



Creating a Unified Team Approach and Comprehensive Plan for Addressing Student Substance Use

**October 4, 2024; 9 am - 3 pm at FEA (in-person only)
12 Centre Drive, Monroe Township, NJ 08831**

In Partnership with ASAP-NJ

When it comes to addressing and preventing student substance use, the challenges and legal requirements are constantly evolving. Marijuana legalization, the growing use of fentanyl, and an escalating student mental health crisis are among the many challenges that schools must confront. Student Assistance Counselors, school principals, nurses, teachers and all other staff members have critical roles to play and need to work together as a unified team if districts are going to create and implement a comprehensive and proactive plan for supporting students.

In this session participants will:

- Learn about the latest trends in student substance use and mental health, available resources, and new legal requirements.
- be provided with a toolkit and framework for critically analyzing the strengths and areas for growth in your school district's approach to student substance use.
- hear from experienced practitioners and leading experts in mental health and substance use prevention; and
- have the opportunity to collaborate with their peers and begin applying critical knowledge and skills learned in the session.

Presenters

David Nash, Esq., LEGAL ONE, Director of Legal Education and National Outreach, FEA; Pamela Felder, ASAP-NJ President and Student Assistance Counselor, Middletown School District; Dr. Richard Labbe, Superintendent, Sayreville Public Schools; George Scott, EdS LMFT, Center for Counseling; Doreen Consulmagno, LPC, Student Assistance Counselor, Sayreville Public Schools; Vikki Szabo, LPC, Student Assistance Counselor, Sparta School District

Individual/Group Rate

Individual: \$150 Members/Non-Members (Star Advantage Eligible)

Team of 4 or more from the same district: 4th person is free, and each person beyond 4 is 25% off. **Please email LEGALONE@NJPSA.ORG.**

Agenda

9 am - 9:10 am - Welcome and Overview - David Nash, Esq., LEGAL ONE, Director of Legal Education and National Outreach, FEA; and Pamela Felder, ASAP-NJ President and Student Assistance Counselor

9:10 am - 9:45 am - Latest trends in substance use and available resources - Doreen Consulmagno, LPC, Student Assistance Counselor

9:45 am - 10:30 am - Overview of legal requirements, confidentiality parameters, reporting obligations, duty of care, revised MOA - David Nash, Esq.

10:30 am - 10:45 am - Break

10:45 am - 11:45 am - Review of Framework/Template for Analyzing District Protocols - David Nash, Esq. and a practitioner

11:45 am - 12:30 pm - Lunch

12:30 pm - 1 pm - Understanding the Substance Use and Mental Health Connection - George Scott, EdS LMFT, Center for Counseling

1 pm - 1:50 pm - Panel Discussion - Pamela Felder as moderator; Dr. Richard Labbe; Doreen Consulmagno; David Nash, Esq.; George Scott; Vikki Szabo, LPC, Student Assistance Counselor

1:50 pm - 2:40 pm - Small Group Discussion on Focused Aspects of Substance Use Protocols, application of Framework

2:40 pm - 3 pm - Reporting Out, Next Steps, Summary

5.25 hours PD credits

Topics

- Policy, Procedure
- Reliance on Expertise of Staff
- Trends in Substance Use
- Substance Use and Mental Health Link
- Marijuana Legalization
- Vaping
- Fentanyl, Opiates, other substances
- Students Suspected of Being Under the Influence
- Confidentiality Parameters
- NJ4S, NJPPC, TLC, other resources
- Suicide Prevention training requirements
- Framework for Analyzing District Protocols
- Role of Key Players - SAC, Counselors, Nurse, Principal, Other Admins, other staff

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