

September 2026

MIHEN Monthly Newsletter



New this month...

1. MIHEN Webinar - LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!

September 24, 2026

[Overdose Response Strategy \(ORS\): Cross-sector Partnership Innovation and Emerging Drug Trends](#), August 18, 2026, 1:00 - 2:00 PM, 1.5 MCBAP-specific CEUs offered

Description: The Overdose Response Strategy (ORS) is an innovative program that utilizes cross-sector partnerships to optimize the overdose prevention work being done nationwide. At its core, it is an example of a cross-agency, interdisciplinary collaboration with a single mission of reducing overdose deaths and saving lives across the nation. Each ORS team consists of a public health analyst and a drug intelligence officer working together to form strong partnerships between public health and public safety partners and other community organizations interested in reducing substance misuse and overdose deaths. The Michigan (MI) ORS team is a valuable resource for those working in overdose prevention, treatment, and recovery. This presentation will share how to gain access to near-real-time overdose data, how to connect with the MI ORS team, and the value, training, and technical assistance the MI ORS team can provide to those working in this space. In this presentation, the MI ORS team will give a brief overview of the ORS program and share resources, including overdose spike response planning tools and new and emerging drug trends.

Review the flyer [here](#) for more information.

2. Prevention Network is hiring a new MIHEN Coordinator!

We're looking for someone to join our team and help support the Michigan

Higher Education Network's work with colleges and universities across the state. [Find the job posting here](#). I will be staying on as the PAM Coordinator and will be available throughout the transition.

3. Narrative-driven Prevention Podcasts: Stories That Stick - Webinar

Are you interested in starting a podcast to share your prevention success stories?

Join us for this webinar to discover how to create podcasts to share your stories with a wider audience, expand your prevention network, and strengthen your impact in the community.

October 1, 2026, from 10:00-11:30 AM CT

This webinar, presented by Brian Klaas, will help substance misuse prevention professionals turn their work into stories that reach beyond a classroom or training site. Prevention work is already a story. A podcast is the format that lets the story do its work — as long as you tell the right story the right way.

[Register Here.](#)

4. Higher Education Center's 2026 National Meeting

The Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Drug Misuse Prevention and Recovery's (HECAOD) National Meeting is an opportunity for professionals working to address collegiate substance misuse across the continuum to come together and learn from subject matter experts and their peers. This year's conference will take place fully virtually, October 19 – 22, 2026. All sessions will be recorded and accessible to all attendees after the conference.

[Register Here.](#)

5. MIHEN Meetings: October 2026 – September 2027

MIHEN's new fiscal year begins October 1, 2026. Quarterly MIHEN Meetings will take place on the second Thursday of each month from **1:00–2:00 p.m.**

- December 10, 2026
- March 11, 2027
- June 10, 2027
- September 9, 2027

A meeting invitation will be sent after the new coordinator is hired.

Public Health Updates/Publications from the Last Month...

- [How Can Your Campus Promote 'One Pill Can Kill'?](#)
- [Federal Bill Would Add SUD Category to Dislocated Worker Grant Eligibility](#)

Upcoming Events...

- **SAVE A LIFE DAY**, September 24, 2026
- MIHEN Webinar, September 24, 2026, 10:00 - 11:30 am
- **27th Annual Substance Use and Co-Occurring Disorder Hybrid Conference**, September 27 - 29, 2026, Lansing, MI

- [Controlled Breathing May Reduce Drug Cravings, New Study Finds](#)

Thank you for your participation in the MIHEN.



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