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## **MEDIA ALERT \* MEDIA ALERT \* MEDIA ALERT**

### **THE COUNCIL ON RECOVERY TO HOST 2020 VAPING SUMMIT**

*Summit to Gather Multi-Sector Experts to Address Vaping in Our Community*

**WHO:** **The Council on Recovery**, a nonprofit organization dedicated to keeping the community healthy, productive, and safe by providing programs, services and information to all who may be adversely affected by alcohol, drugs, other addictions, and co-occurring mental health disorders.

**WHAT:** **The Council on Recovery** and the **Prevention Resource Center, Region 6**, will host the Houston Vaping Summit, the first conference of its type in Houston to bring together leaders from the medical, legal, prevention, treatment, and education sectors to educate professionals on what vaping is and how to prevent its abuse.

Taking place at The Council's main campus at **303 Jackson Hill Street** in Houston, the summit will consist of keynote addresses, multidisciplinary breakout sessions led by key Houston community leaders, and a panel discussion from citizens directly affected by vaping. The keynote speakers include **Officer Jermaine Galloway** of the Tall Cop Says Stop™ program, and **Dr. Amy Arrington** of Texas Children's Hospital.

Jermaine Galloway has worked in law enforcement since 1997 and, through his Tall Cop Says Stop™ program, has educated more than 105,000 people nationwide on substance abuse prevention. For his prevention and education efforts, he has received the 2015 national and international award for American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) for work and training on fake IDs and underage drinking, the 2017 National Enrique Camarena Drug Awareness Award from the National Elks Drug Awareness program, and the 2018 Law Enforcement Partner Award from the New York State STOP-DWI Foundation.

Amy Arrington, MD, PhD, is the medical director for the Special Isolation Unit at Texas Children's Hospital, and an assistant professor of pediatric critical care medicine for Baylor College of Medicine. She has dedicated her career to high-quality, compassionate care of critically ill children in an intensive care setting. Arrington earned her PhD and MD from Baylor College of Medicine, at which she also completed her residency in pediatrics, and fellowship in pediatric critical care.

**WHEN:** **Friday, February 21, 2020**  
8 AM – 4 PM

**WHERE:** **The Hamill Foundation Conference Center**  
**at The Council on Recovery** (a smoke-free, vape-free, alcohol-free facility)  
303 Jackson Hill St.  
Houston, TX 77007

**TICKETS:** \$100  
*Breakfast and lunch included*

For more information, visit <https://www.councilonrecovery.org/vaping-summit/>. Walk-in registration begins at 8 AM.

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**About The Council on Recovery:** Founded in 1946, The Council on Recovery is Houston's oldest and largest non-profit organization providing the full spectrum of prevention, education, intervention, treatment, and recovery services for individuals and families who are affected by alcoholism, drug abuse, other addictions, and co-occurring mental health disorders. Directly touching over 60,000 lives each year through programs for children and youth, in-school and clinical counseling for teens, outpatient substance abuse treatment for adults, services for the elderly, and more, our mission is to provide the highest quality of care at affordable rates, while turning no one away. Affiliated with the United Way of Greater Houston, The Council receives funding from private contributions and grants, special events, and program fees. Visit us at [www.councilonrecovery.org](http://www.councilonrecovery.org).