

Opioid & Suicide Prevention Quarterly Newsletter

Highlighting prevention efforts for Chemung, Livingston, Ontario, Schuyler,
Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, and Yates County.

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CHEMUNG

DRUG FREE COMMUNITY COALITION OF CHEMUNG COUNTY (DFCC)

The DFCC is gearing up for **National Drug Take-Back Day, which will take place on April 26, 2025**. They will be packing bags with resource and informational materials, including Detera drug disposal bags. **DFCC is partnering with the Chemung County Nursing facility** which will be joining to help with the collection of sharps.

Looking to possibly reset their focus, the DFCC has shared a survey with its members asking for level of involvement, accessing the need to refocus, and looking for feedback and new ideas. After taking a look at the results of the survey, next steps will be determined.

Students from the **New Visions** program visited a second-grade classroom to educate them about the **Not Here campaign specifically information about bullying**. Their work focuses on building a kinder community.

In partnership with the Opioid Response Network and DFCC, there will be a Youth Engagement training event featuring speaker Kym Laube who inspires youth to lead with confidence. The training will include ideas for engaging and reaching out to youth. This event will take place on **May 1, 2025** at TBD venue. (see flyer in photo for more information).

The DFCC will be working on a **Senior swag bag project** where seniors will receive bags promoting health and safety filled with resources and messages from school students and faculty just before graduation. The group is currently brainstorming ideas for bag contents and distribution.

DFCC's social media outreach has been great! There are daily posts that highlight different things that the community should know about.

The Chemung county sheriff, Bill Schrom gave a presentation to the DFCC about the history of the sheriff's office, recruitment and retention, new laws and impact, various programs, and data on calls and overdose information. The information is helpful to the coalition as it helps to better direct our efforts.



LIVINGSTON

LIVINGSTON COUNTY SUICIDE PREVENTION TASK FORCE

The **Lock and Talk** program focusing on reducing access to lethal means **started in Livingston County** and now many more counties are initiating the program including **Yates, Chautauqua, and Erie**. The Livingston logo will be featured in some of the marketing since Livingston was the first county in NYS to join.

Livingston was the part of the **e-Connect pilot project** which gives every youth who comes for an intake meeting an assessment/ survey tool to identify those who may be at high risk for suicide. The groups chair, Lynne Mignemi participated in an e-Connect panel to discuss this project this past December. Indiana State who is interested in this project will be visiting Livingston in April.

The Credible Mind platform was heavily marketed over the past few months with distribution of magnets, coffee sleeves and coasters. to businesses and schools. Tracking data for the platform shows that there has been an increase in the percentage of new users so **the campaign is having an impact!**

Two 15 second spots (positive affirmation) have been purchased in the **Before the Movie features at the Vintage Drive In Avon**. One spot will be dedicated to Suicide Prevention Task Force, the other to GVHP globally.

Livingston will table at **Mt Morris schools for their Wellness fairs** on April 5, on April 28 at the **Salute to First Responder Night** and on April 27 **Out of Darkness Walk** in partnership with ASFP. Livingston will market these events through social media.

For Mental Health Month in May, **Safe Talk** training will be provided on May 20th and there will be a **ribbon cutting for Livingston's Veteran Tranquil Trail**. Stay tuned for more details!

The Task force is working on a **Resilience campaign** getting resilience journals out to all schools across the county. Regular journaling about resilience can help develop resilience as a skill by increasing self-awareness. The benefits of the journals include the **opportunity for self-reflection, overall well-being, personal growth and better problem -solving abilities**.



**STEUBEN PREVENTION COALITION:
OPIOID COMMITTEE**

SENECA

**SENECA COUNTY SUICIDE PREVENTION
COALITION**

Planning for the **2nd annual Walking With Hope Suicide Awareness Walk** is underway. The walk will take place on **June 1st at the Vista at Sampson State Park at noon**. There will be a silent auction, food, and activities for everyone! Checkout the flyer below with QR code to register and join us!

Walk funds were utilized to purchase **RTS bus passes** for the Seneca community counseling center to provide better access to transportation and access to care and for **RTS bus banners** that will launch in May!

During **Mental Health Month in May**, RTS busses travelling through Seneca county will have **banners advertising 988**. The Seneca county suicide prevention team in partnership with Office for Aging and youth from several school districts in Seneca county will be participating in **intergenerational events**. **Daily events with seniors will include chair yoga, chatter time, coloring, a dance Party, and bingo!**

The coalition is **providing information to the Corrections Officers** who work(ed) at the two state prisons in our area (Five Points in Ovid, Seneca County & Auburn in Cayuga County) to **remind them about 988 as they deal with PTSD, strike, loss of employment**.

OPIOID OVERDOSE TASK FORCE

The **"Breaking the Stigma" campaign is underway in Seneca county** focusing on how to make a long term impact in the county. CADCA's strategic prevention framework is being used and ensures the work is diversified. [Link to strategies](#)

"Leave Behind" Kits were put together and distributed to law enforcement partners. When law enforcement responds to overdoses, the kits will be given to family members and friends. The kits include fentanyl and xylazine test strips, condoms, band aids, gloves, alcohol prep pads, and Narcan plus resource information. including credible mind cards.

Seneca county's second Narcan vending machine was delivered in January to Ovid. It is filled with Narcan, safe-sex kits, and fentanyl and xylazine test strips from FLX Community Health. An informational **Facebook video showing how easy it is to use the machine has generated over 22,000 views!**

Michele Foster and Jennifer Hatch from **Pivotal Public Health Partnership** gave a **NEAR (Neuroscience, Epigenetics, ACES, and Resilience) presentation** to a group of 25 people at the Waterloo Library. The presentation covered NEAR science, ways to address trauma creating safe environments and relationships, and ways to build resilient communities.



The New Harm Reduction Vending Machine at Addison Fire Dept- is being well used! Since installation, 20 naloxone and 2 test strips have been taken.

March 6th was International Black Balloon day dedicated to bringing awareness to overdose deaths and remembering those lost to overdose. Steuben County Opioid Committee has annually participated in this event. This year a social media campaign posting on both Facebook and Instagram gave participants the opportunity to send virtual balloon and share their stories of those lost to overdose. The Steuben Opioid Committee provided QR codes with links to send virtual balloons as well as information on **211** and the **GETHELPNY** automated service which assists people with substance use disorder and mental health needs.

Narcan wall units are continually set-up across the county. New boxes have been distributed to family resource centers in Steuben, the Bridge of Hope shelter (now one on each residential floor) in Corning and Applebee's in Gang Mills. Five were given to Schuyler public health and 9 to Catholic Charities of Chemung. **All of the apartment buildings in Chemung that house formerly incarcerated individuals will have boxes in the lobby.** Steuben Public Health updates and adds the location of the Narcan boxes every time a new unit is placed in the County to the GIS map. Scan the QR code in the photos to check in out!

Steuben has teamed up with Trellis Marketing and Steuben's Opioid Abatement campaign begins March 10th. Fifteen and Thirty second ads will appear on digital streaming platforms, social media, and will pop up as searches as pre-roll ads. Each ad will include the Steuben County logo and specifically target Steuben County. [View Steuben Opioid AD here](#)

Narcan trainings in the county are readily available. Recent trainings have been set up with BOCES staff, Caton Fire Department, Canisteo Presbyterian Church, Steuben Probation department and for the Steuben magistrates



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SCHUYLER

SUICIDE AWARENESS FOR EVERYONE (S.A.F.E.)

SAFE will participate in the annual **Waterfront Festival which will take place in Watkins Glen on June 14, 2025**. The group will sell stones that will be used to vote for the favorite cardboard boat for the regatta. **SAFE members table at the event and help to sell stones and share information about SAFE with the community.** The money raised goes toward suicide awareness and prevention in the county and this event is a great opportunity to let the community know about who SAFE is and what we do!

Amanda Wiley, SAFE chair gave a **presentation to 8th graders in Watkins Glen School District on Mental Health and Suicide prevention.** Many materials that were found on the **988 website** were shared with the students. Link to website for materials [HERE](#).

SAFE provides an orientation packet for each of its members (a welcome letter, copy of strategic plan, bylaws, yearly calendar of meeting dates, and seven strategies) to help them get acclimated to the culture and climate of the SAFE organization. This is a great way for all members to understand the focus and goals of the coalition!

The HOPE garden is a space to located outside of MillCreek Center filled with plants and painted rocks. **The garden is maintained throughout the year by community organizations.**

Amanda Wiley, Chair of SAFE shared the **Rural Minds website** with SAFE members as well as a link to an e-Cornell training that explains the work of this group. [Link to Rural Minds training.](#)

People in rural communities are more likely to die by suicide. **Rural minds provides education and resources.** Jeff Winton, one of the founders of rural minds will be one of the panelists on the upcoming **Survivors of Suicide webinar.** You can register [HERE](#).



ONTARIO

ONTARIO COUNTY SUICIDE PREVENTION COALITION

Ontario county continues to provide trainings to its residents throughout the year. **In 2024, there were over 800 educational encounters. ASIST training** will take place on APRIL 22/23, 2025, from 8:30-4:30 and on September 9/10, 2025, **at the Ontario County Safety Training Facility.** (see flyer).

The Ontario County launched their **Credible Mind** app in late December and it is free for anyone who resides in Ontario County. In its initial stage, tracking shows that individuals ages 13-17 visited the site the most. **Flyers and information cards were created for distribution to partners and the community across the county.** The cards are shared at trainings and pop-up food pantry distribution sites. (Check out flyer in photos).



SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION COALITION OF ONTARIO COUNTY

The Ontario county prevention coalition in partnership with the Ontario county sheriff will take part in **DEA national Drug Take- back day on Saturday April 26, 2025, from 10am-2pm at Canandaigua Wegmans** at the side parking lot. This will be a drive-thru event. Medications and sharps will be accepted. Narcan training will be offered on site at this event. Packets will be handed out at the event include: SAMSHA recovery packets, a list of drop-offs spots for medications in the county, credible mind information, from local agencies, ROC Veteran wellness cards, and test strips.

Surveys with several school districts in the county took place in Feb and March. The survey is designed to ask questions on risk factors, mental health, protective factors, and substance use related questions and takes about 40 minutes. The results will be out in June. The data will be used by PH for the CHA/CHIP work.

Several members of the Ontario County Substance Prevention coalition attended the **CADCA National conference in Washington DC which provided many opportunities for networking, workshops for learning, and meetings with local representatives for advocating.** Many were able to present the work that is done locally with representatives in Washington and highlighted the need to have continued communication.

Information was shared for **National Drug and Alcohol Fact week which took place the week of March 17-23.** One drug was presented each day of the week with information and resources shared to social media.



[WEBSITE LINK](#)

YATES

YATES PREVENTION COALITION

Two members of the Yates Prevention Coalition attended the **CADCA conference** in Washington DC where they attended workshops and met with representatives at the Capital. **Over 3600 delegates from across the country attended.** They had the opportunity to attend a **statewide meeting with Senator Schumer and Gillibrand staffers** where they shared a flyer with highlights of the work of YPC. This event was a great networking opportunity for those that attended!

Over **900 paper hearts were cut out and shared for the self-love day project** with Dundee, Marcus Whitman and Penn Yan school districts. This is the 2nd year the YPC has participated in this event. The youth greatly enjoyed the activity!

The Suicide Prevention Task force will be implementing the Lock and Talk program in Yates County. This program provides lethal means safety for the community.

The Traumatic Loss Team (TLT) was the beneficiary of the **Frosted Lakes 5K** held by the Wellspring Fellowship.

The YPC tabled at **the Dundee Fairytale Festival** on March 15th at Dundee schools. Children wrote their goals on Shamrocks which became their lucky charms. The YPC will be participating in **DEA Drug Takeback Day on April 26, 2025** behind the Yates County courthouse **and will table at the Passport to Wellness on April 18th** at Keuka College.



WAYNE

WAYNE COUNTY OPIOID TASK FORCE

Narcan red boxes are continually being added throughout the community. Currently 22 boxes have been placed **filled with Narcan and testing strips.** Narcan training is available daily and offered at offsite businesses.

The task force met in January to brainstorm and share ideas from each agency offering insight into how they can help the task force. Ideas that were generated will be compiled to determine the best course of action going forward.

A survey will be created to asking task force members what they would they would like to see happen for the remainder of 2025.

WAYNE COUNTY SUICIDE PREVENTION COALITION

Wayne County has a **resource guide** that provides all the services and resources in the area. Check out the guide [HERE](#)

Several agencies gave presentations to the coalition to share what they do and how they service the community. Guests included:

FLACRA's Geneva Supportive Crisis Stabilization Center will provide accessible, voluntary crisis stabilization services. The facility will open in about one year. More information at flacra.org

Lifespans Recovery and Wellness Program for Older Adults 55+ provides information and services for older adults. This service was primarily in Monroe county and they are expanding the service into Wayne county. For more information contact Rsharp@lifefspan-roch.org

Comfort Zone Camp; Grief Camp+ support for Kids provides programs for kids that have experienced the loss of a parent, sibling, caregiver or significant person. These programs are offered to children 7-17 and are free. Find more information [HERE](#).

Wayne county has a **guide for free Wayne County Community Trainings available during 2025** including Adult Mental Health First Aid, More than Sad, Operation S.A.V.E, Talk Saves Lives, Psychological First Aid, Firearm Safety and more. Check out the flyers in photos with QR code.



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What's HAPPENING IN OUR REGION



Emergency NARCAN

In an Opioid Overdose Emergency, Don't Wait – Act Fast!

For Locations of Emergency Wait Units

<https://scnygis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index?id=d9a2723d449a4e558a2dfd44a121e823>

More Info

- Seneca County Leave Behind Kits-1/2
- Steuben County Narcan locations-3
- Livingston Credible Mind magnets-4
- CADACA conference-5
- Seneca County Walking With Hope with QR code-6
- Wayne County Community Trainings-7

YOU ARE WORTHY. YOU ARE ENOUGH. SOMEONE CARES ABOUT YOU.

If you're struggling, please talk to someone. Know the Credible Mind website is always available with online and local resources to provide support. **You are not alone.**

Credible Mind website

Genesee Valley Health PARTNERSHIP

<https://livingstoncounty.crediblemind.com>



JOIN US

Walking with Hope

in the heart of the Finger Lakes

Suicide Awareness Walk

Scan to

SAVE THE DATE

DONATE OR

Create a **TEAM**

FREE WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY TRAININGS

To see all available trainings or to request a training for your group scan or visit: <https://forms.gle/JRghDDPRBhBwdLR5A>

More Than Sad (Parent or Educator)

Teaches parents and educators how to recognize signs of depression and other mental health problems, initiate a conversation about mental health with their child, and get help. This program focuses on parents and guardians of teen youth.

- Offered in-person or virtual
- 90 minute course
- Specific to parents or educators

It's Real: Teens and Mental Health

The program raises awareness about mental health issues, how to start a conversation about mental health, the importance of self-care, and how to reach out for help.

- Offered in-person or virtual
- 45 minute course
- Specific to teens 14-18

Naloxone Training

This course will teach you how to recognize the signs of an opioid overdose and administer the opioid overdose reversal drug Naloxone.

- Offered in-person
- 30-45 minutes (group), 15 minute (individual)
- Open to individuals 18+

Adult Mental Health First Aid

Teaches participants how to identify, understand and respond to signs and symptoms of mental health challenges and substance use disorders.

- Offered in-person or blended
- 8 hour course
- Open to anyone

Suicide Safety for Teachers and School Staff

Emphasis is on recognizing warning signs, clarifying the referral process in place at school, and making a warm handoff.

- Offered in-person or virtual
- 60-90 minute course
- Specific to school staff

Talk Saves Lives (Community or Workplace)

Introduction to Suicide Prevention is a community-based presentation that covers the general scope of suicide, the research on prevention, and what people can do to fight suicide.

- Offered in-person
- 60-90 minute course
- Open to anyone

Link to HOPE

This course will focus on recognize was to help an individual thinking of suicide and how to feel confident in talking opening about suicide.

- Offered in-person or virtual
- 60-90 minute course
- Open to anyone

Operation SAVE

This course that will help you act with care and compassion if you come across a Veteran who is in crisis or having thoughts of suicide.

- Offered in-person or virtual
- 45 - 60 minute course
- For anyone who knows a Veteran

Sunday, June 1, 2025 12 pm
The Vista at Sampson State Park



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What's HAPPENING IN OUR REGION



Adult
Mental Health First Aid
ADULT MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID
FEBRUARY 3RD
8:30AM - 5PM
IN-PERSON

SPC NY
LINK TO HOPE
MAY 6TH
3:30PM - 5PM
HYBRID

TALK SAVES LIVES
An Introduction to Suicide Prevention
TALK SAVES LIVES
AUGUST 5TH
10AM - 11:30AM
HYBRID

TALK SAVES LIVES
An Introduction to Suicide Prevention
TALK SAVES LIVES
NOVEMBER 4TH
4PM - 5:30PM
HYBRID

WAYNE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH 2025 COMMUNITY TRAININGS

In an effort meet our Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) goal of promoting well-being and prevent mental and substance use disorders focusing specifically on the goal of preventing suicides, we will offer 4 FREE suicide prevention trainings to the community throughout 2025.

REGISTRATION
<https://forms.gle/D9Msc2XoR XmNU3D29>

QUESTIONS
twilliams@waynecountyny.gov

- Wayne County PH Community Trainings-1
- NEAR presentation for community members in Seneca county- 2
- CADCA conference- Yates, Chemung, Ontario county-3
- Intergenerational activities for May, Mental Health month in Seneca County-4
- Steuben county Drug Take-back Day- 5
- Schuyler County HOPE garden-6
- Ontario County ASIST training information -7
- Seneca County Vending machine located in Ovid-8



INTERGENERATIONAL FUN

FREE

MONDAY, APRIL 14
Chair Yoga 10:15am to 11:15am

TUESDAY, APRIL 15
Chatter Time 11am to 12pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16
Chair Yoga 10:15am to 11:15am
Color This! 11:15am to 12pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 17
Bunny HOPI Dance Party!! 11am to 12pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 18
BINGO! 11am to 12pm

EVERYONE WELCOME

OFFICE OF THE AGING 2465 BONADENT DR. - WATERLOO

Steuben County Public Safety Building

7007 Rumsey Street
Bath, NY



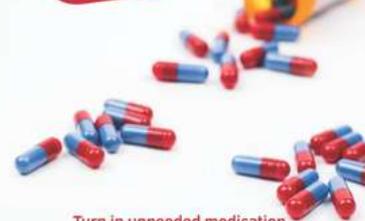
OPIOID COMMITTEE
STEBUEN PREVENTION COALITION

Get Connected. Get Answers.

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Finger Lakes Region, New York

DEA NATIONAL Rx TAKEBACK



Turn in unneeded medication for safe disposal.

Saturday, April 26
10:00AM-2:00PM

Keep them safe. Clean them out. Take them back.
Visit DEATakeBack.com for a collection site near you.



ASIST Training

APPLIED SUICIDE INTERVENTION SKILLS TRAINING (ASIST)

Dates: April 22 and 23, 2025 (BOTH days)

Times: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm both days

Location: Ontario County Safety Training Facility
3914 County Road 48, Canandaigua, NY

Cost: There is no fee, but you MUST PREREGISTER



ASIST is a two-day intensive, interactive, and practice-dominated course designed to help caregivers recognize and review risk and intervene to prevent the immediate risk of suicide. It is by far the most widely used, acclaimed, and researched suicide intervention training workshop in the world. ASIST prepares caregivers of all kinds to provide suicide first aid interventions.

Workshop Dates: April 30th-May 1st, 2025

Times: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm both days

Location: Northeast College of Health Sciences | 2360 Route 89 | Academic 3 Building-Room 220 | Seneca Falls, NY

Cost: There is no fee for this training, but you must preregister

Registration can be completed using this link: [HERE](#)

Space is limited, please register by: April 16th, 2025

- 15 contact hours are available for Social Worker and instructions on how to proceed
- Suicide Prevention Center of New York (SPCNY). SW CPE is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Social Work as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed social workers #0384.
- The Suicide Prevention Center of New York (SPCNY) is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Mental Health Practitioners as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed mental health counselors #MHC-0090.

Important Workshop Details – Please Read:

- This is a two-day workshop. Workshop instruction starts at 8:30am and finishes by 4:30pm both days. Please ensure that you can attend both days for the entire time.
- In this workshop you will have an opportunity to explore your experiences with and your attitudes about suicide. You will also have an opportunity to better understand the needs of a person at risk of suicide and learn how to use suicide first-aid to meet those needs. If these activities concern you, please talk to one of your trainers.
- This workshop is restricted to persons over 18 years of age and requires a minimum of 8 registrants, maximum of 30 participants.

SPCNY is pleased to be able to make this evidence-based workshop available to the individual or agency without passing the actual cost along to either. As such we ask that you only register if you are confident, you will be able to attend both days of the workshop.

CredibleMind: The One Stop Shop for Mental Wellbeing Resources

CredibleMind is the free online platform that brings together expert-rated and vetted videos, podcasts, apps, books, and articles all in one easy-to-use place.

Confidential and available 24/7, with CredibleMind you can learn new skills, understand your own mental health, take a mental health assessment, and browse our library of thousands of mental wellbeing resources.

CredibleMind covers over 100 topics including:

- Stress
- Burnout
- Anxiety
- Depression
- Relationships
- Mindfulness
- Resilience
- Coping with Medical Diagnosis
- Time-Management
- Happiness
- Sleep
- Parenting
- Grief and Loss
- Flourishing
- Substance Use
- Aging

Get started today by signing up and taking a mental health assessment.

Some assessments you'll find on CredibleMind are:

- Is it Job Stress or Burnout?
- What's your Mental Health Profile?
- How Strong is Your Resilience Network?
- Is Caring for Others Taking a Toll on You?
- Is Your Mind Full or Are You Mindful?
- What's Your Meditation Style?

By signing up, you will have access to: past assessment results to track improvement over time, your favorite resources, and handpicked CredibleMind resources right to your email! No matter what you are going through, CredibleMind has resources to help with science-backed evidence you can trust.

Visit ontariocountyny.crediblemind.com to get started



ASIST Training offered at Northeast College, Seneca Falls-1 [REGISTER HERE](#)
Credible Mind resources and QR code, Ontario County-2; [More Info HERE](#)
Youth Engagement, Chemung County-3 contact ahooks@casatrinity.org if interested
NCADD Annual Luncheon-4; [More Info HERE](#)

YOUTH Engagement

Looking to empower young leaders and create lasting change in your community? **Kym Laube**, Executive Director of HUGS, Inc., brings over 35 years of experience in substance use prevention and youth empowerment to her dynamic, interactive trainings. A nationally recognized speaker and trainer, Kym's journey—from a Teen Institute participant to a leader in prevention and recovery advocacy—inspires and equips young people to lead with confidence.

CASA-Trinity and the ORN are excited to share part one of a two-part series on youth engagement strategies in your community.

Location: TBD

Register Now →

Thursday, May 1st
9:00-4:30 PM

National Trainer: **Kym Laube**

CEU'S PENDING

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National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence-
Rochester Area

2025 Annual Luncheon

Join us for
NCADD-RA's 79th Anniversary

Save the Date

Keynote Speaker:
Professor Bertha Madras, PhD (the honorable)

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

11:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
(Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m.)

DoubleTree by Hilton
1111 Jefferson Rd
Rochester, NY 14623

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Bertha Madras is a Professor of Psychobiology at Harvard Medical School (a Harvard 38 years), based at McLean Hospital and cross-appointed at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Scientific Research. Her research has focused on neurobiology, pharmacology, brain imaging, drug discovery for addiction, neuropsychiatric disorders, and drug policy. With collaborators, her lab discovered: (1) methods for detecting Parkinson's disease in living brain; (2) molecular targets in brain of cocaine, ecstasy (MDMA), modafinil, THC (of marijuana), CBD; (3) different responses of psychoactive drugs in adolescents/adults; (4) new candidate therapeutics; (5) drug toxicity, others.

Authorship. She is author of more than 200 scientific manuscripts, articles, book chapters and co-editor of books: "The Cell Biology of Addiction"; "Effects of Drug Abuse on the Human Nervous System"; "Imaging of the Human Brain in Health and Disease".

Inventor. She is a recipient of 19 U.S. and 27 International issued patents with collaborators.

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