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(4/28/25) Adolescent Health Substance Use & Prevention Virtual Mini Conference to be Held

Southern 7 Health Department and the Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics invite healthcare providers throughout the region to join them for the upcoming “Adolescent Health Substance Use & Prevention” Virtual Mini Conference on May 9 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The majority of young people are in good health. Yet some youth are at increased risk for behaviors that can lead to poor health outcomes, such as high-risk substance use. Through this conference, participants will connect with experts and peers to:

- Describe trends in adolescent substance use in Illinois
- Explain screening using validated screening tools for substance use
- Discuss treatment and referral options
- Recognize the role mental health plays in substance use
- Identify community resources to address adolescent substance use

Registration is free and is available at https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_oH9dlo_UR0eX_q-Xn5eDYg and at <https://illinoisAAP.org/upcoming-events/>. For more details, contact Kerie Rumsey at Southern 7 Health Department, 618-524-2657.

The Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics is an organization of over 2,000 pediatricians in Illinois, dedicated to improving the health and well-being of infants, children, and adolescents throughout Illinois, and is accredited by the Illinois State Medical Society to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

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