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SAFE Glen Cove Coalition: NIDA Strategic Plan 2022-2026

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) released their strategic plan for the next five years to review the current state of research on Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and set priorities that will fulfill their mission to advance science on drug use and addiction and to apply that knowledge to improve individual and public health.

Drug addiction and overdose deaths are among the most pressing health crises. NIDA's new plan reflects their commitment to advancing all aspects of addiction science in the service of improving public health. It corrals the breadth of research they support—from basic neuroscience and pharmacology to epidemiology and prevention to therapeutics development and implementation, to research on the delivery of addiction treatment and other services—while remaining flexible and responsive to scientific innovations as well as to the rapidly shifting drug use and addiction landscape. The plan for the next five years also prioritizes research that is informed by people with lived experience of addiction in themselves or their families, to best meet the needs of those most directly impacted by their science.

NIDA's 2022-2026 Strategic Plan has five priority scientific areas:

[Understand Drugs, the Brain, and Behavior](#)

[Develop and Test Novel Prevention, Treatment, Harm Reduction, and Recovery Support Strategies](#)

[Accelerate Research on the Intersection of Substance Use, HIV, and Related Comorbidities](#)

[Improve the Implementation of Evidence-Based Strategies in Real-World Settings](#)

[Translate Research into Innovative Health Applications](#)

Within each Priority Scientific Area, goals reflect targeted areas of emphasis to speed progress toward achieving their mission, as well as key focus areas that reflect specific research opportunities and other initiatives NIDA will undertake. Additionally, the plan describes seven cross-cutting themes that apply across the five priority areas:

[Train the Next Generation of Scientists](#)

[Identify and Develop Approaches to Reduce Stigma](#)

[Understand Sex, Sexual Orientation, and Gender Differences](#)

[Identify and Develop Approaches to Reduce Health Disparities](#)

[Understand Interactions Between Substance Use, HIV, and other Comorbidities](#)

[Leverage Data Science and Analytics to Understand Real-World Complexity](#)

[Develop Personalized Interventions Informed by People with Lived Experience](#)

The new strategic plan, which was developed with input from NIDA’s advisory council and the public, helps ensure that NIDA will continue to advance all domains of addiction science and disseminate new knowledge in ways that are measurable and that will have the greatest impact on people’s lives. The rapidly shifting drug landscape and the devastation of the drug overdose epidemic have enhanced public interest and drawn greater investment in science, and it is NIDA’s responsibility to help direct that investment in the most effective, equitable, and wise manner to prevent and treat drug addiction and its consequences.

NIDA is a component of the National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and supports most of the world’s research on the health aspects of drug use and addiction. For more information about NIDA and its programs, visit www.nida.nih.gov.

SAFE is the only alcohol and substance use prevention agency in Glen Cove. Its Coalition is conducting an opioid prevention awareness campaign entitled. “Keeping Glen Cove SAFE,” in order to educate and update the community regarding opioid use and its consequences. To learn more about the SAFE Glen Cove Coalition please follow us on www.facebook.com/safeglencovecoalition or visit SAFE’s website to learn more about the Opioid Epidemic at www.safeglencove.org.