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Understanding Opioid Use Disorder and Substance Use Disorders: A 6- Part Cooperative Extension Program Webinar Series

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Substance use disorders (SUDs), including opioid use disorder (OUD), and stimulant use disorder (StUD) continue to affect individuals, families, workplaces, and communities across the country. Cooperative Extension professionals are uniquely positioned to serve as trusted community educators, connectors, and partners in addressing the complex challenges associated with substance use.

This six-part webinar series will provide Cooperative Extension educators and community partners with practical, evidence-informed knowledge and resources to better understand, prevent, and respond to opioid use, stimulant use, and other substance use disorders.

SESSION #1: OPIOID USE, STIMULANT, AND OTHER SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS November 2, 2026, 1:00-2:00 pm EST

Learning Objectives:

- 1) Define substance use, substance misuse, substance use disorder (SUD), opioid use disorder (OUD), and stimulant use disorder (StUD).
- 2) Describe risk and protective factors associated with substance use.
- 3) Explain addiction as a health condition rather than a moral failing.
- 4) Identify the major approaches to prevention, treatment, overdose prevention, and recovery.
- 5) Recognize common signs that someone may be experiencing problematic substance use.
- 6) Describe the role of Extension staff in prevention, education, referral, and community support.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT may be available. If you would like more info, you can request it during registration.

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