



**ATTC**

Addiction Technology Transfer Center Network  
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## **Network Bi-Monthly Update December 2019**

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**ATTC: New England**

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<b>New England ATTC Highlights from October – November 2019</b>
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**Stimulant Use Disorders: Epidemiology, Clinical Challenges, and Review of Treatments (webinar) and Implementation of Evidence-Based Treatments for Methamphetamine Dependence (face-to-face)**

In collaboration with the Co-Occurring Collaborative Serving Maine, we offered a webinar on methamphetamine and cocaine use followed by a face-to-face workshop on implementation of evidence-based treatments for methamphetamine use disorders. The 1-hour webinar reviewed the clinical challenges presented by individuals who use stimulants and discussed current protocols for addressing acute medical/psychiatric conditions associated with stimulant use. Evidence-based behavioral/psychosocial strategies were presented, along with pharmacotherapies currently considered promising. The face-to-face workshop described the most critical components of evidence-based treatments for methamphetamine use disorders, the challenges, how strategies can be combined and how treatment can be individualized. This was a 3-hour event consisting of a plenary and 2-hour clinical discussion.

Both events were led by Dr. Richard Rawson, former Regional ATTC director and active collaborator with multiple Regional ATTCs.

Additional Information:

Related Topics: None of the above

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**New England Association of Drug Court Professionals (NEADCP) annual Conference and Ongoing Webinar Series. Conference: Drug Courts: Where Justice, Treatment and Recovery Meet - Crossroads of Justice Reform 11/20-11/21**

As active partners with the New England Association of Drug Court Professionals (NEADCP), we supported and collaborated on their annual conference, the only region-wide gathering of peer drug court professionals from New England. A broad audience of 660 professionals attended including those interested in specialty courts, adult and juvenile drug courts, veterans' courts, mental health courts, and family courts. Specific professions represented included judges, probation officers, defense attorneys, prosecutors, law enforcement personnel, treatment providers, recovery support advocates, and community and state leaders. This conference is the culmination of a targeted TA series with NEADCP held throughout the past grant year. On November 6th we also facilitated the 4th webinar in a series of 6 webinars for drug court professionals titled the Matter of Motivation, which focused on helping individuals involved in the court system increase their motivation to change.

Additional Information:

Related Topics: None of the above

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## **BEACON ECHO**

In partnership with Beacon Health Options, we continued to offer intensive TA by hosting an ECHO hub for waived buprenorphine clinicians. The goal of the ECHO hub is to encourage increased buprenorphine prescribing rates among waived clinicians that are reluctant to prescribe. Each session consists of didactics around prescribing, presentation of a case, and group case consultation, followed by provision of CMEs. We are proactively encouraging clinicians who participate in our waiver trainings throughout the region to join this hub as a next step. In October, the didactic presentation was titled “Collaborative Interventions in Medication-Assisted Treatment: Advanced Motivational Interviewing Conversational Techniques”.

Additional Information:

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance (ITA)

## **New England ATTC Highlights for December 2019 – January 2020**

### **Anger Management for Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health Clients**

We will continue to offer intensive TA to the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health at Worcester Recovery Center and Hospital. As follow up to our TA initiative focused on Group Dynamics, we have developed a second intensive TA initiative on Anger Management for Substance Use Disorders. This TA will focus on how to effectively facilitate a dual recovery group specifically for those residents who struggle with appropriate and productive expression of anger. The TA is designed around the SAMHSA Publication; “Anger Management for Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health Clients: A Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Approach.” Building on the skills discussed in the previous training, “Group Dynamics”, participants will explore the fundamental skills and rationale for providing curriculum-based group therapy treatment. This initiative will consist of didactic training, live observation, and performance feedback to the group leaders.

Additional Information: <https://store.samhsa.gov/product/Anger-Management-for-Substance-Use-Disorder-and-Mental-Health-Clients-Participant-Workbook/PEP19-02-01-002>

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance (ITA)

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## **Hepatitis C Training of Trainers**

Using ATTC Network curricula, the New England Addiction Technology Transfer Center will offer a 2- day Training of Trainers (ToT) event entitled, "Increasing Viral Hepatitis C Knowledge for Behavioral Health and Medical Providers." Upon completion of the ToT, participants will be prepared to conduct a six-hour training intended for professionals working in Opioid Treatment Programs, Federally Qualified Health Centers, and other primary care, substance use treatment, and prevention settings. This five module curriculum is designed to instruct behavioral health and medical providers on opportunities for screening and testing for hepatitis C (HCV), incidence of viral infections and opioid injection drug use, treatment options and patient considerations, and essential elements of effective linkage to care for persons infected with HCV. During the first day of the ToT, participants will be exposed to the workshop material. The second day will provide participants the opportunity to prepare and practice teaching portions (teachbacks) of the new curriculum, and receive feedback from the master trainer and other participants.

Additional Information:

Related Topics: None of the above

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## **ASAM Course "Pain Management and Opioids: Balancing Risks and Benefits"**

In collaboration with the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) the New England ATTC is offering the course on "Pain Management and Opioids: Balancing Risks and Benefits" which directly addresses the opioid overdose crisis. This course is a valuable tool for healthcare professionals to further their education on pain and addiction medicine. This comprehensive course was developed by experts from Collaborative for REMS Education (CO\*RE) and incorporates all six units outlined in the US FDA Blueprint for safe opioid prescribing including: discussing bio-psychosocial aspects of pain, the newest clinical guidelines on the treatment of chronic pain, and state policies about prescribing opioids. We are conducting this training in 2 states in our region, Rhode Island and New Hampshire.

Additional Information: <https://www.asam.org/education/live-online-cme/opioid-prescribing>

Related Topics: None of the above

**ATTC: Northeast and Caribbean**

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## **Northeast and Caribbean ATTC Highlights from October – November 2019**

### **ITA Project Planning**

NeC-ATTC staff have been actively planning four (4) new ITA projects for Y3 of the award. During Y2, four (4) distinct ITA projects were implemented and completed (previously reported). Y3 projects will build upon these in instances where a continuation of activities is merited to ensure further capacity building. Other projects will address needs that have been identified through ongoing formal and informal needs assessments conducted throughout the region. Preliminary planning suggests the following possibilities for projects: (a) continuation of our "Costly Price of Benefits" project with NYAPRS for further embed an employment focus in SUD treatment programs; (b) engagement of more SUD programs in the LGBT ITA initiative to promote LGBT affirming care; (c) project focused on the rollout of opioid courts in NYS; assisting the Office of Court Administration to improve access to MAT and court adherence to the newly published ten essential elements; and (d) an ITA project focused on the integration of peer supports (to be conceptualized based on findings from Y2). Projects will be fully planned for launch first thing in January.

Additional Information:

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance (ITA);The Opioid Epidemic

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### **TTC Region 2 Advisory Coalition**

The NeC-ATTC, in partnership with the NeC-PTTC and NeC-MHTTC, and the SAMHSA Region 2 Administrator (Dennis Romero) launched a Region 2 Capacity Building Advisory Coalition (CBAC) that consists of key stakeholders throughout the region with the following objectives: (a) the promotion of the TTC network; (b) exploring the potential for collaboration among the TTC network and provider organizations to determine workforce needs and shared resources; and (c) facilitate response to emerging, high priority behavioral health needs in our region. The intention is to invite strategic input from key regional stakeholders on the workforce needs of Region 2 in the areas of addictions, mental health, and substance misuse prevention. At the very least, this will provide an opportunity for the Region 2 TTCs to identify opportunities for collaboration and integrated approaches to training and technical assistance. The first meeting was hosted via Zoom on October 22, 2019; more than 30 stakeholders were in attendance from each of Region Two's four states and territories. Meetings will be held on a quarterly basis. The first order of business is to conduct a webinar that provides an overview of the TTCs and T/TA services available to providers (i.e. stakeholder constituents) throughout the region (scheduled for 12/3/19).

Additional Information:

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance (ITA);The Opioid Epidemic

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### **NYS Behavioral Health Tribal Consultation**

The NeC-ATTC, along with the NeC-PTTC and NeC-MHTTC, in collaboration with SAMHSA's Region 2 Administrator (Dennis Romero) and Assistant Regional Administrator (Karina Aguilar), and hosted by OASAS, met with NYS' Federally funded Tribes on October 29, 2019 to hear about their ongoing behavioral health initiatives, and introduce the tribal nations to the TTC resources available to assist them with these activities. Each of the TTCs presented an overview of their ongoing activities and led a discussion about how we could potentially support the initiatives currently underway among the tribal nations.

Additional Information:

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance (ITA);The Opioid Epidemic

## **Northeast and Caribbean ATTC Highlights for December 2019 – January 2020**

### **Caribbean Basin Behavioral Health Summit**

The NeC-ATTC, in partnership with the NeC-PTTC and NeC-MHTTC have begun planning with SAMHSA's Regional Administrator (Dennis Romero) a behavioral health summit that will be hosted separately in Puerto Rico and the USVI, most likely in the Spring of 2020. In wake of some of the historical challenges regarding the behavioral health infrastructure of these territories, which has been further complicated in the aftermath of 2 devastating hurricanes in the region, the focus of the behavioral health summit will be on delivering foundational training that equips the workforce to address widespread SUD and MH problems that have been since been exacerbated. Specifically, an eclectic array of training workshops will accommodate a variety of professional disciplines to help ensure: (a) widespread identification of individuals in need; and (b) workforce wellness. This will likely include topics such as Mental Health First Aid, Trauma Informed Care, Postvention for opioid and suicide loss, and an array of prevention strategies. During December 2019 and January 2020, the TTC team will finalize a proposed agenda that will be presented to local stakeholders in the Caribbean for refinement and approval so that logistics can be put in place.

Additional Information:

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic

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### **Spanish Speaking Webinar Series**

The NeC-ATTC has been hosting a monthly webinar series for the first two years of the newly funded cycle, distributing invites region wide. In December of 2019 (possibly as late as January 2020) the NeC-ATTC will conduct it's first webinar hosted in Puerto Rico, and delivered in Spanish, to be disseminated throughout the region for Spanish speaking providers. There are many providers in NYC in particular who's first language in Spanish and who serve predominantly Spanish speaking clients. These webinars will expand access to NeC-ATTC capacity building efforts directly on the Island of Puerto Rico and across the region.

Additional Information:

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic

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### **Stigma and Language**

The NeC-ATTC has developed a new course titled, "Changing Language to Change Care: Stigma and Substance Use Disorders." This course will be rolled out in New York and New Jersey with "pilot" deliveries in January.

Additional Information:

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic

**ATTC: Central East**

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## **Central East ATTC Highlights from October – November 2019**

### **CLAS in BH: The Impact of CLAS & The Peer Recovery Movement: Supporting Homeless and Recovering Individuals**

The CLAS in Behavioral Health (BH) series continues into FY2020 on a quarterly basis. The National CLAS Standards are intended to advance health equity, improve quality, and help eliminate health care disparities. This webinar discussed how health care organizations need to ensure that awareness, adoption, and implementation of the National CLAS Standards are incorporated to have a more inclusive definition of culture in order to better serve homeless and recovering individuals.

Additional Information: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/central-east-attc/clas-bh-impact-clas-peer-recovery-movement-supporting-homeless-and>

Related Topics: None of the above

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### **From Crisis to Collaboration: An Inter-professional Approach to the Opioid Crisis**

This workshop developed in partnership with the University of Maryland, School of Pharmacy from the Interprofessional Education Summit held in FY2018 and served to bring interprofessional healthcare providers together to explore barriers to care and identify collaborative solutions to the Opioid Crisis.

Additional Information: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/central-east-attc/crisis-collaboration-inter-professional-approach-opioid-crisis-school>

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic

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### **Decreasing Systemic Barriers Along the HIV Care Continuum for Patients with Substance Use Disorders**

The purpose of this webinar is to enable participants to increase their knowledge regarding decreasing systemic barriers for patients with HIV and substance use disorders. This webinar is hosted by the MidAtlantic AIDS Education & Training Center (MAETC). Learning Objectives:

Describe common systemic barriers faced by individuals with substance use and HIV risk when navigating the HIV and Behavioral Health Care Continuums.

Explain how systemic barriers affect individuals with substance use disorders and HIV along the HIV and Behavioral Health Care Continuums.



Discuss steps providers can take to decrease systemic barriers, and increase bi-directional integration of BH and HIV public health interventions.

Additional Information: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/central-east-attc/decreasing-systemic-barriers-along-hiv-care-continuum-patients-substance>

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic

## Central East ATTC Highlights for December 2019 – January 2020

### **Implementing SBIRT in Pennsylvania's Community Health Centers**

In response to the opioid epidemic, the Central East ATTC partnered with the Pennsylvania Association of Community Health Centers to provide training and technical assistance (T/TA) to their member network in the implementation of SBIRT. Through T/TA, Central East will work with PACHC members to enhance their understanding, knowledge, and skills in the implementation of SBIRT, meeting over a several month period. The goal of the project will be to support agency staff in the development of a realistic Implementation Work Plan. The virtual interest meeting was held in November 18. Applications are due in December and the project will launch in January 2020.

Additional Information:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nTWcTcVtECi2COL5gDK1nV8JCYnEh1CYvpslc3tSCWE>

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance (ITA);The Opioid Epidemic

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### **Cultural and Linguistic Appropriate Services (CLAS) Standards in Behavioral Health Settings Webinar Series: Criminal Justice and Re-Entry**

The National CLAS Standards are intended to advance health equity, improve quality, and help eliminate health care disparities. This webinar will discuss how health care organizations need to ensure that awareness, adoption, and implementation of the National CLAS Standards are incorporated to have a more inclusive definition of culture in order to better serve those in the criminal justice systems and those re-entering the community following incarceration or detention.

Additional Information: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/central-east-attc/clas-behavioral-health-criminal-justice-and-re-entry-population>

Related Topics: None of the above

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## **Screening Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT): Training of Trainers (ToT)**

This two-day training will equip participants with the skills necessary to train individuals to provide SBIRT. Participants will be prepared to deliver training on an evidence-based approach that has been shown to work. SBIRT is a comprehensive, integrated, public health approach to the delivery of early intervention and treatment services for persons with substance use disorders, as well as those who are at risk of developing these disorders. In order for SBIRT to work, the interventionists have to do it with fidelity to the model.

Additional Information: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/central-east-attc/screening-brief-intervention-and-referral-treatment-sbirt-training-5>

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic

**ATTC: Southeast**

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## **Southeast ATTC Highlights from October – November 2019**

### **SATTC Podcast: Right Care to the Right Person and The "NEW Look"**

During this podcast episode, SATTC collaborated with Scott Hesseltine to discuss the aspects of the evolution of SUD treatment services and the community based services that have evolved like case management, peer support, employment services and housing. As well as sharing the vital role Narcan has played in saving lives and reducing the death rate from opioid overdose in Louisville, KY. Centerstone cares for more than 33,000 people a year throughout our 26 locations in the greater Louisville area. We work to erase the stigma of mental illness, addictions and developmental disabilities by focusing on acceptance, recovery and access to services for everyone in need.

Additional Information: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/southeast-attc/home>

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic

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### **The Unheard Podcast Episode**

On this podcast segment SATTC collaborates with Dr. Anne Gaglioti, MD and Dr. Brian McGregor, Ph.D. We speak with the duo on the incarcerated and judicial populations, and how they face disparities when facing co-occurring mental health challenges with SUDs.

Additional Information: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/southeast-attc/home>

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance (ITA)

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### **TN Dept. of Mental Health Faith& Recovery Conference**

Southeast ATTC collaborated with The TN Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services for their first Faith & Recovery Conference. Faith leaders from across the state gathered to discuss relevant topics to building communities of recovery in their congregations.

Attendees of this conference left with information and ideas to:

- (1) Connect faith & recovery communities statewide.
- (2) Change the narrative around mental illness and substance use disorder.
- (3) Increase access to recovery resources for congregants.

Additional Information: [www.tn.gov](http://www.tn.gov)

Related Topics: None of the above

## Southeast ATTC Highlights for December 2019 – January 2020

### **South Carolina Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors Conference**

SATTC is participating in the South Carolina Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (SCAADAC) conference. Southeast staff will be facilitating a workshop on ETHCIS and exhibiting

Additional Information: [www.scaadac.org](http://www.scaadac.org)

Related Topics: None of the above

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### **What Clinicians Need to Know About Telemental Health from a Treatment and Ethical Perspective**

Southeast ATTC hosted a 6 hour telehealth training to define the purpose of Telemental health services and required trainings for practitioners in the state of Georgia and governmental definition of Telemental health. The following objectives describe the workshop.

- Participants will learn specific types of electronic devices that are used to provide Telemental health services according to ethics and HIPAA Laws.
- Participants will learn the three levels of Telemental Health services.
- To understand how Telemental health impact inpatient treatment (e.g. VA Study)
- Participants will learn and understand specific duties and responsibilities of clinicians and supervisors providing Telemental health services.
- Participants will identify and learn necessary Telemental health laws that impact treatment.
- To be familiar with Telemental reimbursement fees Update (e.g. Medicaid, Medicare, Blue Cross & Blue Shield etc.)
- To identify key administrative forms that is needed to provide TMH (e.g. Telemental Health Informed Consent Communication Addendum, Business Associates Agreement legal form etc.)

Additional Information: [www.attcnetwork.org](http://www.attcnetwork.org)

Related Topics: None of the above

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### **Southeast Advisory Board Meeting**

The Southeast ATTC will host its annual regional advisory board on January 22, 2020. During this meeting SATT will provide its 2020 strategic plan to the board.

Additional Information: none applicable

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance (ITA);The Opioid Epidemic

**ATTC: Great Lakes**

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## Great Lakes ATTC Highlights from October – November 2019

### **Masters Series**

The Great Lakes ATTC, MHTTC and PTTC, the National Hispanic and Latino ATTC, MHTTC, and PTTC, The Prevention Action Alliance, Ohio Latino Affairs Commission, and the Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services are working together to bring the Masters Series to Ohio. This intensive training series will have six training elements spread over several months. In Ohio, as in many other states, the increase in the immigrant populations has highlighted the need for a culturally-informed workforce. The first part in this series was a two-day intensive training, “Cultural Foundations, Elements Needed for Treating Diverse Populations,” held on October 7, 2019, addressed elements of culture that affect access and retention in substance use and mental health services. The second part of this intensive training, “Cross-Cultural Communications Principles: The Global Dynamics of Interaction,” introduced Change Leaders to the forces at work in cultural communications and emphasized via case studies and group exercises the value behind knowing how to communicate cross-culturally with clients and staff took place on October 8, 2019. Once we understand cultural foundations, shared systems such as symbols, beliefs, attitudes, values, expectations, and norms of behavior become tools rather than barriers. Knowing how to navigate these systems is crucial to success in the diverse world we live in today. These guidelines and principles will help Masters Series Change Leaders navigate the world in their clinical practice at home or in any multicultural environment around the globe.

Additional Information:

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance (ITA)

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### **FQHC MAT Collaborative**

The Great Lakes ATTC, in collaboration with Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association, held a one-day closeout event on November 8, 2019, to conclude the Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Medication-Assisted Treatment Learning Collaborative. In this intensive technical assistance project, the participating FQHCs learned strategies to implement and increase the use of medication for opioid use disorders to treat their patients with opioid use disorders. Participants shared their project outcomes.

Additional Information:

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance (ITA); The Opioid Epidemic

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## **The Integration of Opioid and Suicide Identification, Prevention, and Care: A National Perspective Webinar**

The Great Lakes ATTC, in collaboration with the Great Lakes MHTTC and the Central East ATTC and MHTTC presented the webinar “The Integration of Opioid and Suicide Identification, Prevention, and Care: A National Perspective.” This webinar focused on the current state of what we know about opioid use and suicide and took place on November 7, 2019. In Part 1, Dr. Jane Pearson, Chair, NIMH Suicide Research Consortium, addressed overall data on opioids and suicide, affected sub-groups, and why certain sub-groups are affected more than others. In Part 2, Dr. Richard McKeon, Chief, Suicide Prevention Branch, Center for Mental Health Services, spoke to challenges and opportunities regarding the integration of opioid use and suicide. He also described Zero Suicide and other suicide prevention initiatives. The webinar shared resources from the Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC) and the Great Lakes and Central East ATTCs and MHTTCs for a more local look at the topic.

Additional Information:

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic

## **Great Lakes ATTC Highlights for December 2019 – January 2020**

### **Matrix Model Learning Collaborative TA**

The Great Lakes ATTC in partnership with the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services sponsored a Matrix Model Learning Collaborative for providers in Ohio. This initiative involved a two-day face-to-face Matrix training, a one-day fidelity monitoring training for key supervisors, and six monthly peer learning calls. The goal of this collaborative is to implement the evidence-based practice effectively and sustainably in local agencies. The fourth learning collaborative call will take place on December 18, 2019.

Additional Information:

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance (ITA)

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### **Peer Support ECHO**

The Great Lakes ATTC, in collaboration with Wayside Recovery Center in Minneapolis, MN, launched the Peer Support ECHO (PS ECHO), an online community for peer recovery specialists and mental health peers to share community and statewide resources, learn new skills and tools for doing peer work, and

meet and connect with other peers. The PS ECHO is held twice monthly and features a short didactic portion followed by peer learning.

Additional Information:

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance (ITA);The Opioid Epidemic

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### **Masters Series**

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Additional Information:

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic



**ATTC: South Southwest**

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## South Southwest ATTC Highlights from October – November 2019

### **Increasing HIV and Hepatitis C Knowledge for Behavioral Health and Medical Providers**

Provision of a day long HIV and HCV training seminar for health care providers at San Antonio College in San Antonio, TX on November 22, 2019. Included utilization of materials and Region 6 trainer from National ATTC Networking Office Hepatitis C Knowledge for Behavioral Health and Medical Providers project.

Additional Information: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/south-southwest-attc/hcvhivsti-awareness-training>

Related Topics: None of the above

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### **Trauma Informed Care Training for Community Behavioral Health Providers**

A half day training for community providers on issues of trauma and the provision of behavioral health care that is trauma-aware and informed. Offered by Educational Consortium partner Eastfield College in Dallas, Texas on October 18, 2019.

Additional Information: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/south-southwest-attc/trauma-informed-care-dallas-tx>

Related Topics: None of the above

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### **Quality Improvement Project: Peer Workforce Retention**

Recruitment of six community-based organizations to implement change cycles around identified, individualized technical assistance areas related to retention of peer recovery staff at their programs.

Additional Information: N/A

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance (ITA)

## South Southwest ATTC Highlights for December 2019 – January 2020

### **Development of Recovery Content for ATTC Network Stimulants 101 Training Curriculum and Supplemental Module**

As part of the ATTC Network Stimulant Workgroup, develop training content for the topics of recovery and recovery supports for the initial one-day training on stimulants and a supplemental module.

Additional Information: N/A

Related Topics: None of the above

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### **Electronic Learning Series: Skills-Based Behavioral Health Counseling Via Videoconferencing**

Eight-week online professional learning series on skills-based counseling via videoconferencing offering a deep dive into skill development (clinical and technology) and implementation strategies. Dates: January 21-March 10, 2020

Additional Information: N/A

Related Topics: None of the above

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### **Planning and Support for Texas RCORP Event**

Assisting Rural Communities Opioid Response programs in Texas with planning and identifying regional resources for their day-long collaborative meeting in College Station, Texas on January 31, 2020.

Additional Information: N/A

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic

**ATTC: Mid-America**

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## **Mid-America ATTC Highlights from October – November 2019**

### **Held first meeting of the Combined TTC Region 7 Advisory Board**

Mid-America ATTC, PTTC, and MHTCC held their first joint in-person TTC Advisory Board meeting on Thursday, November 21, 2019 in Omaha, NE. The Mid-America TTCs agreed to share responsibility and resources to convene an in-person meeting twice a year and conduct virtual meetings twice per year to better coordinate and integrate TTC activities. Twenty-two Advisory Board members attended the meeting to discuss the trends that have affected the Behavioral Health Workforce and the opportunities to collaborate moving forward.

Additional Information:

Related Topics: None of the above

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### **NE Behavioral Health & Justice Conference**

Mid-America ATTC served on the steering committee, sponsored, and exhibited at the NE Behavioral Health & Justice Conference October 28 -30, 2019. Mid-America ATTC sponsored Dr. Richard Rawson, a subject matter expert on the topic of Methamphetamine to present a keynote and breakout session during the conference. We also distributed ATTC and SAMHSA materials to the 475 registrants of the conference.

Additional Information:

Related Topics: None of the above

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### **BHMEDS-R3 App Launch**

The BH meds app was deployed in October 2019 as a free app in iTunes and Google Play stores. The app was designed as a quick reference for non-prescriber behavioral health professionals and consumers who need general knowledge about medications prescribed for behavioral health conditions. The language was modified to increase readability for a larger audience and, in keeping with the goal of continuously updating the app content, new medications will be added after FDA approval. Content authors and editors include licensed addiction psychiatrists, pharmacists, and advanced degree non-

prescribing behavioral health professionals. The app developers will continue to add search features, provider tools, and regular updates.

Additional Information:

Related Topics: None of the above

## Mid-America ATTC Highlights for December 2019 – January 2020

### **Last Session of the Women & Stimulant Use Project ECHO Series**

The Mid-America, Mountain Plains, and South Southwest ATTC wrapped-up the final session of the 5-session Women & Stimulant Use series on December 4 with 71 attendees. Twenty-eight attendees were from HHS Region 7. The Women & Stimulant Use Project ECHO Series was formed because of increasing rates of stimulant use across regions 6, 7, and 8 and its particular impact on women. The series utilized case-based learning model of Project ECHO to build community capacity to address this growing epidemic. Each 1.5-hour session had a didactic presentation followed by 1 or 2 de-identified case presentations related to stimulant use among women.

Additional Information:

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance (ITA)

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### **Focus Group for Using Data to Demonstrate Program Impact**

In January, Mid-America ATTC will hold a focus group to identify the key areas which people need support to build capacity in meaningful use of data. This focus group will inform the structure and format of the Data-Driven Decision Making technical assistance project tentatively planned for summer 2020. This project will emphasize the ways that data can empower an organization to advocate for its needs with payers and funders and also help organizations respond to shifting policies and alternative payment models.

Additional Information:

Related Topics: None of the above

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## **Kansas City Missouri Perinatal Recovery Collaborative Meeting -December**

The Kansas City Missouri Perinatal Recovery Collaborative (KCMO PRC) will continue to meet on December 17, 2019. The group will focus on the following themes that emerged from the last meeting in November: 1) The need for specialized training for case managers and advocates on the unique needs and best practices for supporting PPW and, 2) common desire/goal among numerous providers to better engage with fathers. The KCMO PRC will also devote meeting time to reviewing basic data from each member. The goal in bringing data to the table, in addition to creating more time for reporting out on what each member is doing to move new collaborations or program changes forward, will help the group as a whole move more towards a collective impact model.

Additional Information:

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance (ITA)

**ATTC: Mountain Plains**

**Submitted By: Wendy Woods, wwoods@casat.org**

## **Mountain Plains ATTC Highlights from October – November 2019**

### **SBIRT 101 Training for Family Planning Professionals**

On October 31st, 2019 from 12-1:30 CT/ 11-12:30 MT the MPATTC sponsored a webinar for Region 8 Family Planning Professionals. This is the first time this webinar was offered. The intent of the SBIRT 101 webinar was to help jump-start the Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) skills of these professionals. Participants new to SBIRT or those desiring a refresher training attended. Specifically, the speakers addressed screening tools applicable for family planning clinics, discussed a Brief Negotiated Interview and the "FLO" (Feedback, Listen and Understand, Options Explored) method, and introduced the warm hand off referral to treatment protocol. This webinar will be conducted again on December 19, 2019. The trainers included Dr. Chris Harsell and Dr. Maridee Shogren.

Additional Information: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/mountain-plains-attc/sbirt-101-training-family-planning-professionals>

Related Topics: None of the above

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### **Enhancing Treatment/Recovery Services for Women through Gender Responsive Psychoeducational Sessions 7-week Enhanced Professional Learning (EPL) series**

Stimulant use by women often leads to or is accompanied by high rates of body dissatisfaction and preoccupation with body shape; eating pathology and compensatory behaviors; binge eating; nutritional deficiencies; energy and fatigue issues; and weight gain among women in treatment for SUDs and in correctional settings. This Enhanced Professional Learning (EPL) series addressed these and other core issues that are unique to female SUD treatment clients in comparison to their male counterparts, including weight and energy as a driving mechanism to use, triggers for relapse, cross addiction, psychosocial needs, physical activity and dopamine, social media, "fat" internalization, electrolyte imbalance, metabolic changes during drug use and recovery, self-medication and disordered eating patterns. Finally, Healthy Steps to Freedom, a gender-responsive program designed to augment and enhance existing treatment services was shared and available for implementation by participants. This seven-week online learning event took place October 3- November 21, 2019 and was targeted for Utah treatment and recovery support providers.

Additional Information: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/mountain-plains-attc/enhancing-treatmentrecovery-services-women-through-gender-responsive>

Related Topics: None of the above

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## **Prompt and Reminder Posters for Motivational Interviewing**

The MPATTC staff worked with a Motivational Interviewing (MI) expert/researcher to develop prompt and reminder posters (PRP) that highlight four essential elements of MI (e.g., evocative; autonomy; empathic; and collaborative). These themed posters were designed to remind clinicians to use specific MI skills. Recent research on implementation science highlights the importance of understanding the types of practical strategies that support uptake of new practices and adoption of evidence-based practices (EBP) by clinicians. For example, placing reminders or prompts in the practice setting where the clinician can easily see them provides timely cues that reinforce use of the EBP. [see Cullen & Adams, 2012; Leathers, 2016; Sholomskas et al., 2005]. These posters are available for download on the MPATTC website as well as customers can order hard copies of the posters online. To date, 117 hard copies of the posters have been mailed to providers.

Additional Information: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/mountain-plains-attc/motivational-interviewing-posters>

Related Topics: None of the above

<h2><b>Mountain Plains ATTC Highlights for December 2019 – January 2020</b></h2>
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### **On the Spot (OtS) Real Time Advice for Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Providers**

This one-hour forum will be offered once a month on the first Tuesday of every month at 11:00am MT and 12:00pm Central Time for six months. Knowledgeable MAT consultants will be available to answer questions and facilitate discussions related to waivers, workflow, medications, inductions, lab testing, patient follow up and other topics guided by participants' interests. This learning activity is designed to answer questions about how to start MAT in health care practices. Participants will have the opportunity to share case studies and receive guidance on MAT implementation and can call in at any time during the hour without having to register for the event. This OtS MAT joins the MPATTC's two existing OtS activities: ASAM (December 20, 2019) and SBIRT (December 18, 2019). Dr. Chris Harsell and JK Costello will facilitate this OtS. The January MAT OtS is scheduled for (January 7, 2020) and will continue through June 2020.

Additional Information: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/mountain-plains-attc/spot>

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance (ITA)

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## **Overview of ASAM Criteria for the Management of Client Care**

Treatment providers and program evaluators use patient placement criteria to ensure that clients are placed in the appropriate level of care. This webinar will provide an overview of The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria, 3rd Edition for clients with substance use and co-occurring disorders. Participants will learn to appropriately apply the admission, continued service and transfer/discharge criteria for adolescents and adults. The ASAM Criteria utilizes six dimensions to form a broad assessment, which in turn provides information for service and treatment planning across all levels of care. Participants will learn to assess mild, moderate, and severe effects of substance use on each dimension as it relates to placement criteria. This webinar will be conducted on December 10, 2019 10:30 to 12:00 MT and 11:30 to 1:00pm CT and instructed by Mark Disselkoen, MSSW, LCSW, LCADC.

Additional Information: <https://mpattc.wufoo.com/forms/m1sh0jf1uyaitd/>

Related Topics: None of the above

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## **Housing as a Critical Intervention**

This three-part webinar series, offered on January 15, 2020, January 29, 2020 and February 12, 2020, will provide information regarding how to support recovery housing. The focus of this webinar series will include: an examination of exemplars that advance safe and affordable housing to support people with substance use disorders, including opioid use disorders; and coordination of services to support public-private partnerships that enhance funding streams. Trainers will bring expertise and experience with initiating supporting recovery housing.

Additional Information: Registration will be available 12/18/19

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic



**ATTC: Pacific Southwest**

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## **Pacific Southwest ATTC Highlights from October – November 2019**

### **New Product Alert -Two New SUD Curricula for HIV Clinicians**

Through a long-standing partnership with the HRSA-funded Pacific AIDS Education and Training Center, the Pacific Southwest ATTC finalized two new training curricula. The first is a full-day curriculum entitled Motivational Interviewing for HIV Clinicians: Supporting Behavior Change (finalized in October 2019). The second is a three-hour curriculum entitled Alcohol and HIV: What Clinicians Need to Know, and is a revamp of a curriculum originally developed in 2010 (finalized in November 2019). Each package includes a PowerPoint presentation, fully articulated trainer guide, and two-page fact sheet. Both training packages are featured in the Products and Resources Catalog on the ATTC Network website.

Additional Information: <http://www.psattc.org>

Related Topics: None of the above

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### **Recruitment Process Winding Down for the Organizational Process Improvement Initiative (OPII)**

Recruitment launched on September 3rd for the Pacific Southwest ATTC's Organizational Process Improvement Initiative (OPII). The OPII is a yearlong intensive technical assistance learning opportunity for treatment and recovery organizations to sustain process improvement and/or implementation efforts to enhance their services. To date, a total of 18 agencies from across Region 9 submitted a provisional application, and were invited on to the next stage in the application process -viewing five asynchronous modules on change team facilitation and submitting an organizational change goal statement. Final selection of participating agencies will be made the week of December 16th. The OPII features a three-day Change Facilitator Academy, scheduled for February 4-6, 2020 in Oakland, California, followed by 12 months of onsite and virtual intensive TA and organizational coaching from a team of Pacific Southwest ATTC-affiliated faculty.

Additional Information: <http://uclaisap.org/psattc-opii/>

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance (ITA)

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## **Sixteenth Statewide Integrated Care Conference**

On October 23-24, 2019, the Pacific Southwest ATTC, in partnership with the County of Los Angeles Departments of Mental Health, Health Services, and Public Health, and UCLA ISAP presented the 16th Statewide Conference -Integrating Substance Use, Mental Health, and Primary Care Services - Foundations for Change to 937 providers from across California (and beyond). The conference featured several tracks, including: strategies to address the opioid epidemic; primary care services; criminal justice issues, treatment for LGBT individuals; youth and young adults; and peers. Featured at the conference was a 90-minute workshop on compassion fatigue by Beth Rutkowski and ISAP colleague Gloria Miele.

Additional Information: <http://www.uclaisap.org/cod>

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic

## **Pacific Southwest ATTC Highlights for December 2019 – January 2020**

### **New Product Alert -Compassion Fatigue Curriculum Infusion Package**

The PSATTC team at UNR CASAT is putting the finishing touches on a three-part Curriculum Infusion Package (CIP) on Compassion Fatigue. The CIP is written within the context of the national opioid epidemic. The CIP will be released in January 2020 to educators located throughout Region 9. In addition, the CIP will be posted to the Products and Resources Catalog for TTC colleagues to view, download, and adapt for their use in their respective Region/catchment area.

Additional Information: <http://www.psattc.org>

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic

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### **Preparing for Launch of the Organizational Process Improvement Initiative (OPII)**

Agencies accepted to participate in the Pacific Southwest ATTC's OPII (item #2, above) will be notified in mid-December. Accompanying their acceptance communication will be instructions to complete an online version of the Organizational Readiness for Change (ORC), a validated instrument for assessing organizational readiness (Lehman, Greener, Simpson, 2002). Agency personnel attending the February 2020 Change Facilitator Academy will be required to complete this anonymous, 120-item survey, and will be encouraged to distribute the survey link to as many of their staff as possible. Agency change readiness profiles will be developed and provided to participants upon their arrival at the February Academy.

## Reference

Lehman, W.E.K., Greener, J.M., & Simpson, D. (2002). Assessing organizational readiness to change. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*, 22, 197-209.

Additional Information: <http://uclaisap.org/psattc-opii/>

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance (ITA)

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## **Expansion of SMS Text Message Learning Extenders**

In January 2020, the PSATTC will expand the use of SMS Text Message Learning Extenders by applying them as a component of a series of face-to-face Introduction to Motivational Interviewing training sessions conducted throughout Region 9. Prior to this, the learning extenders have been used solely in supporting the workplace learning occurring in a series of MI- and ASAM-specific Enhanced Professional Learning Series (EPLs). The goal of expanding the use of the learning extenders is to encourage sequenced learning among individuals who attend face-to-face trainings and engage the learner to continue the use of the skills after completion. In addition, it is hopeful these early MI learners will remain engaged and begin to adopt and eventually implement MI skills continuously. In spring 2020, the Pacific Southwest ATTC will launch another MI EPL as the “next step” learning event and continue the SMS text learning extenders throughout the series.

Additional Information: <http://www.psattc.org>

Related Topics: None of the above

**ATTC: Northwest**

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## Northwest ATTC Highlights from October – November 2019

### **ROSC Training for People in Recovery and Practitioners: A Unique Training Opportunity**

NWATTC convened a unique workshop on an overview of Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) unique in that the participants included both providers and people in recovery. Partnering with Swedish Hospital and clinicians from neighboring clinics in Seattle, a diverse group of behavioral health stakeholders, including people in recovery, clinicians, health system personnel, and academic researchers actively discussed aspects of what a ROSC framework entails. This rare opportunity became possible as NWATTC partnered with Swedish Hospital and Seattle area health clinic partners who are studying patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR) and comparative effectiveness research through the establishment of a behavioral health, practice-based research networks (PBRNs).

Additional Information:

Related Topics: None of the above

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### **King County SBIRT ED Learning Collaborative**

The Northwest ATTC and King County (KC) SBIRT Learning Collaborative for Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD) Plan-funded emergency department (ED) providers held its year-end technical assistance meeting on November 7th. As part of this Learning Collaborative, the three EDs conducted a NIATx process improvement project to enhance SBIRT services in their organizations. Sustainability plans were presented at the final meeting along with lessons learned from using the NIATx process improvement methodology. Year two of this project will focus on enhancing the clinical skills of the SBIRT providers in these settings.

Additional Information:

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance (ITA)

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### **Akeela: Trauma-Informed Care ITA Project**

In partnership with Akeela, Inc., an Alaska-based behavioral health provider, the Northwest ATTC is engaged in an intensive technical assistance project to support the organizational adoption of Trauma-Informed Care (TIC) at one of its residential care facilities. The project is now wrapping up its initial

exploration and preparation phases, with Northwest ATTC staff having conducted a site visit in October to conduct a formal assessment of the facilities TIC-focused needs and resources. This assessment will inform upcoming work in early 2020 to include an in-person TIC training workshop for setting staff and subsequent systems-focused technical assistance with a local implementation team to address setting goals for instituting TIC principles and practices via a Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA) cycle framework.

Additional Information:

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance (ITA)

<b>Northwest ATTC Highlights for December 2019 – January 2020</b>
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**Strengthening MI Skills of Certified Peer Counselors with Peer Seattle and Peer Spokane**

In December 2019, NWATTC will kick off an intensive technical assistance project in partnership with Peer Seattle and Peer Spokane, a co-located, non-profit organization serving people with SUDs and CODs at the community level in each location. The main aim will be to train the organization’s Certified Peer Counselors in motivational interviewing (MI). Through a two-tiered process, all of the staff’s peer counselors will receive exposure to MI curricula, skills practice and enhancement; and smaller subset - the internal implementation team, composed of core in-house training staff, will work to build and strengthen in-house MI skills on an ongoing basis. The TA process will culminate with an all-state conference of peers that Peer Seattle is convening for over 100 peer participants that is slated for June 2020.

Additional Information:

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance (ITA)

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**Motivational Interviewing Training and Coaching: Opportunity Council**

The Northwest ATTC is partnering with Opportunity Council, a leading behavioral health provider in Bellingham, WA, to support clinical skills development of Motivational Interviewing. A two-day Introduction to MI was delivered in November and a two-day Advanced MI training is being delivered in January. Five-months of intensive coaching and skills training will follow the initial training events to a select group of clinicians. Clinicians will have the opportunity for individual skill development through coaching and performance feedback.

Additional Information:

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance (ITA)

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### **Contingency Management On-Line Course**

The Northwest ATTC is finalizing a comprehensive online training product, entitled Contingency Management for Healthcare Organizations, to soon be available on HealthEKnowledge. The intention of this self-paced product is to serve as a bridge to technical assistance' for organizations seeking to implement customized contingency management programming for their setting. It contains modules for executive, clinical-supervisory, and direct-care staff and among its provisions are a structured customization process with tips and considerations for executives, a thorough toolkit of oversight activities and resources for clinical supervisors, and clinical demonstrations of several empirically-supported contingency management approaches and role-play opportunities for direct-care staff.

Additional Information:

Related Topics: None of the above

**ATTC: National American Indian and Alaskan Native**  
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<p align="center"><b>National American Indian and Alaskan Native ATTC Highlights from October – November 2019</b></p>
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**Consensus Panel and Needs Assessment**

A Native American consensus panel, within the National AI/AN ATTC advisory board, led by Ed Parsells, gathered in Iowa City, IA as planned in early October and conducted a needs assessment. After three days of meeting and collaborating with ATTC staff, work plans are now in place to revise/ update the Native American Training Curriculum. A curriculum review and TOT are tentatively scheduled for May of 2020.

Additional Information: n/a

Related Topics: None of the above

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**Continued to Provide Essential Substance Abuse Skills Webinar (ESAS) and other related webinars**

Provided 5, including 2 ESAS, webinars to grantees and their respective staff. The educational webinars, under the Essential Substance Abuse Skills Webinar Series, were presented by Steve Steine, ATTC Progeam Manager, through the National AI/AN ATTC NCBH Office in Iowa City, Iowa.

Our ATTC continues to provide ongoing ESAS and other training webinars, including a training on Evaluation and Screening, Evaluation and Assessment as well as three other webinars given by ATTC consultants (Dan Foster and Kanas Middlelent) in October and November.

Additionally, we have ongoing ESAS webinars scheduled for December and January including Evaluation and Treatment Planning presented by Steve Steine.

Additional Information: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/national-american-indian-and-alaska-native-attc/esas-treatment-knowledge>

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance (ITA)

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### **Continued Face to Face TA meetings, collaborating TTCs, and ongoing remote TA support for grantees**

Continue planning several face to face technical assistance meetings, TTC collaborations, and RegionalTOR meetings. The third meeting was held on Rockville, MD serving as a TTC collaborative meeting with Dr. Alec Thundercloud and Humberto Carvalho and regional offices. A fourth meeting was held in Billings, MT Additional serving as a regional TOR meetings and a fifth TOR Regional was held in Fairbanks, AK. ATTC has continued to provide ongoing technical assistance to several individual TOR grantees that requested support from various TTC Regions in the lower 48. Ongoing listening sessions, relationship building, collaboration venues, have continued in 2019.

Additional Information: n/a

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic

## **National American Indian and Alaskan Native ATTC Highlights for December 2019 – January 2020**

### **Face to Face Alcohol and Drug Certification Exam Preparation Course**

We will be delivering our second certification preparation course in Albuquerque, NM (Region 6) on December 4-6. 13 attendees, representing four different tribes, are scheduled to attend the three-day event at the AASTEC in Albuquerque. The curriculum has been further updated based on feedback and review from our previous attendees and native consultant members.

Additional Information: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/national-american-indian-and-alaska-native-attc/alcohol-drug-exam-preparation-course-0>

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance (ITA)

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### **Continue Tribal Opioid Response Grantee Regional Meetings**

We continue to plan and provide regional TOR grantee meetings to gather feedback, needs assessment of tribes, and collaborate for future Regional TA projects in the coming months.

Additional Information: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/national-american-indian-and-alaska-native-attc/tor-resource-page>

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic



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## **Tribal College and University Initiative and Leadership Academy**

Final planning stages for the Enhancement Session portion of the Leadership Academy will be wrapping up in December and January. The Enhancement Session will be held in New Mexico in late February 2020. Final work is being done on the program agenda, travel, lodging, and speakers at this point.

Additional Information: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/national-american-indian-and-alaska-native-attc/leadership-academy>

Related Topics: None of the above

**ATTC: National Hispanic and Latino**  
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## **National Hispanic and Latino ATTC Highlights from October – November 2019**

### **Ohio Master Series Training**

Our ATTC has been collaborating with the Great Lakes ATTC, PTTC, MHTTC, the National Hispanic and Latino MHTTC and PTTC, and Prevention Action Alliance over the past few months to plan, coordinate and deliver a series of trainings in the state of Ohio on several cultural competency topics. On October 8, 2019 our Project Co-Director developed and facilitated a 7-hour Cross Cultural Communication training in Columbus, OH to 24 professionals in the behavioral health field.

Additional Information:

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic

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### **Georgia Addictions Counselors Association**

Project Director, Dr. Pierluigi Mancini and Project Co-Director, Maxine Henry represented our ATTC at the Georgia Addictions Counselor Association (GACA) 2019 conference in Toccoa, GA. During this 2.5-day conference we exhibited, networked with and presented to Addictions Professionals, agencies, and other key stakeholders from across the state. Our ATTC offered a Keynote session titled: Ethics, Culture and Language: What Progress Has Been Made in Addiction Treatment.

Additional Information:

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic

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### **National Latinx Psychological Association**

We were invited to attend, exhibit and present at the 2019 National Latinx Psychological Association (NLPA) conference in Miami, FL. Dr. Pierluigi Mancini facilitated a full-day pre-conference training in Spanish titled: How the Opioid Epidemic is Affecting the Latinx Community.

Additional Information:

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic

## National Hispanic and Latino ATTC Highlights for December 2019 – January 2020

### **Critical Trauma Theory and Radical Self-Care**

We will be offering a two-part webinar series comprised of two 90-minute webinars presented by Anna Nelson, LCSW. The first part of the series is titled: “An Introduction to Critical Trauma Theory and its relationship to Substance Use Disorders in Latinx communities” and will provide viewers with a foundational understanding of related concepts. The second part of the series titled: “Practical Tools to Implement Critical Allyship and Radical Self-Care in our Service Delivery to Latinx Communities” will further develop our understanding of techniques providers can use to enhance resilience and combat compassion fatigue in our service delivery. Dates for the events are Wednesday, December 18, 2019 and Wednesday, January 8, 2020; both taking place 2:00PM-3:30PM EST.

Additional Information: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_02t1ZZ-zR6ysFe67niOERA](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_02t1ZZ-zR6ysFe67niOERA)

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic

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### **Engagement with Latino Peers**

In response to a request for Technical Assistance we will be working with the credentialing body which certifies Recovery Coaches in the state of Indiana. While they have had a history of success in certifying 250 Recovery Coaches throughout the state (and training well over double this number), they recognize the lack of representation from the Latinx community in their certified peers; with only three of their 250 Recovery Coaches identifying as Latinx. We will be working with them over the next couple of months to develop a plan to engage with, recruit and certify more Latinx community members who identify as having lived and/or vicarious experience in substance use disorders. Our goal is to increase the number of Latino/a Certified Recovery Coaches in the state. We have received a second Technical Assistance request from Georgia to deepen engagement with Latinx community members and increase the number of Latinx certified Peers. At this point, we are working with Peer leaders in Georgia to create a Spanish training for bilingual/bicultural Peers.

Additional Information:

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance (ITA); The Opioid Epidemic

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## **Nutrition and Recovery**

We are busy planning an innovative 90-minute webinar on the use of nutrition in recovery from substance use disorders in the Latino community. Our presenter will be Dr. Jacqueline Villalobos, who has over 20 years experience using nutrition and other naturopathic medicine in treatment for hispanic and latino communities, including those living with mental illness and/or co-occurring substance use disorder. Registration links will be coming soon.

Additional Information:

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic

**ATTC: Network Coordinating Office**

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## **Network Coordinating Office ATTC Highlights from October – November 2019**

### **Presentation to the RCORP Rural Centers of Excellence on Substance Use Disorders**

Laurie Krom and Humberto Carvalho, SAMHSA Project Officer, delivered a presentation providing an overview of the ATTC and PTTC Networks to HRSA funded Rural Centers of Excellence on Substance Use Disorders. The purpose of the presentation was to connect the dots between the work of the TTCs and these newly funded centers. Laurie, Holly Hagle and Humberto will continue to promote communication and coordination between the HRSA centers and the TTCs in the future.

Additional Information:

Related Topics: None of the above

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### **ATTC Website - Open Virtual Office Hours, Tip Sheet, and Vulnerability Scan**

The NCO continues to find new ways to enhance the website and support the Center website administrators across the Network. During October and November, the NCO shared the first tip sheet as part of a TTC Website Administrator Tips Series and held its first TTC Website Bi-Monthly Open Virtual Office Hours session. The tip sheet focused on selecting and using images for headers, sliders, and tiles on the website. The TTC Website Bi-Monthly Open Virtual Office Hours session was a 1-hour open session for Centers' website administrators to "drop-in" anytime during that hour to ask NCO staff and programmers questions and assistance with the website. Future TTC Website Bi-Monthly Open Virtual Office Hours sessions will take place the first Monday of every-other-month at 2:30pm CT.

Additional Information:

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance (ITA)

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### **ATTC and ASAM: Updates and Opportunities**

The ATTC NCO convened a meeting in October between ATTC directors, key staff, and ASAM's team to review changes to the ASAM copyright permissions and new educational offerings. Due to the changes, the ATTC NCO worked with ASAM to develop a permission agreement for the entire ATTC Network to continue to provide ASAM criteria training and TA as long as each ATTC includes ASAM's new disclaimer

on relevant presentations and materials. The ASAM disclaimer was shared with the Network through the ATTC Hub.

Additional Information:

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance (ITA)

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### **Tech Transfer in Action Blog Series Launch**

The NCO is launching a new monthly blog series called “Tech Transfer in Action” that will feature the work of the ATTC Regional Centers. The goal of the blog is to showcase the Regional Centers and increase awareness of the technology transfer model in practice. Each Center will have the opportunity to contribute 1-2 blog articles annually to promote their work, highlight impactful projects and share knowledge. Tech Transfer in Action will be housed on the ATTC / NIATx Service Improvement Blog.

Additional Information:

Related Topics: None of the above

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### **Bi-Monthly Update and Work Plan Integration**

The NCO plans to launch a new bi-monthly update submission feature through the Hub that will be integrated with the work plan. The bi-monthly feature will be piloted in January with the goal of streamlining updates and reports sent to SAMHSA.

Additional Information:

Related Topics: None of the above

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### **Pop Up Talks**

In response to a request from ATTCs to have more opportunities to collaborate and hear about work around the Network, the NCO launched a monthly “Pop Up Talk” series. Pop Up Talks are an hour-long open Zoom session on a topic suggested by the Network. These open forums allow for staff from the

regional and national offices to get together and discuss their work/learn from their ATTC colleagues. Region 10 facilitated the December session on the topic of intensive technical assistance projects to promote integration. This session had 21 participants from 10 ATTC offices. The first Pop Up Talk occurred in October and was focused on advisory board best practices.

Additional Information:

Related Topics: None of the above

**ATTC: Network Coordinating Office**

**Submitted By: Kelly Reinhardt, reinhardtk@umkc.edu**

## **Network Coordinating Office ATTC Highlights from October – November 2019**

### **Completed field test of HCV guide**

Four OTP sites completed a field test of the "Integration of HCV Services in OTPs" guide. This included participating as a large group in three Learning Lab discussions facilitated by ATTC NCO to discuss common themes and unique input from each of the four sites.

Additional Information:

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic

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### **Information dissemination at AATOD Conference**

Attended and exhibited on behalf of ATTC NCO HCV Initiative at 2019 AATOD conference. Had specific informational material to disseminate via exhibit booth designed to drive professionals to ATTC website and HCV resources page on site.

Additional Information: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/global-attc/hcv-current-initiative-0>

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic

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### **Updated the ATTC HCV page**

Completed a content and image update on the HCV topic page on ATTC network website to include information about updated courses and upcoming HCV guide. Added a "request for information" form that visitors to the site could complete.

Additional Information: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/global-attc/hcv-current-initiative-0>

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic



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**Revisions to HCV guide**

Based on feedback and input from the field test of the "Integrating HCV Services in OTPs" guide, make revisions to both the content and layout of the guide.

Additional Information:

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic

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**Marketing the HCV guide**

Develop a specific marketing strategy to raise awareness of the availability of the "Integrating HCV Services in OTPs" guide.

Additional Information:

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic

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**HCV face-to-face training**

Request staff of National American Indian/Alaska Native ATTC to review face-to-face training to determine if any cultural adaptation is needed to customize for Native American/Alaska Native audiences.

Additional Information:

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic