

NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ED

As we continue our mission to support the credentialing of prevention, SUD, and recovery professionals worldwide, we remain fully committed to upholding the highest standards in the behavioral health field. We're excited to spotlight new certification initiatives and share key legislative updates. Over the past few years, our team has been diligently working to update the examinations, and I'm pleased to announce we are now in the final stages. Together, we are making a lasting impact,

and I look forward to all that we will accomplish in the months ahead.

SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION SPECIALIST JOB CLASSIFICATION

The substance use prevention profession currently lacks a standard occupational classification to provide information about the occupation (e.g., number of professions, employment levels, pay/benefits, demographic characteristics, & required skills) that will aid in providing critical information for planning and policy decisions to strengthen the workforce.

The Substance Use Prevention Workforce Committee (Annapolis Coalition on Behavioral Workforce Development, CADCA, IC&RC, Missouri Partners in Prevention, NAADAC, NASADAD, & NIEA) "propose changes to the broad group of Miscellaneous Community and Social Service Specialists (21-1090) through the

addition of a new detailed occupation classified as Substance Use Prevention Specialists to the five currently listed detailed occupations."

PROPOSED occupation title

21-1091 Health Education Specialists

21-1092 Probation Officers and Correctional Treatment Specialists

21-1093 Social and Human Service Assistants

21-1094 Community Health Workers

21-1095 Substance Use Prevention Specialists

21-1099 Community and Social Service Specialists, All Other

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YOUR CHANCE TO BE FEATURED

If you have a delicious recipe you know people will love, please share it for a chance to be featured in a future issue.

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TEAM MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



Samantha Thiele joined the IC&RC team in July as the Administrative Assistant for Membership Services. She has a background in Hospitality and Event Coordination, in addition to assisting executives in Human Resources. Growing up in South Carolina and attending the University of South Carolina instilled in her a passion for Southern hospitality and a commitment to helping others. She

is excited to be a part of this organization and to have the opportunity to make a positive impact on the Prevention, Substance Use Disorder, and Recovery workforce.

WHAT'S NEW

Be on the lookout for State Advocacy information! If there are updates in legislation specific to your Board's jurisdiction, IC&RC will send an email to the Board, highlighting the information.

*“Empowering SUD
Professionals Worldwide”*

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Advocating for Parity in SUD Services

IC&RC continues to advocate for policy changes that enhance the accessibility of SUD treatment services. Recent bipartisan legislation introduced by Congress aims to expand **peer-to-peer behavioral health services**. This initiative seeks to bolster federal support for integrating peer specialists into broader healthcare systems, ensuring that communities affected by SUD have access to vital resources.

What This Means for You:

- Expanded funding for peer recovery roles
- Enhanced training opportunities
- Greater recognition of peer support professionals in healthcare settings

DID YOU KNOW?

- October 10th is World Mental Health Day
- 20.4 million American adults suffered from both a mental health disorder and a substance use disorder, or co-occurring disorder in the past year
- October is National Substance Use Prevention Month

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Annual Stakeholder Meeting October 21-22, in Orlando, FL

Administrator's Meeting (virtual) October 28, at 12:30 PST / 1:30 MST / 2:30 CST / 3:30 EST

NEW ENTRY-LEVEL PEER RECOVERY CERTIFICATION

IC&RC is proud to announce the launch of our **Entry-Level Peer Recovery Certification** in response to growing demand for peer support professionals.

This certification ensures a standardized approach to training and equipping peer recovery workers with essential skills. It offers a gateway for individuals with lived experience to provide guidance in recovery services.

“Leading the World in Credentialing for Prevention, SUD & Recovery Professionals”

WHITE CHOCOLATE & CRANBERRY COOKIES

Ingredients

	1 tablespoon vanilla
1/2 cup packed brown sugar	1 1/2 cups flour
1/2 cup white sugar	1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 cup unsalted butter	1 cup dried cranberries
1 large egg	3/4 cup white chocolate chips

Directions

Step 1: Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Grease 2 cookie sheets.

Step 2: Beat brown sugar, white sugar, & butter with an electric mixer until creamy. Add egg & vanilla & beat until incorporated.

Step 3: Combine flour & baking soda in a separate bowl. Stir flour mixture into the butter mixture until combined. Fold in cranberries & white chocolate chips.



Step 4: Drop spoonfuls of dough 2 inches apart onto prepped baking sheets.

Step 5: Bake 8-10 minutes.

Step 6: Let cool briefly before transferring to wire racks to cool completely.