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Educational workshop/events are offered free to parents/grandparents/caregivers/educators of children with emotional/behavioral health concerns!

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"Understanding Substance Use Disorder and Stigma Effects!"

Presented by Heather Williams, CFPS, Regional Parent Support Coordinator

March 30, 2025 from 10a-1p
Webinar Only

Know the Facts! Substance use among youth and young adults is at its highest level. This disease can cause or increase mental and physical health related issues and can lead to problems at school, home, and work. It can put our youth at risk for involvement with the correctional system or worst of all, lead to loss of life. Substance Use Disorder (SUD) impacts the entire family. This special extended workshop will explore local and national statistics, risk factors, and the effects of SUD on the brain and polysubstance use. A video will be shared, "Pleasure Unwoven" a personal journey about addiction by Kevin McCauley. He turns complex neuroscientific concepts into easy, understandable virtual images that helps explain why SUD is a disease. Also discussed are protective factors, the social and mental impact of stigma and how we can help. This information can be used to start these important conversations with our children and youth. Our kids/young adults are our future, so it is critically important that we parents, family and community members truly understand this disease and learn that recovery is possible! Do not wait to get started!

This workshop is available by webinar only via Zoom™

Please pre-register to attend online at www.gearparentnetwork.org

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