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Summit Spotlight:

[Prevention breakout sessions announced](#)

Descriptions of the six [Prevention Track](#) breakout sessions to be offered at the **2016 National Rx Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit** are now available.

The [Prevention Track](#) will consider how to prevent Rx drug and heroin abuse, as well as their associated harms, such as overdose deaths, HIV and Hepatitis C infection, and neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS). Presentations will include the latest data/trends related to prevention efforts, best practices for using digital media as a prevention tool, and effective strategies targeting youth, expectant mothers and the workplace.

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Drug Abuse & Heroin Summit or Operation UNITE.

[Agriculture Secretary Vilsack to lead effort to address drug struggles in rural areas](#)

Kevin Liptak, CNN

President Barack Obama is naming a Cabinet-level point person to address the problem of heroin and other opiate use in rural communities, the White House said Friday, January 15.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, the longest-serving member of Obama's original Cabinet, will head an effort probing many of the particular ailments facing America's

small towns.

The White House hopes Vilsack will use information about rural problems to develop policy solutions combating heroin use as well as "increasing suicide rates, declining physical and mental health, and heightened financial stress," a White House official said.

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[Study: Future lawyers are hiding depression, drug and alcohol use](#)

Natalie Kitroeff, Bloomberg Business News

Some of America's future lawyers are hiding drug, alcohol and depression problems instead of seeking help, a new report shows.

Law students with addiction and mental health issues may be afraid to report the problems because they think that doing so would jeopardize their chances of being admitted to the bar or getting a good job after graduating, according to the study, which was conducted by a law professor, a dean of law students, and the programming director of a nonprofit focused on lawyers' mental health. It was published in December 2015 in the *Bar Examiner*, an industry magazine.

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[Drug overdoses propel rise in mortality rates for young whites](#)

Gina Kolata and Sarah Cohen, The New York Times

Drug overdoses are driving up the death rate of young white adults in the United States to levels not seen since the end of the AIDS epidemic more than two decades ago - a turn of fortune that stands in sharp contrast to falling death rates for young blacks, a *New York Times* analysis of death certificates has found.

The rising death rates for those young white adults, ages 25 to 34, make them the first generation since the Vietnam War years of the mid-1960s to experience higher death rates in early adulthood than the generation that preceded it.

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Opinion

[My employers helped me beat addiction in the workplace](#)

Allan McDougall, Huffington Post

Anyone who battles addiction knows that it's much more than a bad habit or a moral shortcoming. Addiction is a compulsion so beyond our control, that we may as well be

a feather fighting against a gale-force wind. Luckily for me, people at my workplace pulled me out of the storm.

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