental health services and supports into PBIS. The work of the grant is to strengthen Wisconsin state capacity to: a) deliver expanded effective training and technical assistance through an existing statewide PBIS Training Center; and b) deliver training and technical assistance on school mental health. Mental Health Framework Roll-out trainings are happening around the state at CESA's this year and next year.

14. Wisconsin was one of seven states that received a **Safe Schools-Healthy Students Grant**. DPI received this federal grant to address school safety in the Beloit, Racine, and Menominee Indian School

Districts. It is currently in year three of a four year project, ending in 2017. Aproject summary with more detail is available by contacting the Project Coordinator, Beth Herman at beth.herman@dpi.wi.gov.

15. Wisconsin DPI also received the **Project AWARE Grant**, funded by SAMHSA for \$9.8 million for five years through 2019. The purposes of this project are to: 1) make schools safer; 2) improve school climates; 3) increase capacity to identify warning signs of mental health problems among children and make appropriate referrals to mental health care; and 4) increase capacity of the state and local education agencies to connect children and youth with behavioral health issues with needed services. The focus needs to be with students and families in three school districts, with project products to be available to all schools statewide. Youth Mental Health First Aid trainings will be available to those involved in working with youth ages 12-18. The project coordinator of Youth Mental Health First Aid is Christie Gause-Bemis at christie.gause-bemis@dpi.wi.gov. For more information on AWARE contact the Project Coordinator, Monica Wightman at monica.wightman@dpi.wi.gov.

16. The Wisconsin DPI received the **Bullying Prevention Research Project**, funded by National Institutes of Justice for \$858,000 through 2017. The proposed study researches the effectiveness of a Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports and Bullying Prevention program on outcomes of school safety and climate among students in grades six through eight in 36 middle schools. The Wisconsin DPI will partner with schools, academic institutions, several community health partners, and the WISH Center in this endeavor.

17. The Wisconsin DPI received the **Wisconsin School Emergency Management Project**, funded by US Department of Ed. for \$472,000 through the 2015-16 school year. The project will reach an estimated 125 local education agencies with training and technical assistance regarding:

- 1) high quality school emergency operations plans;
- 2) developing MOUs with community partners in relation to school emergencies, and;
- 3) National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) concepts and on-line resources.

Funding will go to the WISH Center to develop contracts with School Safety Coordinators Association, develop statewide regional conferences, and work with National Association of School Psychologists on PREPaRE trainings. March 1st and 3rd will be the next Readiness and Emergency Management for K-12 Schools Conferences in Wisconsin Dells and Eau Claire. For more information go to the WISH Center's website at: <http://www.wishschools.org/>.

WISH Center Workshops

Please visit our [website calendar](http://www.wishschools.org) often for updates and to register for events: www.wishschools.org.

**PREPaRE Crisis Prevention and Preparedness:
Comprehensive School Safety Planning (Open to all
school and community partners)**

Workshop 1: Focus on Crisis Planning

- [January 26, 2016, CESA #5, Portage](#)
- [February 10, 2016, CESA #7, Green Bay](#)

Workshop 2: Focus on Crisis Intervention/Recovery

- [March 8-9, 2016, CESA #7, Green Bay*](#)
- [March 10-11, 2016, CESA #5, Portage*](#)
- [March 15-16, 2016, CESA #4, West Salem*](#)



- [April 28-29, 2016, Adams-Friendship School District*](#) (Open to all)

Readiness and Emergency Management for K-12 Schools

- [March 1, 2016, Wintergreen Resort, Wisconsin Dells](#)
- [March 3, 2016, Metropolis Resort, Eau Claire](#)

School SBIRT

- [January 19 and February 26, CESA #4, West Salem*](#)
- [January 28 and February 29, Rice Lake*](#)
- [February 11 and April 15, 2016, CESA #1, Pewaukee*](#)

Educating Mindfully: Practice for Educators and Learners

- [January 21, 2016, CESA #9, Tomahawk](#)
- [January 22, 2016, CESA #6, Oshkosh \(FULL\)](#)
- [February 2, 2016, CESA #11, Turtle Lake](#)

Youth Mental Health First Aid-*Reduced Fee* in Partnership with DPI Project AWARE Grant

- [February 2, 2015, CESA #8, Gillett](#)

School-Based Suicide Prevention Training

- [April 20, 2016, CESA #1, Pewaukee](#)

Active Students are Better Learners: WI Active Schools Core 4+ Training (Half Day-9 AM-Noon)

- [February 17, 2016, CESA #10, Chippewa Falls](#)

NEW: Alcohol and Other Drug Basics Online Course

- [AODA Basics Online Course February 1-29, 2016*](#)

*Graduate Credit Available for fee through Viterbo University
All events are contingent on a minimum of participants.

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