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SAMHSA Training and Technical Assistant Resources

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SAMHSA Practitioner Training

SAMHSA's practitioner training offers tools, training, and technical assistance to practitioners in the fields of mental health and substance use disorders. For more information, please visit: <https://www.samhsa.gov/practitioner-training>

Technology Transfer Centers Network (TTC)

The purpose of the Technology Transfer Centers Network (TTC) program is to develop and strengthen the specialized behavioral healthcare and primary healthcare workforce that provides substance use disorder (SUD) and mental health prevention, treatment and recovery support services. The TTC Network is comprised of the Prevention Technology Transfer Centers (PTTC), the Addiction Technology Transfer Centers (ATTC), and the Mental Health Technology Transfer Centers (MHTTC) and there is a PTTC, an ATTC, and a MHTTC in each of the ten HHS Regions.

◆ Prevention Technology Transfer Centers (PTTC):

The PTTCs develop and disseminate tools and strategies needed to improve the quality of substance abuse prevention efforts; provide intensive technical assistance and learning resources to prevention professionals in order to improve their understanding of prevention science, how to use epidemiological data to guide prevention planning, and selection and implementation of evidence-based and promising prevention practices; and develop tools and resources to engage the next generation of prevention professionals. The PTTCs also provide technical assistance for American Indian, Alaska Native, Hispanic, and Latino populations.

Contact: networkoffice@pttcnetwork.org or 816-235-1617
Website: <https://pttcnetwork.org/>

◆ Addiction Technology Transfer Centers (ATTC):

The ATTCs support national and regional activities focused on preparing tools needed by practitioners to improve the quality of service delivery and to providing intensive technical assistance to provider organizations to improve their processes and practices in the delivery of effective SUD

treatment and recovery services. The ATTCs also provide technical assistance for American Indian, Alaska Native, Hispanic, and Latino populations.

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Website: <https://attcnetwork.org/>

◆ Mental Health Technology Transfer Centers (MHTTC):

The MHTTCs will work with organizations and treatment practitioners involved in the delivery of mental health services to strengthen their capacity to deliver effective evidence-based practices to individuals, including the full continuum of services spanning mental illness prevention, treatment, and recovery support. The MHTTCs also provide technical assistance for American Indian, Alaska Native, Hispanic, and Latino populations.

Contact: networkoffice@mhttcnetwork.org or 650-721-8692
Website: <https://mhttcnetwork.org/>

Opioid Response Network (ORN; formerly known as the State Targeted Response Technical Assistance (STR-TA))

The State Targeted Response (STR) Technical Assistance (TA) Consortium was created to support efforts in addressing opioid use disorder prevention, treatment and recovery. This project provides local expertise in communities to help address the public health opioid crisis. The goal is to respond quickly to requests for education and training resources to address the opioid crisis.

Contact: orn@aaap.org or 401-270-5900
Website: <https://getstr-ta.org/>

Providers' Clinical Support System for Medication Assisted Treatment (PCSS-MAT)

PCSS-MAT is a national training and clinical mentoring project developed in response to the prescription opioid misuse epidemic and the availability of pharmacotherapies to treat opioid use disorder. PCSS-MAT trains health professionals to provide effective, evidence-based, medication-assisted treatments to patients with opioid use disorder in primary care,

psychiatric care, substance use disorder treatment, and pain management settings.

Contact: pcss@aaap.org or 855-227-2776

Website: <https://pcssnow.org/>

Rural Opioid Technical Assistance (ROTA)

The purpose of this program is to develop and disseminate training and technical assistance for rural communities on addressing opioid issues affecting these communities. The grantees will facilitate the identification of model programs, develop and update materials related to the prevention, treatment and recovery activities for opioid use disorder (OUD), and ensure that high-quality training is provided.

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Website: <https://www.samhsa.gov/rural-opioid-technical-assistance-rot>

2020 Expansion of Practitioner Education (Prac-Ed) Grant Program

The goal of this program is to expand the integration of substance use disorder (SUD) education into the standard curriculum of relevant healthcare and health services education programs. Through the mainstreaming of this education, the ultimate goal is to expand the number of practitioners to deliver high quality, evidence-based SUD treatment.

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National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare (NCSACW)

NCSACW is a national resource center providing information, expert consultation, training and technical assistance to child welfare, dependency court and substance abuse treatment professionals to improve the safety, permanency, well-being and recovery outcomes for children, parents and families.

Contact: ncsacw@cffutures.org or 1-866-493-2758

Website: <https://ncsacw.samhsa.gov/>

National Peer Run Training and TA Center for Addiction Recovery Peer Support (APR-CoE)

The APR-CoE was authorized by Section 7152 of the SUPPORT Act for Patients and Communities. The Act specifies that training and technical assistance must be provided to recovery community organizations (RCOs), as well as peer support networks. SAMHSA has long acknowledged the value

of individuals with lived experience in assisting others in achieving and maintaining recovery from substance use disorders, and the APR-CoE will assist in the promotion of peer recovery support activities.

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National Center of Excellence for Tobacco-Free Recovery (National Center – TFR)

CTFR offers specialized subject matter expertise to provide training and technical assistance to states, local governments, tribal communities, behavioral health organizations, primary care providers, clinicians, peers, families, and other stakeholders to help reduce tobacco use among persons with behavioral health disorders, with an emphasis on individuals with serious mental illness and co-occurring disorders.

Contact: Christine.Cheng2@ucsf.edu or 1-877-509-3786

Website: <https://smokingcessationleadership.ucsf.edu/campaigns/samhsa>

Serious Mental Illness (SMI) Advisor/Clinical Support System for Serious Mental Illness (SMI-Advisor)

Serious mental illness (SMI) Adviser is funded by SAMHSA and administered by the American Psychiatric Association (APA). The APA works closely on this project with a team of experts from 30 other mental health organizations. This team includes individuals, families, clinical experts, peers, and policy makers – all working to create access to the best resources on serious mental illness.

Website: <https://smiadviser.org/clinicians>

Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC)

The SPRC provides a virtual learning lab designed to help state- and community-level partnerships build and improve more effective prevention efforts. SPRC presents a blueprint for developing and sustaining suicide prevention efforts that are most likely to be effective. This center also include resources for suicide prevention in specific settings such as schools, college campuses, and American Indian/Alaska Native communities.

Website: <http://www.sprc.org/contact-us>

Center of Excellence for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation (IECMHC)

IECMHC is a prevention-based service that pairs a mental health consultant with families and adults who work with infants and young children in the different settings where they learn and grow, such as child care, preschool, and their home. The aim is to build adults' capacity to strengthen and support the healthy social and emotional development of children—early and before intervention is needed.

Website: <https://www.samhsa.gov/iecmhc>

Request technical assistance: <https://www.iecmhc.org/technical-assistance/>

National Center of Excellence for Eating Disorders (NCEED)

NCEED's mission is to advance education and training of healthcare providers and to promote public awareness of eating disorders and eating disorder treatment. NCEED's goal is to ensure that all individuals with eating disorders are identified, treated, and supported in recovery. Based at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NCEED includes clinicians, researchers, and advocates who specialize in eating disorder care.

Contact: 919-695-3860

Website: <https://www.nceedus.org/contact>

Service Members, Veterans, and their Families Technical Assistance (SMVF-TA) Center

The Service Members, Veterans, and their Families Technical Assistance (SMVF-TA) Center works with states and territories to strengthen behavioral health systems for service members (active duty, National Guard, and reservists), veterans, and their families. SMVF's Policy Academy (PA) unites federal, state, and local leaders with experts to exchange ideas, best practices, and lessons learned, and serves as the key resource for PA graduates as they refine and implement strategic plans.

Contact: smvftacenter@prainc.com

Website: <https://www.samhsa.gov/smvf-ta-center>

GAINS Center for Behavioral Health and Justice Transformation

SAMHSA's GAINS Center for Behavioral Health and Justice Transformation helps to expand community services for adults who are in the criminal justice system and experiencing mental or substance use disorders. The GAINS Center

provides technical assistance and support to professionals working in the fields of behavioral health and criminal justice, to communities across the country who are working to achieve integrated systems of mental health and substance use services, and to several SAMHSA grant programs. The GAINS Center offers information and skills training to help individuals and organizations at the local, state, regional, and national levels implement effective, integrated programming that transform the criminal justice and behavioral health systems.

Contact: 800-311-4246

Website: <https://www.samhsa.gov/gains-center/contact-gains-center>

Center of Excellence for Protected Health Information (CoE-PHI)

Cicatelli Associates Inc. in partnership with the Legal Action Center (LAC) operated this Center of Excellence to develop and disseminate training, technical assistance, and educational resources for healthcare practitioners, families, individuals, states, and communities on various privacy laws and regulations as they relate to information about mental and substance use disorders. These include: the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and 42 CFR Part 2. This Center of Excellence addresses the intersection of these laws and regulations with other privacy laws such as the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Website: <http://coephi.org/>

Technical assistance: <http://www.coephi.org/technical-assistance>

SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) TA Center

SOAR is a program designed to increase access to SSI/SSDI for eligible adults and children who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and have a serious mental illness, medical impairment, and/or a co-occurring substance use disorder. The SOAR TA Center coordinates the implementation of state and local-level SOAR Programs at no cost to the communities it serves.

Contact: soar@prainc.com or 518-439-7415

Website: <https://www.samhsa.gov/soar>

Disaster Technical Assistance Center (DTAC)

SAMHSA's DTAC assists states, territories, tribes, and local entities with all-hazards disaster behavioral health response planning that allows them to prepare for and respond to both

natural and human-caused disasters. SAMHSA's DTAC also supports collaboration among mental health and substance abuse authorities, federal agencies, and nongovernmental organizations and facilitates in the sharing of information and best practices with the disaster behavioral health field.

Contact: DTAC@samhsa.hhs.gov or 1-800-985-5990
Website: <https://www.samhsa.gov/dtac>

Tribal Training and Technical Assistance Center (TTAC)

The Tribal Training and Technical Assistance Center (TTAC) aims to decrease the effect of risk factors and increase protective factors to promote healthy and safe development of American Indian and Alaska Native children, youth, and their families. The center provides training and technical assistance, including fact sheets, guides, and webinars, covering mental and/or substance use disorder prevention, suicide prevention, and the promotion of mental health in Native communities.

Contact: ta-request@tribaltechllc.com or call 1-800-953-1379
Website: <https://www.samhsa.gov/tribal-ttac>

Homeless and Housing Resource Center

The purpose of this program is to TTA to the general public and persons working with individuals who are at risk for, or are experiencing, homelessness. Provides education for practitioners on addressing the needs of individuals who experience homelessness and have SMI, SED, SUD, and/or co-occurring substance use and mental disorders.

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National Family Support Technical Assistance Center

SAMHSA recognizes both the critical role families' play in addressing mental and substance use disorders and the toll such disorders take on families across the country. The Fam-CoE will focus on training and education of the general public and healthcare practitioners on the importance of family supports and services and the integration of use disorder treatment programs. The Fam-CoE will also provide much needed resources and education directly for families.

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Centers of Excellence (CoE) for Behavioral Health Disparities

Starting in October 2020, SAMHSA has established **three** CoE's to develop and disseminate training and technical assistance for healthcare practitioners on issues related to addressing behavioral health disparities. These CoEs will implement training and technical assistance for practitioners to address the disparities in behavioral healthcare in three key populations.

1. The CoE addressing Behavioral Health Disparities Impacting African Americans
2. The CoE addressing Behavioral Health Disparities Impacting The LGBTQ Community
3. The CoE addressing Behavioral Health Disparities Impacting Older Individuals (age 60 and over)

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Learn More: Find out more about these treatment topics:

- [Evidence Based Practice Resource Center](#)
- [Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs](#)
- [Behavioral Health Treatment and Services](#)
- [Implementing Behavioral Health Crisis Care](#)
- [Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders](#)
- [Recovery and Recovery Support](#)
- [Substance Abuse and Mental Illness Prevention](#)
- [Suicide Prevention](#)

SAMHSA's National Helpline: The National Helpline is a free, confidential, 24/7, 365-day-a-year treatment referral and information service (in English and Spanish) for individuals and families facing mental and/or substance use disorders.

Call: [1-800-662-HELP \(4357\)](tel:1-800-662-HELP)

TTY: [1-800-487-4889](tel:1-800-487-4889)

Website: www.samhsa.gov/find-help/national-helpline

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 24-hour, toll-free, confidential suicide prevention hotline available to anyone in suicidal crisis or emotional distress. Calls are routed to the nearest crisis center in the national network of more than 150 crisis centers.

Call: [1-800-273-TALK \(8255\)](tel:1-800-273-TALK)

TTY: dial 711 then [1-800-799-4889](tel:1-800-799-4889)

Website: www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org

SAMHSA Regional Offices



<https://www.samhsa.gov/about-us/who-we-are/regional-administrators>

www.samhsa.gov

Veteran's Crisis Line: Connects veterans in crisis (and their families and friends) with qualified, caring U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) responders through a confidential, toll-free hotline, online chat, or text.

Call: [1-800-273-TALK \(8255\)](tel:1-800-273-TALK)

TTY: [1-800-799-4889](tel:1-800-799-4889)

Website: www.veteranscrisisline.net

Disaster Distress Helpline: Stress, anxiety, and other depression-like symptoms are common reactions after any natural or human-caused disaster. Call this toll-free number to be connected to the nearest crisis center for information, support, and counseling.

Call: [1-800-985-5990](tel:1-800-985-5990)

Website: www.samhsa.gov/find-help/disaster-distress-helpline

Drug-Free Workplace: Assists employers and union representatives with policy development, drug testing, employee assistance, employee education, supervisor training, and program implementation.

Contact: [1-800-WORKPLACE \(967-5752\)](tel:1-800-WORKPLACE)

Website: www.samhsa.gov/workplace/resources/drug-free-helpline



Behavioral Health Treatment Services Locator: Find alcohol, drug, or mental health treatment facilities and programs around the country at findtreatment.samhsa.gov.

Buprenorphine Practitioner & Treatment Program Locator: Find information on practitioners and treatment programs authorized to treat opioids, such as heroin or prescription pain relievers, at www.samhsa.gov/medication-assisted-treatment/practitioner-program-data/treatment-practitioner-locator.

Opioid Treatment Program Directory: Find treatment programs in your state that treat addiction and dependence on opioids, such as heroin or prescription pain relievers, at dpt2.samhsa.gov/treatment/

Early Serious Mental Illness Treatment Locator: Find treatment programs in your state that treat recent onset of serious mental illnesses such as psychosis, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, or other conditions at www.samhsa.gov/esmi-treatment-locator