

Join us in our work to...

Save lives through advocacy

Shatterproof is leading the charge to create systemic change across our nation—to make addiction treatment more effective, affordable, and accessible.

In Washington, D.C., and in state capitals across the country, we are meeting with legislators, attending hearings for bills, and having crucial conversations with stakeholders—all to generate the political will to put decades of solid addiction science into practice.

So far, 27 new state policies and critical features of two new federal laws are on the books because of our leadership.

Shatterproof's legislative priorities are focused on policies that improve access to evidence-based treatments for substance use disorder (SUD)—tangible solutions that make a real impact on loved ones and families. Our small, talented team spends precious resources and time working to secure grants and other funding for this work. A larger community of support is needed to fuel further progress on the policy front.

Your partnership and generosity will make more momentum possible around our groundbreaking addiction advocacy efforts.

With Your Help

We Can Do Even More to Affect Change

Medicaid Payment Reform - To get more loved ones the care they need when they need it, addiction treatment must become part of mainstream medicine. We need change across the system, from insurers to providers.


Shatterproof is working state-by-state to promote the Collaborative Care Model (CoCM) — a scalable treatment model in the primary care setting — for the Medicaid population. Your partnership will provide resources to expand more quickly into states, making it more likely that professionals will refer patients in need to evidence-based care.

Provider Education - Medical professionals are not currently provided, or expected to have, training to provide addiction treatment and recovery support, which are essential to improving the quality of care for Americans with a SUD. Educating healthcare professionals, especially primary care doctors, is vital.

Among other efforts, Shatterproof is leading the push to get Congress to pass the Medication Access and Training Expansion (MATE) Act, which would require doctors who prescribe controlled substances to receive addiction training—a scalable way to ensure that the vast majority of our nation's active physicians can screen for addiction, provide treatment when possible, and understand how and when to refer for further treatment. Your generosity will allow us to work on more legislation that expands addiction-training requirements.

Opioid Settlement Funds - Opioid makers and distributors are finally being held to account for ravaging communities across our nation—devastating lives and shattering families. When the National Prescription Opiate Litigation is concluded, beginning in spring 2022, it will authorize state governments to allocate settlement funds to support evidence-based programs for opioid use disorder (OUD) and co-occurring SUD. In partnership with the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, Shatterproof is leading a national coalition to enact guiding principles for allocation of opioid settlement dollars at the state level. We are the leading nonprofit in the addiction space that is working on this critical issue.

You can help us meet this important moment. It is essential that the settlement monies be used to support SUD initiatives. Your support will help Shatterproof keep up the momentum to assure these dollars aren't diverted to underwrite projects that have nothing to do with the purpose for which they were secured, as happened with the tobacco settlement funds a generation ago.



Shatterproof leadership are highly sought-after thought leaders to inform response to the addiction crisis, including during the U.S. Chamber's Sharing Solutions tour.



Shatterproof's Founder and CEO Gary Mendell joins advocates from across the addiction field to advocate for change in Washington, D.C.

Emergency Departments - When someone overdoses, they aren't given the same post-incident care as people with other life-threatening conditions. Shatterproof supports legislation that implements much-needed best practices for post-overdose care, including the Preventing Overdoses While in Emergency Rooms (POWER) Act. We're also supporting initiatives in states across the country to increase access to addiction medications.

Through your gifts, you can have a hand in enacting laws that will help loved ones receive compassionate, science-based care when they are in the emergency department—connecting with a peer-support specialist, receiving naloxone upon discharge, initiating buprenorphine, and/or getting a referral to high-quality treatment.

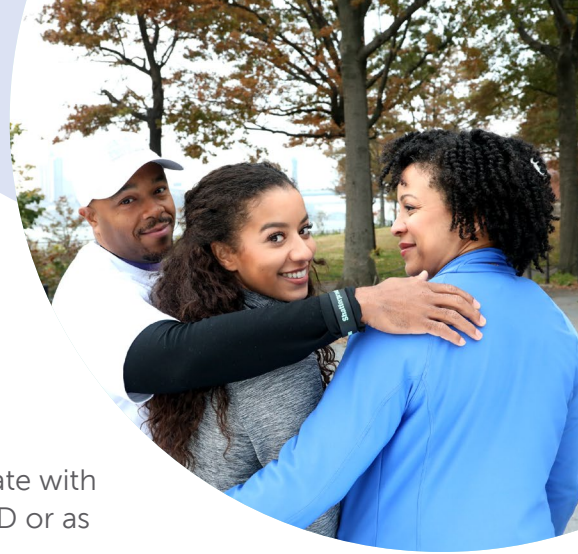
Addiction Prevention - Shatterproof wants to do more to impact policy change around addiction prevention. Stopping addiction before it starts involves investing in addiction prevention programs—for example, to build awareness about the dangers of fentanyl and vaping products marketed to children. Early intervention/treatment and effective tracking programs would also save lives.

When prevention policies and programs are successful, there is nothing to measure; the desired result is the absence of an issue. Your generosity can help Shatterproof develop a comprehensive plan for prevention policy to halt another generation from becoming entangled in the cruel grip of SUD.

Central to All We Do: Families and Loved Ones

An essential part of Shatterproof's work is helping people nationwide take action to end the addiction crisis in their own communities.

We've trained nearly 3,000 volunteer ambassadors in grassroots policy work. They write letters, testify on panels, and communicate with the media, speaking from lived experience as individuals with SUD or as loved ones.



I promised my mom that I wouldn't allow her death to be in vain and that I would make sure our story made a difference.

We're doing this thing, Mom. Today, I am working on a testimony, which I will present before the Nevada Senate regarding Assembly Bill AB374. If passed, this would establish requirements governing the expenditure of proceeds of litigation relating to opioids and create a task force to fight the current drug and opioid crisis in Nevada.

Kelsey Matthews

SHATTERPROOF AMBASSADOR IN NEVADA

AB374 was passed and Kelsey was recognized as a significant contributor to the hearings.

Meet This Moment With Us

We invite you to become a change-agent in addiction policy by supporting Shatterproof's work.

Thank you for engaging with us and considering how your desire to help others may align with our mission to save and improve the lives of so many we cherish.

Have thoughts, observations, or a story to tell? We would love to hear from you.



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