Friday, Sept 30th
Toxicology Tests: Purpose in Treatment & Recovery

Dr. Christopher J. Welsh, M.D.
Assistant Professor, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry

8am-10am
This live webinar will focus on the purpose and effective use of toxicology testing to guide substance use and opioid use treatment and understand how toxicology results are used to address an individual’s recovery needs. Professionals interested in understanding the clinical role of toxicology testing to guide treatment, not be punitive for individuals with substance and opioid use disorders, should attend this webinar.

Category I: 1.0
- September 30th Toxicology Tests: Purpose in Treatment & Recovery (DHS Staff Registration)
- September 30th Toxicology Tests: Purpose in Treatment & Recovery (Non-DHS Registration)

Wednesday, Oct 12th
Medical Cannabis and Mental Health

George Jay Unick, MSW, Ph.D.
University of Maryland, Baltimore, School of Social Work

9am-11:30am
We will explore the implications of Medical Cannabis for parents and families involved with the child welfare system including identifying different conditions that can be treated by Medical Cannabis and explore the scientific evidence supporting the use of Medical Cannabis. During this live webinar, the focus on Medical Cannabis use in Maryland will include defining Medical Cannabis and discussing different products available to consumers.

Category I: 2.0
- October 12th 9-11:30 AM Medical Cannabis and Mental Health (DHS Staff Registration)
- October 12th 9-11:30 AM Medical Cannabis and Mental Health (Non-DHS Registration)
Friday, Oct 14th
Effects of Cannabis Use During Pregnancy: Health Problems in Newborns AND Newborn Toxicology Tests, What Does It Mean?

Dr. Katherine Nyman, MD
Fellow, Division of Neonatology/Department of Pediatrics, University of Maryland Medical Center

8am-9:30am
This live webinar is intended to help professionals increase their knowledge to work with mothers, fathers, and caregivers identified with Cannabis use. The webinar will be facilitated by SSA with a local expert in the field discussing Cannabis use in pregnancy and postpartum, neonatal outcomes of in utero Cannabis exposure, and the use of newborn toxicology tests to understand and address symptoms related to in utero substance exposure and the impact on newborns.

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- October 14th 8-9:30 AM Effects of Cannabis Use During Pregnancy: Health Problems in Newborns & Newborn Toxicology Tests, What Does It Mean? (DHS Staff Registration)
- October 14th 8-9:30 AM Effects of Cannabis Use During Pregnancy: Health Problems in Newborns & Newborn Toxicology Tests, What Does It Mean? (Non-DHS Registration)

Friday, Oct 21st
Value of Peer Recovery Specialists: Improving Well-Being

Brendan Welsh, CPRS
Maryland Department of Health (MDH), Behavioral Health Administration (BHA)

9am-10:30am
During this live webinar, we will learn how Peer Recovery Specialists are utilized across Maryland to support recovery and prevent harm including working with local child welfare staff and community providers to promote care, preserve families, and reduce risks.

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- October 21st 9-10:30 AM Value of Peer Recovery Specialists: Improving Well-Being (DHS Staff Registration)
- October 21st 9-10:30 AM Value of Peer Recovery Specialists: Improving Well-Being (Non-DHS Registration)

Wednesday, Oct 26th
Effects of Nicotine & Vaping During Pregnancy

Dr. Janaki Deepak, MBBS, FACP
Associate Professor of Medicine, University Of Maryland School Of Medicine; Assistant Program Director, Pulmonary and Critical Care Fellowship; Director, Lung Cancer Screening and Tobacco Health & Treatment; Director, Lung Mass Clinic Baltimore VA Medical Center

8am-10am
This live webinar will discuss changes to the lung during pregnancy, effect of nicotine on the brain and mechanism of addiction, effect of tobacco of mother and fetus, effect of nicotine in vaping or smoking on the mother and fetus, nicotine metabolism in pregnancy, effect of secondhand smoke, how to treat patients for tobacco/Nicotine use disorder in different populations including mental health disorders, substance use disorders, and during pregnancy. Professionals and community providers interested in the current research on the adverse effects of tobacco use including vaping on the fetus and identifying local resources to help pregnant women, fathers, and caregivers of newborns to quit smoking and maintain a tobacco-free lifestyle should attend this webinar.

Category I: 1.0

- October 26th 8-10 AM Effects of Nicotine & Vaping During Pregnancy (DHS Staff Registration)
- October 26th 8-10 AM Effects of Nicotine & Vaping During Pregnancy (Non-DHS Registration)

► Any issues with registering email SSA.Workforce@maryland.gov.
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