



A MATTER OF SUBSTANCE: AT-A-GLANCE

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IDPH Staff Presents at National SBIRT Grantee Conference:

Monica Wilke-Brown was invited to present at the National Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Grantee Conference in Bethesda, Maryland last month. Monica's presentation focused on with the **Iowa Army National Guard (IANG)**. According to Reed Forman, Lead Public Health Advisor for the SBIRT grant at SAMHSA, "Iowa is seen as a leader when it comes to work accomplished with the National Guard and the way the state has been able to integrate the approach with other discretionary grants." Monica is quick to point out that much of the success of the SBIRT project has to go to the IANG, the co-located substance use disorder treatment providers — **House of Mercy** and **United Community Services**.

For more information about SBIRT and work being done with the IANG, contact Monica at monica.wilke-brown@idph.iowa.gov.

IDPH Hosts Sustainability Webinar Series for Mentoring Programs:

As a way to assist youth mentoring programs with their sustainability planning, IDPH is hosting a webinar series in April and May. The five-part series includes topics such as developing partnerships, identifying funding streams, and more. Webinar presenters include Maria Paschke, Quality and Training Manager with the Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota and Dr. Susan Weinberger, Founder and President of the Mentor Consulting Group.

For more information and details about accessing each webinar, click [here](#).

Celebrate National Prevention Week May 15-21:

National Prevention Week is an annual observance held during the third week of May and dedicated to increasing public awareness of, and action around, substance use and mental health issues. The overall theme for 2016 is "Strong As One. Stronger Together."

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 effective prevention strategies
- To foster partnerships and collaboration with federal agencies and national organizations dedicated to behavioral health and public health
- To promote and disseminate quality behavioral health resources and publications

During National Prevention Week, community organizations across the country host health fairs, block parties, educational assemblies, town hall meetings, memorial walks, social media campaigns, outdoor events, and more.

To learn more about National Prevention Week and ways to participate, go to <http://www.samhsa.gov/prevention-week>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

39th Annual Governor's Conference on Substance Abuse Pre-Conference Sessions April 18, Des Moines.

Veteran's Memorial - Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center. For more information, go to www.trainingresources.org.

39th Annual Governor's Conference on Substance Abuse April 19-20, Des Moines.

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The Mystery of Risk: Drugs, Alcohol, Pregnancy, and the Vulnerable Child

- April 18: Waterloo
- April 19: Des Moines

To register for the training, go to <http://ilearn.iowacourts.gov>

For more information about the Division of Behavioral Health, visit www.idph.iowa.gov/bh

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