



**Substance Abuse Prevention
and Early Intervention**

- **Forum Purpose**
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FORUM PURPOSE

- **To explore the reasons and methods for building collaboration**
- **between workplaces, mental health providers, external researchers, both MCOs and MBHOs**
- **for the purposes of reducing and preventing alcohol and drug abuse**
- **within the workplace and among employees and their dependents.**

Six Forum Objectives

Orientation

Identifi-
cation

Finding
Common-
alities

Vision
for the
Future

Best &
Promising
Practices

Next
Steps

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EMPHASIS ON PREVENTION (and EARLY INTERVENTION)

- **PREVENTION**

- *Educate before the problem starts*

- **CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF EARLY INTERVENTION**

- *Strategies that target individuals at high risk for substance abuse, or*

- *Who manifest pre-clinical signs & symptoms*