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Summer & Fall at CAMP

- Our team of Substance Use Navigators (SUNs) have recently expanded Warmline services to cover Montgomery County.
- Penn Medicine has partnered with the City of Philadelphia and Police Department to support a new initiative in Kensington to provide same-day diversion.
- Medetomidine continues to be the primary adulterant in Philadelphia's drug supply. Read more here.
- September was National Recovery Month! In this newsletter, we highlight past and upcoming Fall events in the community.

NEW CDC GRANT AWARDED TO PENN CAMP

- In partnership with Jefferson Health, CAMP will expand and evaluate innovative approaches for initiating Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) in emergency departments. The research will produce a toolkit that will support emergency clinicians to identify, treat, and link patients to long-term engagement across diverse health systems.



DR. MAGGIE LOWENSTEIN OBTAINS R01 GRANT

- CAMP's Dr. Lowenstein received funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to evaluate the effectiveness of a novel, multi-component hospital-to-housing intervention that provides medically supported transitional housing for people experiencing homelessness with OUD following hospitalization. This is in partnership with Project HOME.

PARTNERING WITH PRISONS

- Our Navigators now offer reentry services and peer support at the Reentry Trailer outside Philadelphia's State Road prisons to enhance successful return to the community.
- Liz Morrison, CRSS, Pat Dooley, Lead SUN, & Brad Meck, CRS lead peer-support groups for individuals during incarceration to help maintain recovery.



Philadelphia Department of Prisons



CDC Webinar: Medetomidine for Clinicians August 7th, 2025

- CAMP's Dr. Jeanmarie Perrone and Dr. Samantha Huo spoke about the clinical implications of medetomidine mixed with opioids in Philadelphia and Southeast Pennsylvania. Watch the full webinar [here](#).



Clinical Recommendations for Managing Medetomidine Withdrawal

- Our providers at Penn Medicine have continued to address the changing nature of treating the novel adulterant, medetomidine. See the latest withdrawal management strategies used at the ICU [here](#).



RECOVERY MONTH

SEPTEMBER 2025

PENN MEDICINE



OUR PEERS IN THE COMMUNITY

- In September, we celebrated National Recovery Month!
- CRSs James Sherman, Patrick Dooley, and Nicole O'Donnell spoke about their recovery journeys at the Voices of Recovery event hosted by Penn Medicine's Chester County Hospital Wellness Program.
- CRSs Brad Meck and Diamond Stahl joined friends and providers at Prevention Point's Recover & Thrive event to share stories of healing and recovery including art, poetry, and essays from attendees.
- CAMP Project Manager Gilly Gehri partook in friendly pickleball games organized by Philly-based recovery group The Phoenix.



Diamond Stahl & Brad Meck at the Prevention Point Recover & Thrive event on Sept. 25, 2025.



Congratulations to the Penn authors of this recent publication in *Academic Emergency Medicine*!

Academic Emergency Medicine

RESEARCH LETTER [OPEN ACCESS](#)

Linkage to Outpatient Methadone Treatment From the Emergency Department and Hospital

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KENSINGTON WELLNESS SUPPORT CENTER

Police-Assisted Diversion

- Neighborhood Wellness Court (NWC) is a pilot initiative in Kensington that launched in January 2025. This diversion pathway helps to fast-track people into treatment while navigating the justice system.
- Our medical triage team of nurses and peer navigators collaborate with multiple city partners to provide wraparound services best suited for participants.



AMERSA

NOVEMBER 13 - 15, 2025



CAMP team members are heading to Portland for the Association for Multidisciplinary Education and Research in Substance use and Addiction (AMERSA) conference.

- Kelli Murray, CRS and Integrated Forensic Peer Specialist, was joined by Nam-Huy Leduc, MPH to co-present preliminary findings on the role of peer navigators in the NWC triage for the fast-track diversion program.
- Jasmine Barnes, MPH and James Sherman, CRS co-presented on the NACCHO study on methadone inductions from hospitals to opioid treatment programs.
- Rosa Friedman, Medical Case Manager and Gilly Gehri, MBE presented a poster on the effectiveness of connecting patients from hospital to housing.
- Maya Arora, BS presented a poster focused on barriers to substance use treatment through the lens of unhoused populations.



SUMMER ACTIVITIES

AUGUST 22, 2025

CAMP JOINS U.S. REPRESENTATIVE MADELEINE DEAN

- CAMP leadership team spoke with Congresswoman Dean about recovery pathways and clinical strategies to address substance use.



Summer Internship Program

- CAMP and Penn Medicine's Office of Outreach, Education, and Research (OER) offer the first-ever hands-on experience training to 18 students from 11 Philadelphia high schools! Read more [here](#).

HALLOWEEN BLOCK PARTY

- CAMP participated in a community block party for Halloween hosted by [Merakey](#) and the Philadelphia Police Department. This beloved event brings joy and festive activities to young children living in Kensington!



NOVEMBER 13, 2025

WARMLINE: EXPANDED TO MONTCO!

PERINATAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ACCESS LINE

WE GOT YOU, Southeastern PA!

Need help navigating options including medication for opioid use disorder?

Need help getting resources for yourself or your family?

Call to speak with a peer for resource navigation

A public health initiative serving Southeastern PA 9am-9pm every day.

Peer-driven support for patients.

Expert clinical consultation for providers.

Unsure how to manage MOUD or psychiatric care for your pregnant and postpartum patients?

Unsure how to support your patient with SUD or psych needs?

Call to be connected to a clinical expert

484-278-1679
9am-9pm Mon-Sun

Logos: Penn Medicine, Drexel, Temple Health, Jefferson Health

- The CareConnect Warmline now offers substance use and perinatal and postnatal recovery services in **Montgomery County**.
- Hours: 9AM - 9PM, 7 days a week
- Reach us at penncamp@pennmedicine.upenn.edu

Our Certified Recovery Specialists (CRS) and Substance Use Navigators (SUN) can help connect people to recovery resources in Philadelphia and nearby counties.

Family Recovery Support Services & Penn Employee Assistance Programs



Penn Medicine Employee Assistance Program

- Employees at Penn Medicine can also utilize the EAP program that offers confidential counseling, substance use support, and wellness resources!

- Certified Family Recovery Specialists (CFRS) at CAMP are trained by the Council of Southeast Pennsylvania to use their own lived experience and provide support for family members impacted by a loved one's substance use disorder. Talk to a CFRS here.

Please consider supporting CAMP by making a donation!