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ATTC: New England

New England ATTC Highlights from February - March 2020

Medication for Opioid Use Disorders (MOUD) 201

Description: We offered a face-to-face training on the topic of MOUD for the CT Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. This course presented a protocol for providing clinical intervention that incorporates stages of recovery and the stages of change (trans-theoretical theory). An outline of treatment objectives was followed by discussion of how this protocol could be applied by professionals working with individuals with opioid use disorders that have co-occurring medical disorders (chronic pain), co-occurring psychiatric disorders, women who are pregnant, adolescents and young adults, and those with multiple substance use disorders. Participants previously had a working knowledge of opioid use disorder and the three FDA-approved medications to assist persons in their recovery efforts. Participants shared some of the challenges they've experienced while working with this population.

Link:

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic

Related Workplan Activities:

- Connecticut: New England ATTC will roll out a quarterly training series system-wide on high priority topics for licensure for state of Connecticut employees. Topics will include Working with Men in the Criminal Justice System, Stigma, HIV/AIDS, Trauma Integrated Care, Medication Assisted Treatment, Hepatitis C, Cultural Intelligence and CLAS Standards.

Anger Management for Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health Clients

Description: We continued 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 implemented a second intensive TA initiative on Anger Management for Substance Use Disorders. This TA focused on how to effectively facilitate a dual recovery group specifically for those residents who struggled with appropriate and productive expression of anger. The TA was 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 explored the fundamental skills and rationale for providing curriculum-based group therapy treatment. This initiative consists of didactic training, live observation, and performance feedback to the group leaders.

Link: <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

Related Workplan Activities:

- Massachusetts: The New England ATTC will partner with the Department of Mental Health to coordinate a number of short-term training events on anger management for substance use, based on the new SAMHSA publication "Anger Management for

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Clients: A Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy Manual." This series builds upon prior training in the area of group facilitation skills.

Cultural Competency to Reduce Health Disparities: Techniques and Strategies in Clinical Settings

Description: During this period The New England ATTC provided targeted TA on Cultural Competency with Dr. Haner Hernandez for the Substance Use Mental Health Leadership Council. This training utilized data and evidenced-based models to provide training for professionals that work with individuals with substance use and mental health issues across multiple settings. Participants engaged in discussions regarding the role of culture, cultural humility and cultural intelligence and how these relate to the counseling process. Additionally, this training focused on the importance of understanding the impact of health disparities on disproportionately affected individuals, families, and communities. Participants also learned practical strategies and techniques designed to ensure that services are designed and delivered with equity. Community level resources were explored and presented as well.

Link:

Related Topics: None

Related Workplan Activities:

- Regional: Deliver short-term training events on cultural competence on Cultural Humility/Intelligence, and Cultural Intelligence: Understanding and Incorporating CLAS Standards into Practice, and Cultural Elements in Treating Hispanic and Latino Populations. Will also work to expand offerings to meet the needs of tribal communities throughout the region, ideally in partnership with the Special Focus Area TTCs.

New England ATTC Highlights for April - May 2020

NEADCP Webinar Part 2: Building Successful Programs: Implementing MRT® in Drug Courts

Description: Drug Courts across the country are temporarily closed to adjust to the public health challenges associated with COVID-19. However, in response to a request by the New England Association of Drug Court Professionals (NEADCP), we are continuing our webinar series on MRT - Moral Reconciliation Therapy® so that drug court staff may continue to advance their knowledge and interest in evidence-based services. This webinar on April 15, 2020 will focus on the details involved in implementing MRT within drug courts. Dr. Ken Robinson, Co-Developer of MRT will share some frequently asked questions regarding MRT implementation. Additionally, attendees will have the opportunity to view a video of a Mock MRT Group, with MRT Trainers playing group participants attending a meeting. This webinar is part two of an MRT series, moderated by Christine McKenna, MS, LICSW, MLADC, CCTP. Rockingham County Drug Court Director.

Link: <https://conta.cc/2vThmsw>

Related Topics: None

Related Workplan Activities:

- Massachusetts: The New England ATTC is an active partner with The New England Association of Drug Court Professionals collaborating on a 6-part webinar series (focused on effective treatment of opioid use disorder and other high priority topics) and an annual regional conference for criminal justice professionals.

Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) Webinar Series

Description: In partnership with the RI Department of Health and Sherlock Center for Early Intervention Professional Development and Technical Assistance at Rhode Island College, the New England ATTC was originally providing a full day training entitled: An Intensive Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) Training to Support the Development of Family Visiting and Early Intervention NAS Teams. Due to the COVID-19 health crisis and the inability to hold such high enrolling events we are providing a 4-part webinar series beginning in April continuing through May with the same objectives. Families with infants with NAS have unique challenges. Responding effectively to each family's individual experiences and needs requires multidisciplinary, team-based care with a family-centered, bi-generational focus mindful of implicit and explicit bias, systemic racism, and other inequities that result in fear and discrimination. A careful and comprehensive approach to meeting the needs of families affected by NAS is especially important as treatment professionals across the country adjust to the challenges posed by COVID-19. To support frontline staff that respond to families with NAS babies, we have developed four one-hour webinars to train staff on these 3 objectives: 1. Biology/neurobehavior of NAS: course, progression, treatment and what is known about long term outcomes 2. Sleep development: typical, atypical, and in relation to NAS. 3. How to support infants and their families in establishing healthy sleep and regulation patterns.

Link:

Related Topics: None

Related Workplan Activities:

- Rhode Island: The New England ATTC will continue to partner in the development and delivery of an annual state-wide forum on substance-exposed newborns. In addition, the New England ATTC will provide training on implicit and explicit bias as well as on the effects of maternal methamphetamine and stimulant use disorder on infants. Targeted TA will consist of both the face-to-face state forum and ongoing virtual consultation.

Motivational Interviewing Master Class via Zoom

Description: The New England ATTC is partnering with the Health Education & Training Institute to offer an intensive TA initiative to Tri-County Mental Health Services of Maine focused on promoting the integration of motivational interviewing (MI) into usual care. The intensive technical assistance (TA) initiative is targeted towards counselors, supervisors and community workers with varying levels of experience in MI and will ultimately be delivered across 5 Tri-County locations in Maine. We are currently implementing the virtual MI Master Class portion using Zoom conferencing. The Master Class provides continued coaching and skill building for

core staff over a 12-month period and assigns MI activities to practice concepts within the organization itself. Due to the public health pandemic associated with COVID-19, this is an effective way for us to continue the practice and promote sustainability within the organization while using a distance learning method. The monthly virtual Master Class is conducted by Kathryn Hartleb, PhD, RDN, an Assistant Professor at Florida International University's Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine. Kathryn's main goal when leading the Master Class is to build participants' MI skills through exploration of Bill Miller's "Master Class" exercises and practice diving into the Four Processes of Engaging, Focusing, Evoking, and Planning. The Zoom Master Class is designed to provide the opportunity for participants to practice MI Spirit and skills alongside a supportive network of peers facing similar professional challenges as well as the opportunity to consult about clients who struggle with substance-related concerns. The Master Class this period is scheduled for May 13, 2020.

Link:

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance

Related Workplan Activities:

- Maine: The New England ATTC is continuing the intensive TA initiative in Motivational Interviewing (MI) for Tri-County Mental Health Services in Oxford, Maine, which will consist of a year-long MI Master Class via Zoom teleconferencing in order to engage, practice and discuss interactions with clients/patients in a group facilitated by an experienced MI trainer.

ATTC: Northeast and Caribbean

Northeast and Caribbean ATTC Highlights from February - March 2020

ITA Projects Continuation

Description: NeC-ATTC staff are currently conducting four (4) ITA projects for Y3 of the award. These projects include: (a) continuation of our "Costly Price of Benefits" project with NYAPRS to further embed an employment focus in SUD treatment programs-expanding the focus to include entrepreneurship and the "gig" economy; (b) engagement of more SUD programs in the LGBT ITA initiative to promote LGBT affirming care; (c) continuation of our SBIRT ITA project which continues our work with Y2 enrollees helping them to address ongoing issues around implementation while engaging new organizations looking to effectively implement SBIRT; and (d) continuation of an ITA project focused on the integration of peer supports that addresses the evolving integration of Certified Recovery Peer Advocates (CRPAs) in programs across NYS. Enrollment of new organizations began in January and these projects are officially launched. During the month of February and March, baseline training has been completed for these initiatives, and TA support is positioned for rollout between April - September of 2020 to support implementation.

Link:

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance

Related Workplan Activities:

- Conduct baseline training for knowledge and skill building

Workshops for First Responders in Puerto Rico

Description: Starting on December 28, 2019 and progressing throughout January of 2020, the southwestern part of the island of Puerto Rico was struck by a swarm of earthquakes, tremors and aftershocks, including 11 that were of magnitude 5 or greater. Puerto Rico governor Wanda Vázquez Garced has declared a state of emergency and activated the Puerto Rico National Guard and the Puerto Rico State Guard. Power has been lost intermittently, and damage to homes was extensive and, by 14 January, more than 8,000 people were homeless and camping outdoors in various types of shelters, with 40,000 others camping outside their homes, just in the city of Ponce alone. In the wake of these natural disasters, the NeC-ATTC has been coordinating with local authorities and SAMHSA's RA to identify ways in which we can assist recovery efforts. The response has been a series of trainings on Psychological First Aid and Compassion Fatigue delivered to both First Responders and behavioral health professionals in the wake of these disasters. During the past two months, this has included the following:
2/13/20 - Compassion Fatigue 2/13/20 - Psychological First Aid 3/13/20 - Skills for Psychological Recovery (SPR) 3/27/20 - Skills for Psychological Recovery (SPR)

Link:

Related Topics: None

Related Workplan Activities: None

TTA for BH Providers Addressing COVID-19 Treatment Environment

Description: NYC has now emerged as the epicenter of the COVID-19 crisis, comprising more than one-third of cases nationally, and almost two-thirds of cases in NYS. New York's Governor has now ordered 100% of nonessential employees to work from home, a transition that began during the third week in March. This means that all treatment programs have transitioned clinicians to work from home and provide services remotely via either telephone or video conferencing (Zoom or Skype). The role thus far for the NeC-ATTC in this regard has been twofold: (a) share guidance on best practices for telehealth including any policy changes emerging from the COVID-19 landscape; and (b) offering training to prepare clinicians to deliver counseling through technology mediums. Regarding the latter, the NeC-ATTC developed a course titled, "Authentic and Intentional Engagement - Lessons from MI" to be delivered via WebEx on 3/26 and Zoom on 3/27. The course description: Overview: As provider organizations rapidly shift to telehealth services to accommodate social distancing, there is a great deal of anxiety and uncertainty around best practices for engaging clients via these mediums. The fact of the matter is, telehealth services have long been recommended for enhancing client access to treatment, and have been demonstrated effective in doing so. Thus, in responding to this unprecedented crisis, providers have a very unique opportunity to learn how to effectively engage clients using Telehealth technologies. The goal(s) of our work remain the same no matter the means of connection: in-person, over the telephone or via videoconference. Informed and intentional adaptations of in-person practices is the key to successfully assuring continuity of connection and services during this challenging time. Participants will review strategies for preparation, as well as skills to employ during, and following remote counseling sessions, that support the effective use of telephone and video mediums. This course is being offered in two distinct formats, a webinar (i.e. non-visual whereby the facilitator and participants will not be seen) and a Zoom video session (i.e. facilitator and participants will be face-to-face on camera). Please consider the nature of the Telehealth interventions most relevant to your work, when registering for one or both of these course options.

Link:

Related Topics: None

Related Workplan Activities: None

Northeast and Caribbean ATTC Highlights for April - May 2020

TTA for BH Providers Addressing COVID-19 Treatment Environment

Description: In addition to the launch of our new series outlined in the section on previous highlights, the NeC-ATTC has a series of deliveries planned that are intended to support behavioral health providers in this remote and stressful environment that has been brought on by social distancing measures due to the spread of COVID-19. All in-person events have been canceled and replaced with webinar deliveries that we believe have greater utility to treatment providers in these stressful times: This includes the following planned deliveries: 4/1/20 & 4/2/20 Addiction Counselor Ethics 4/10/2020 Addressing Substance Misuse in Mental Health Settings 4/15/20 & 4/16/20 Professional Boundaries for Peer Advocates 4/20/20 & 4/22/20 MI - Enhancing Engagement & Improving Conversations 4/30/2020 'Wiped Out and Still Going,'

Preventing Compassion Fatigue In addition, the NeC-ATTC is has partnered with the NCO and UNR/CASAT to deliver a FREE, national online discussion and resource sharing opportunity for substance use disorder (SUD) treatment providers faced with transitioning their services to the telehealth environment in response to COVID-19 social distancing guidelines. The series will feature 2 live, one-hour sessions every week for 5 weeks via Zoom. Each session will include at least 45 minutes of peer-to-peer learning and “Top Five” tips and lessons learned. Moderated “ATTC learning network” online virtual discussion and file sharing platform Time to learn from and network with other SUD treatment providers making the transition Access to experienced telehealth providers and others with expertise in telehealth for SUD treatment. Access to professionals with expertise in protected health information Curated training tools, checklists, and other relevant resources. The Learning series will take place during the weeks of March 30 through April 27. Online virtual discussion will be open 24/7 during the series. Participants can join one, two, three ... or all ten of the live sessions! It is being designed so that participants can combine their live session attendance with participation in the virtual discussion group if possible. Customize the experience to meet your needs. No prerequisites or required attendance.

Link:

Related Topics: None

Related Workplan Activities: None

USVI Behavioral Health Summit

Description: 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 initially in the USVI (and perhaps followed up in Puerto Rico). The original target period was the late Spring, early Summer of 2020, however with the advent of COVID-19 recently planning sessions have suggested it be moved back to September 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 and a series of recent high-magnitude earthquakes in Puerto Rico, 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. As of March 23, a summit agenda was shared with and approved by key stakeholders in the USVI, with specific logistics still to be determined. This agenda includes topics such as Psychological First Aid, Trauma Informed Care, an array of prevention strategies, SBIRT, and more.

Link:

Related Topics: None

Related Workplan Activities:

- Participate in additional work groups as identified

NIDA Application Workgroup

Description: NeC-ATTC's PD (Michael Chaple, PhD) has been participating in a small workgroup with the Great Lakes ATTC PD (Todd Molfenter, PhD) and the Northwest ATTC PD (Bryan Hartzler, PhD) to develop a concept for a potential NIDA proposal that utilizes the ATTC or TTC network as the foundation for an implementation science proposal that explores effective methods of capacity building. Several meetings have taken place during the month of March, a concept is proposed and being discussed, and proposal writing is expecting to commence in April and beyond once a clear concept is in place.

Link:

Related Topics: None

Related Workplan Activities:

- Participate in additional work groups as identified

Central East ATTC Highlights from February - March 2020

CLAS in Behavioral Health: Transgender Populations

Description: 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 transgender individuals. **OBJECTIVES:** Define the CLAS standards, themes, and recommendations Understand health equity impact among transgender **PRESENTERS:** JACQUELINE COLEMAN, MEd, MSM, BA, CPC, certified professional coach with extensive experience as a senior program manager. Jacqueline has expertise in workforce development, organizational development and contract management. She is a cultivator and trainer of professionals in multiple sectors. Jacqueline provides strategic consultation on LEADERVATION (gender-tailored programs, equity and diversity initiatives, and systems change processes). Additional information forthcoming soon

Link: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/central-east-attc/event/clas-behavioral-health-transgender-populations>

Related Topics: None

Related Workplan Activities:

- Provide quarterly webinar series on the application of CLAS standards in BH settings by September 30, 2020.

Treating Opioid Use Disorder: A Pharmacist's Guide for Understanding Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) | Bethesda, MD (POSTP)

Description: DESCRIPTION: Opioids use disorder (OUD) is a chronic condition that affects millions of Americans. If left untreated it can result in serious consequences including increased morbidity, relapse, opioid overdose, and death. Medication-assisted treatment is effective for OUD and has been shown to decrease all-cause mortality and opioid overdose-related deaths. This pharmacist-driven training will provide detailed education on the induction and maintenance of medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder. Discuss the epidemiology of opioid overdose and opioid use disorder in the United States Review the prescribing patters of opioids for chronic non-cancer pain over the past two decades Define and review the clinical presentation of opioid dependence, opioid withdrawal, and opioid use disorder Review the pharmacology and therapeutics for methadone, buprenorphine/naloxone, and naltrexone for the treatment of opioid use disorder Presenter: Jasmine Carpenter, Pharm.D, BCPS, BCPP, mental health clinical pharmacist at a hospital in D.C. where she provides direct pharmaceutical care to patients of the mental health service and SUD rehab program. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy from Howard University College of Pharmacy. Upon graduating from Howard University, she completed her Postgraduate Year-1 (PGY-1) Pharmacy Practice Residency at the Washington DC Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center. As a Mental Health Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, she provides clinical services and direct psychotropic management to patients receiving mental health and substance/alcohol use disorder services within primary

care. Outside of this role, Dr. Carpenter serves as adjunct faculty at Howard University College of Pharmacy and regularly provides psychopharmacology and substance abuse education and training on both a national and international level. Registration will be available soon.

Link: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/central-east-attc/event/treating-opioid-use-disorder-pharmacists-guide-understanding>

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic

Related Workplan Activities:

- The ATTC will partner with providers and state, county, or other health systems of specialized SUD services, providing intensive T/TA in the implementation of Motivational Interviewing.

Dying to Ask for Help: Suicide Trends and Treatment Disparities Among U.S. Adolescents | Third in a Series

Description: Description: The suicide rates for Black children ages 5 to 11 have exceeded that of any other ethnic group, according to new research by Dr. Michael Lindsey. During this webinar, Dr. Lindsey will present this data along with the disparate health outcomes between Blacks and Whites tied to socioeconomic issues, poverty, nutrition, violence, and racism. This webinar will review signs and symptoms of depression, suicide, and anxiety in Black children. It will also explore the importance of access to care, particularly school mental health services, and preventive measures. Presenter: Michael A. Lindsey, PhD, MSW, MPH, is the Executive Director of the McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research at New York University (NYU), the Martin Silver Professor of Poverty Studies at NYU Silver School of Social Work, and an Aspen Health Innovators Fellow. He also leads a university-wide initiative to reduce inequality. In this role, he leads a team of researchers, clinicians, social workers and other professionals who are committed to creating new knowledge about the root causes of poverty, developing evidence-based interventions to address its consequences, and rapidly translating their findings into action through policy and best practices. Previously, He was an Associate Professor at the University of Maryland (UMD) School of Social Work and a Faculty Affiliate at the UMD Department of Psychiatry's Center for School Mental Health. Dr. Lindsey also leads the working group of experts supporting the Congressional Black Caucus' Emergency Taskforce on Black Youth Suicide and Mental Health. Dr. Lindsey holds a PhD in social work and MPH from the University of Pittsburgh, an MSW from Howard University, and a BA in sociology from Morehouse College. Learning Objectives: Examine the prevalence rates of child and adolescent suicide in the U.S. Examine the prevalence rates regarding mental health treatment among U.S. children and adolescents, including some of the antecedent reasons Examine the implications for policy-level interventions, research, and practice solutions to combat this epidemic Who Should Attend? Mental health clinicians, educators and families This webinar is a collaboration between Central East ATTC, Central East MHTTC, Great Lakes ATTC, and Great Lakes MHTTC.

Link: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/central-east-attc/event/dying-ask-help-suicide-trends-and-treatment-disparities-among-us>

Related Topics: None

Related Workplan Activities:

- The ATTC will collaborate with MATCHHS partners to co-sponsor T/TA events throughout the region, bringing SUD expertise and information

Central East ATTC Highlights for April - May 2020

MD HIV Case Management

Description: Additional information about this event is forthcoming. **PRESENTERS:** JACQUELINE COLEMAN, MEd, MSM, BA, CPC, certified professional coach with extensive experience as a senior program manager. Jacqueline has expertise in workforce development, organizational development and contract management. She is a cultivator and trainer of professionals in multiple sectors. Jacqueline provides strategic consultation on LEADERVATION (gender-tailored programs, equity and diversity initiatives, and systems change processes).

Link: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/central-east-attc/event/md-hiv-case-management>

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic

Related Workplan Activities:

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Communication Plan Approach Change in Response to the Public Health Crisis

Description: The Danya Institute Dialogue eNewsletter will be suspended for an undetermined period of time. The Danya Direct email notifications will increase from twice monthly to weekly on Thursday to announce the training and technical assistance information and resources that are coming fast from SAMHSA, HHS Region 3, States and other stakeholders. We have coordinated with many of our state SSAs to utilize new communication approach to ensure their training and TA networks are aware of new and vital current information to support the access and continuity of care during this crucial time.

Link:

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic

Related Workplan Activities:

- The ATTC will operationalize the annual communication plan including newsletters, periodic bulletins, website administration, social media networks, and curated emails.

Implementing SBIRT in Maryland's Reproductive Health Centers

Description: The Central East ATTC has partnered with Maryland's Department of Health, Reproductive Health Division and Planned Parenthood of Maryland to do an organizational change management intensive training and TA project. It was originally conceptualized as a hybrid or blended learning project, using a combination of in-person and virtual activities to support change management planning and implementation. The Central East ATTC is in the process of transitioning more if not all elements of the training project to virtual platforms.

Link:

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance, The Opioid Epidemic

Related Workplan Activities:

- Provide intensive T/TA for the Implementation of SBIRT in Maryland Department of Health's Family Planning Providers by September 30, 2020.

Southeast ATTC Highlights from February - March 2020

Spirituality in Addiction and Recovery

Description: Presented by: James Campbell, LPC, LAC, MAC, CACII. Few would deny that addiction has a spiritual aspect, yet many clinicians are reticent to engage in addressing spirituality in their practice. Likewise, many in faith communities have great compassion but sometimes are uncertain about how to help individuals impacted by substance use. This session offers practical tools in discussing and engaging spirituality as it relates to the addiction and recovery of those we serve. Specific emphasis is given to the role of spiritual empowerment within treatment, recovery, fostering resiliency, avoiding recidivism, and making healthy life choices. Objectives: By the end of the training participants will be able to: Identify 2 distinctions between religion and spirituality; Enhance their understanding of both the strengths and limitations of insight and awareness in changing behavior and be able to articulate them. Explore the role of mindful practice as a tool for emotional regulation, craving management, and recovery. Evaluate past patterns of behavior for common risk and resiliency factors, Discuss intentionality and empowerment as a means for reducing relapse/recurrence of substance use disorders and recidivism. About the Presenter: James Campbell has been working professionally in the human services field for over twenty-five years. His passion is helping individuals, families, and relationships to heal and assisting them in building on the strengths they possess. He is a Licensed Professional Counselor, Licensed Addiction Counselor, a Master Addictions Counselor through NAADAC, a Certified Addictions Counselor II through SCAADAC, and is a member of both NAADAC and ACA. James is the current President of SCAADAC. James is the Founder of Family Excellence, Inc., the Director and Lead Trainer of Family Excellence Institute, LLC, the Training and Technical Manager for Southeast Addiction Technology Transfer Center, a pastor, and a nationally recognized author and speaker. This course has been approved by TAADAS, as a NAADAC approved Education Provider, for educational credits. NAADAC Provider #91749, TAADAS, is responsible for all aspects of their programming.

Link: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/southeast-attc/event/spirituality-addiction-and-recovery>

Related Topics: None

Related Workplan Activities:

- SUD webinar series(4) exclusively for communities of Faith

Faith Leadership Academy 2020 Application Cycle Open Jan 17th

Description: The Southeast Addiction Technology Transfer Center (Southeast ATTC) is excited to re-launch the Let's Have the Conversation: One Voice, One Mission Faith Leadership Academy (FLA) to broaden clergy's awareness about substance use issues within their communities and equip them with the skills and tools to be catalyst for change within their communities and congregation; to assist them in preparing their communities/congregation for change. Components of the FLA includes the use of pre-work, an in-person immersion experience, and a virtual learning community that includes participants of inter-faith clergy communities. It is the intent to create a learning community that is diverse as possible to

represent multiple faith communities and the congregations they serve. Applications are available starting Jan 17th, 2020!! For more information on Let's Have the Conversation: One Voice, One Mission click the link below <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/southeast-attc/faith-based-initiatives>

Link: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/southeast-attc/news/faith-leadership-academy-2020-application-cycle-open-jan-17th>

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance

Related Workplan Activities:

- Recruit and host Spring and Summer Collaborative

Podcasting to Leverage SUD Conversations

Description: Southeast Addiction Technology Transfer Center Network (SATTC) LAUNCHED NEW PODCAST “The New Voice of SUD: Let’s Grow Together” 2019 Review of the Year SATTC was excited to announce our new podcast. The New Voice of SUD: Let’s Grow Together, (<https://anchor.fm/southeast-attc>). This podcast has highlighted candid conversations with experts to spark new ideas, impact and strengthen the work that we do and focus on the workforce development of young professionals, SUD (substance use disorder) treatment providers, researchers, and community organizations. Our hope is that this podcast would highlight new research in behavioral health, challenges in the addiction workforce, provide substance use resources, and identify services and support with an emphasis on minority women. Celene Craig, with SATTC, says, “The idea for SATTC to create a pilot podcast was to invoke a fresh new way to converse and address some hot topics in the addiction/SUD community. To keep professionals involved and spark the interest of a new generation of professionals we have to be creative in our approach to engage our audience we seek to capture. The feedback on the piloting of this project has been great and I’m excited to see what it will turn into.” Listeners of the podcast can contact SATTC via email at sattcinfo@msm.edu to provide feedback and ideas for the podcast, or to become a guest on the show. To listen to the first episode visit here.

Link: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/southeast-attc/news/podcasting-leverage-sud-conversations>

Related Topics: None

Related Workplan Activities:

- Facilitate behavioral health trainings and learning communities

Southeast ATTC Highlights for April - May 2020

Ask the Expert: SATTTC is creating infinite space for SUDs/mental health conversations

Description: Join Us Soon!! Beginning in February 2020, SATTTC will host "Ask the Expert" the 2nd Tuesday of every month on a topics surrounding Substance Use Disorders (SUDs), co-occurring diseases, health disparities, and more. Experts in the field will share the latest knowledge and answer questions from our community. As professionals and practitioners move beyond webinars and training to more Intensive Technical Assistance (TA) needs, Ask the Expert becomes a infinite space to ask questions and increase your knowledge on some of the most popular and buzzing topics in the behavioral health and SUD fields. Objectives: To increase the knowledge capacity surrounding SUDs/ODUs To increase the awareness of emerging SUD hot topics and provide expert-level knowledge on myths surrounding many of them.

Link: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/southeast-attc/news/ask-expert-satttc-creating-infinite-space-sudsmental-health>

Related Topics: None

Related Workplan Activities:

- Facilitate behavioral health trainings and learning communities

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Link: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/southeast-attc/news/faith-leadership-academy-2020-application-cycle-open-jan-17th>

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance

Related Workplan Activities:

- Recruit and host Spring and Summer Collaborative

Minority to Priority White Paper

Description: The Southeast ATTC is in the early stages of creating a white paper on the "Effects of the Opioid epidemic on African Americans".

Link:

Related Topics: None

Related Workplan Activities:

- Tangible Products, White Paper, Tool kit

Great Lakes ATTC Highlights from February - March 2020

Motivational Interviewing for Wisconsin Drug and Mental Health Treatment Courts

Description: The Great Lakes ATTC hosted a Motivational Interviewing training for Wisconsin Drug and Treatment Courts on February 6, 2020, in Madison, WI. In this highly participatory practice-based workshop, participants discussed basic concepts of Motivational Interviewing. Small group sessions included ample time to practice the lessons learned with feedback from observers. 39 Drug Court Judges and staff attended.

Link:

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic

Related Workplan Activities:

- Teach MI techniques and other psychosocial interventions in Region 5

“Suicide Prevention In the Context of Substance Use: Justice-involved Individuals”

Description: The Great Lakes ATTC, in collaboration with the Great Lakes MHTTC and the Central East ATTC and MHTTC, presented the webinar “Suicide Prevention In the Context of Substance Use: Justice-involved Individuals” on March 3, 2020. Suicide remains a leading cause of death in our country, affecting all segments of the population. People just released from prison are at higher-risk of suicide, particularly if they also struggle with substance use. This webinar presented lessons learned from a research study that evaluates the effectiveness of the Safety Planning Intervention, a strategy for reducing suicide events among people transitioning from jail to the community. Dr. Jennifer E. Johnson, a Principal Investigator at Michigan State University, described the nature of the problem and ways to reduce suicide events, given frequent substance use in this high-risk population. This webinar is the third in a series on the links between opioid use, overdose and suicide.

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2NVAbJlgssg>

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic

Related Workplan Activities:

- Engage & collaborate with experts to identify and address current SBIRT issues & appropriate opioid prescribing

“SUD Services in the Days of a Pandemic: You Need a Bigger Boat”

Description: The Great Lakes ATTC hosted a webinar “SUD Services in the Days of a Pandemic: You Need a Bigger Boat” on March 20, 2020. Providing SUD services during a pandemic requires a mix of disaster preparedness, safety precautions, telehealth, and ethics. During her tenure as a leader in SUD treatment, Sheila Weix has been involved with emergencies related to the HIV epidemic, 9/11, and the 2008 economic collapse. She is currently applying this experience in an outpatient treatment service that includes medication-

assisted treatment in rural Wisconsin during the COVID19 pandemic. Webinar participants will learn about: • Safety precautions • How to move all services to telehealth • Reimbursement contingencies • Leadership actions underway to address this rapidly changing situation Since posting on the Great Lakes YouTube channel on March 20, the webinar recording has had 3,400 views.

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bRGZO7LaAqo>

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic

Related Workplan Activities:

- Develop and provide EBP training as needed based on assessment, network resources, and regional needs

Great Lakes ATTC Highlights for April - May 2020

Peer Recovery Support Series, Section II: Hiring, Onboarding, and Integration

Description: The Great Lakes ATTC, in partnership with NAADAC, is hosting a webinar series on Peer Recovery Support. This is the second webinar in the series and will take place on April 10, 2020. The structure and process of bringing on Peer Recovery Support Specialist (PRSS) staff should be carefully considered before beginning the recruitment process. The role of the PRSS, as well as the flexibility and cooperation of existing staff, will impact the level of integration. To ensure a cohesive team, the entire organization, from administration to executive leadership, will need resources and training as well as implementation support around peer recovery support services and working within a recovery-oriented practice. Doing so will help current and new staff build upon the collaborative nature of the emerging profession, mitigate concerns from clinical staff, and clarify roles. Intended audience: Organizations and professionals who have or plan to integrate Peer Recovery Specialists into their team.

Link:

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic

Related Workplan Activities:

- Provide continuing educational tools for peer recovery professionals

Peer Support ECHO

Description: 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.

Link:

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance, The Opioid Epidemic

Related Workplan Activities:

- Partner to lead a Project ECHO for Peer Recovery

“Use of Telehealth During a Pandemic: You Need a Bigger Boat (Part 2)”

Description: Providing SUD services during a pandemic requires a mix of disaster preparedness, safety precautions, telehealth, and ethics. A description of how tele-health is being provided by a large rural provider during the current Pandemic will be described. Webinar participants will learn how: • New policies are being formed • Behavioral therapy and medications for opioid use disorders are provided • Clinical documentation is occurring • Collaboration is occurring with community stakeholders • Leadership actions underway to address this rapidly changing situation

Link:

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic

Related Workplan Activities:

- Engage & collaborate with experts to identify and address current SBIRT issues & appropriate opioid prescribing

ATTC: South Southwest

South Southwest ATTC Highlights from February - March 2020

Educational Consortium Spring Semester Activities

Description: Enrollment of over 1,000 students in pre-service courses for addictions education and the initiation of spring semester practicum and community project activities at the SSW ATTC Education Consortium schools: Eastfield College (TX), Houston Community College (TX), New Mexico Highlands University (NM), Langston University (OK), Northwestern State University (LA), San Antonio College (TX), University of Central Arkansas (AR) University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley (TX) and University of Texas, Austin (TX).

Link: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/south-southwest-attc/educational-consortium>

Related Topics: None

Related Workplan Activities:

- Develop agreements with educational institutions for counselor prep courses and practicum

Joint SSW ATTC and SSW MHTTC Advisory Board Meeting

Description: Joint SSW ATTC and SSW MHTTC Advisory Board Meeting included 70 participants, both advisory board members and guests, with focus areas including trauma informed care, effective work in justice related settings, regional peer recovery coordination and cultural competency. February 4 and 5, 2020 in Austin, Texas.

Link: [N/A](#)

Related Topics: None

Related Workplan Activities:

- Convene stakeholders in Advisory Board annual meeting and workgroups.

Regional Peer Recovery Leadership Meeting

Description: In partnership with South Southwest MHTTC, hosted in-person leadership event on February 4, 2020 with representatives of peer recovery community from all five states in Region 6, including behavioral state peer service coordinators and directors. Discussed mechanisms for regional coordination to advance peer recovery model throughout region, including development of a regional peer leadership council. Ongoing virtual planning meetings to be hosted by SSW ATTC and MHTTC.

Link: [N/A](#)

Related Topics: None

Related Workplan Activities:

- Facilitate stakeholder meetings to organize local ROSC collaborations

South Southwest ATTC Highlights for April - May 2020

Educational Consortium Modifications to Classes and Practicum

Description: Adjustments to classes and practicum by Educational Consortium partners to ensure all enrolled students in pre-service courses for addictions education complete their educational requirements within COVID-19 public health crisis guidelines: Eastfield College (TX), Houston Community College (TX), New Mexico Highlands University (NM), Langston University (OK), Northwestern State University (LA), San Antonio College (TX), University of Central Arkansas (AR) University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley (TX) and University of Texas, Austin (TX).

Link: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/south-southwest-attc/educational-consortium>

Related Topics: None

Related Workplan Activities: None

Technical Assistance and Resources for Short-term Implementation of Telehealth Services for Behavioral Health

Description: Development of tool for behavioral health providers implementing telehealth support for behavioral health services in a short timeframe as a result of COVID-19 public health crisis. Provision of technical assistance to states and providers on topic of implementation of telehealth services.

Link: [N/A - To be added in next report](#)

Related Topics: None

Related Workplan Activities: None

Peer Workforce Retention Quality Improvement Project

Description: In-person/Tele/video-conferencing meetings with peer retention organizational change teams at individual agencies to plan for and implement change cycles around identified technical assistance areas. Work is being done in partnership with SSW MHTTC.

Link: [N/A](#)

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance

Related Workplan Activities:

- Conduct in person/tele/video-conferencing meetings with peer retention organizational change teams to plan for and implement change cycles around identified TA areas, providing feedback on progress and obstacles.

ATTC: Mid-America

Mid-America ATTC Highlights from February - March 2020

Telehealth Learning & Consultation Tuesdays: Telehealth Basics

Description: Mid-America ATTC partnered with Mid-America MHTTC, and Mountain Plains MHTTC for Telehealth Learning and Consultation (TLC) Tuesdays, an online webinar series for providers new to or unfamiliar with telehealth to ask questions of our specialists and hear practical advice. Held each Tuesday from March 28-April 28, each hour-long session, focuses on one topic area: 1) Telehealth Basics; 2) Billing for Telehealth; 3) Telehealth Tools (apps); 4) Telehealth with Children and Adolescents; and 5) Telehealth Tuesdays. A total of 1050 participants attended the March 28th session. The audience composition is primarily school mental health specialists and behavioral health clinicians. This activity was initiated in response to overwhelming provider TA requests related to rapidly implementing telehealth as result of the unprecedented COVID 19 pandemic.

Link: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/mid-america-attc/event/telehealth-learning-consultation-tuesdays-telehealth-basics>

Related Topics: None

Related Workplan Activities: None

TTC Trauma Informed Care Implementation - Intensive TA

Description: In February 2020, ATTC Trauma Informed Team guided the Osawatomie State Hospital (OSH) through an organizational assessment of trauma-informed practices. TA consultations focused on how the data would be used to craft messaging within OSH. In March 2020, four OSH leadership members attended a 2-day, Building Resilient Trauma Informed Cultures training. Subsequent TA meetings/phone consultations were cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic response efforts. All parties agreed to put project on hold for at least 30 days; Mid-America will continue to have weekly phone consultations with Deputy Administrator to maintain connection and evaluate when to resume intensive TA project. In early April, OSH requested resources to address staff wellness and support. Mid-America will focus on revising the TIC Implementation Manual and distribute drafts among interested ATTC regional centers for external review.

Link: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/mid-america-attc/product/ttc-trauma-informed-care-implementation-overview>

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance

Related Workplan Activities:

- Conduct and analyze TIC organizational and staff assessments

BHMEDS-R3 App Update

Description: In February, full transcript of app content was formatted and prepared for content review/editing. In early March, Drs. Stoner and Burgess began review/edits/updates to content

to include: 1) Updating medications names (adding any new or not already included medications in the manuscript used to treat conditions addressed in BHMEDS medication sections, and deleting medications no longer used to treat the conditions addressed in BHMEDS resource); and 2) updating and adding relevant content within each medication section (i.e. antidepressants, OUD treatment, etc.) regarding their purpose, dose and frequency, side effects, abuse potential, cautions, and emergency conditions. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, expert reviewers asked for a 30 day extension. Revised timeline to submit all changes is May 1, 2020.

Link: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/mid-america-attc/product/bhmeds-r3-app>

Related Topics: None

Related Workplan Activities:

- Collaborate with consultant content experts/editors to review and update app content.

Mid-America ATTC Highlights for April - May 2020

Clinician Extenders in SUD Treatment and Recovery: Session 1

Description: The Clinician Extenders in SUD Treatment and Recovery (actual title) begins April 28th and concludes June 9th. Learning objectives include: 1) Identify specific categories of smart phone applications and other technologies available for SUD recovery and treatment support; 2) describe successful implementation strategies for the integration of smartphone technology into the provision of recovery support services; and 3) assess the role smartphone technology may play in their individual and agency recovery support practice. Each 1-hour session will be a facilitated discussion among researchers/app developers and SUD practitioners who utilize apps in their day-to-day clinical work.

Link: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/mid-america-attc/event/clinician-extendors-sud-treatment-and-recovery-session-1>

Related Topics: None

Related Workplan Activities:

- Plan and design a virtual learning community on use of mobile apps as recovery care extendors in context of an addiction treatment and/or recovery service.

Mid-America ATTC COVID-19 Provider FAQs

Description: Launched a dedicated COVID-19 Region VII SUD Provider webpage in March. Links to other federal and state resources are updated daily as news becomes available. A FAQ of recurring questions asked by a wide range of providers and organizations is in the development phase and will be posted on the COVID webpage.

Link: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/mid-america-attc/sud-pandemic-resources>

Related Topics: None

Related Workplan Activities: None

Regions 5, 7, and 10 Residential SUD Provider Readiness for COVID-19

Description: COVID-19 has necessitated operational changes for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) residential treatment providers (community based social/medical detox, sobering beds, intermediate, reintegration, housed IOP levels of care, etc.). The Regions 5, 7, and 10 SAMHSA Administrators along with Great Lakes, Northwest, and Mid-America ATTCs will sponsor a 1.5-hour, 1000-seat Zoom meeting on April 8, 2020 to share ideas and support in the Regions around this topic. Mr. Scott Munson, CEO of Sundown M Ranch Treatment Center, Yakima, Washington will share lessons learned during the COVID-19 crisis and respond to audience questions. The State of Washington has been one of the earliest and most heavily impacted communities from COVID-19.

Link:

Related Topics: None

Related Workplan Activities: None

ATTC: Mountain Plains

Mountain Plains ATTC Highlights from February - March 2020

Where to Begin...Essential Tips for Using Videoconferencing to Deliver SUD Treatment and Recovery Services Webinar

Description: Given recent public health concerns and the importance of social distancing, substance use disorders (SUDs) treatment and recovery support providers are seeking viable alternatives to in-person service delivery. The use of technology through a web-based videoconferencing platform in a synchronous manner (often called telehealth or telemental health) offers one solution. Recent research confirms high levels of patient satisfaction with mental health and substance abuse services delivered via videoconferencing, along with positive treatment outcomes. Most importantly, the skills and knowledge required for delivering treatment and recovery services through videoconferencing are different than those used for conducting business meetings online. This webinar was conducted on March 27, 2020 and provided an overview of the essentials of videoconferencing with patients/peers, including a clinical/support session checklist; a review of legal, ethical, and patient/peer safety concerns; and privacy/security and confidentiality issues.

Link: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/mountain-plains-attc/event/where-begin-essential-tips-using-videoconferencing-deliver-sud>

Related Topics: None

Related Workplan Activities:

- 2.2.a Create 12 new products/tools and post on website; 2.2.a Hire SMEs to conduct webinars or be featured in videos; 2.2.c Create slidedecks4U and post on website; 2.2.d Review products/tools plan to ensure products/tools are in product line

The Impact of Stigma Surrounding Use of Medications for Opioid Use Disorder Webinar

Description: Substance Use Disorders (SUDs) are highly stigmatized conditions, with stigma hindering and discouraging individuals from seeking treatment services. Not only does stigma exist for individuals with SUDs, but also for individuals who use medications to treat opioid use disorders despite the unparalleled effectiveness of medication-assisted treatment (MAT). Stigma is perpetuated through both expected (families and employers) and unexpected (health care providers) routes. During this webinar, participants will learn about the ways in which stigma undermines treatment opportunities and increases individuals' shame that can lead to adverse outcomes, including overdose. Webinar conducted February 20, 2020.

Link: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/mountain-plains-attc/product/impact-stigma-surrounding-use-medications-opioid-use-disorder>

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic

Related Workplan Activities:

- 2.2.a Create 12 new products/tools and post on website; 2.2.a Hire SMEs to conduct webinars or be featured in videos; 2.2.c Create slidedecks4U and post on website; 2.2.d Review products/tools plan to ensure products/tools are in product line

ASAM Application to Determine Level of Care Webinar

Description: This region-wide webinar presentation conducted on March 17, 2020 provided a comprehensive presentation on using the ASAM 6-Dimensional Assessment, understanding and applying Risk Ratings, and making a level of care recommendation.

Link: <https://mailchi.mp/casat/overview-of-asam-criteria-for-the-management-of-client-care-webinar-register-today-12169818?e=aaa11b9dd6>

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance

Related Workplan Activities:

- 2.2.a Create 12 new products/tools and post on website; 2.2.a Hire SMEs to conduct webinars or be featured in videos; 2.2.c Create slidedecks4U and post on website; 2.2.d Review products/tools plan to ensure products/tools are in product line

Mountain Plains ATTC Highlights for April - May 2020

SUD Service Collaborations that Work

Description: Mountain Plains ATTC is conducting a series of online, recorded sessions, entitled “SUD Service Collaborations that Work.” Each of the six Mountain Plains Regional SSAs have been asked to nominate providers/agencies within their state which are exemplars of effective collaboration in their SUD service provision. These providers/agencies have been asked to participate in an online session, in which they share their expertise by discussing their collaborative work and respond to a series of questions related to how to effectively collaborate. Sessions have been held with Colorado, Montana, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming. The session with North Dakota is on hold due to social distancing guidelines during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Once the series of sessions is completed, the recordings will be posted to the Mountain Plains ATTC website. In addition, transcripts from the sessions will be reviewed to identify themes across the collaborative partnerships in all six states. A transcript summary document will be created and posted to the products section of the Mountain Plains ATTC website.

Link:

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic

Related Workplan Activities:

- 1.5.a Design/implement regional needs assessment; 1.5.b use results to determine training/TA activities by state and region; 1.5.c Disseminate needs assessment results out to partners; 1.5.d Post needs assessment results on webpage and ask advisory board and workgroup members to help disseminate; 1.5.e Discuss T/TA needs identified in Needs Assessment with SSAs NS Advisory Board and Workgroup Members

ASAM Continued Service, Transfer and Discharge Management Webinar

Description: This webinar will be offered on April 17, 2020 to South Dakota providers as a technical assistance (TA) session to provide a deeper perspective on the utilization of ASAM by providing a virtual real-time case consultation so providers can make informed decisions relating to continued service, transfer and discharge. Registration is limited to South Dakota providers and by invitation only.

Link:

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance

Related Workplan Activities:

- 3.6.a Respond to T/TA requests from regional stakeholders; 3.6.b conduct one-time or brief consultations; 3.6.c Provide extended consultation; 3.6.d Conduct conference/workshop trainings; 3.6.e Facilitate long term implementation & work flow activities

Depression, Alcohol and Farm Stress Addressing Co-occurring Disorders in Rural America Resource and Informational Guide

Description: The Mountain Plains ATTC and MHTTC staff, Dr. Maridee Shogren, MPATTC trainer; Abby Moore, MPATTC Project Manager; Dr. Andy McLean, MP-MHTTC Trainer; Robin Landwehr, MPATTC Trainer; and David Terry, MP-MHTTC Program Coordinator collaborated on a new product entitled Depression, Alcohol and Farm Stress Addressing Co-occurring Disorders in Rural America. The product has been developed for an audience of rural healthcare providers who are often on the front line to identify and assess co-occurring disorders. This informational guide utilizes a case study approach to highlight a young farmer with alcohol use disorder and depression. Multiple resources are included to assist rural healthcare providers in this important work. This new product will be published in April 2020 and posted on the Mountain Plains ATTC website for download.

Link:

Related Topics: None

Related Workplan Activities:

- 2.5.a Develop EBP Marketing Materials; 2.5.b Use marketing materials as pre-training activities regarding EBP effectiveness

Pacific Southwest ATTC Highlights from February - March 2020

OPII Change Facilitator Academy

Description: On February 4-6, 2020, the PSATTC hosted a three-day intensive Change Facilitator Academy at the James C. Irvine Conference Center in Oakland, California. A total of 37 staff from 13 agencies attended the Academy. Day 1 focused on a deep dive of the operational details of the OPII, as well as a review of the results of the ORCA, and learning essential facilitation skills. Day 2 focused on learning group facilitation information gathering and brainstorming skills, conducting walkthroughs and flowcharting service processes, identifying service process and clinical metrics, developing needs assessment plans, and conducting PDSA (Plan-Do-Study-Act) rapid cycle change projects. Lastly, Day 3 focused on developing activities workplans, learning group facilitation decision making and building commitment skills, and building and completing a change team roster. At the Academy, teams scheduled a site visit and face-to-face kick-off meeting that Dr. Shafer, OPII Co-Facilitator will attend in March-May 2020. To date, two in-person site visits were held (with Tri-City Mental Health Services (CA) and The Guidance Center (AZ)), and the remainder of site visits will be conducted virtually. On March 26, 2020, the PSATTC convened a one-hour webinar with 23 members of the 2020 OPII cohort (10 of 13 agencies were represented) to discuss a shift in focus to support agencies in responding to the COVID-19 crisis. Agencies were provided with a brief Qualtrics survey in advance of the web session to respond to a few questions to describe the specific strategies they are planning or have already implemented to shift clinical care to remote service delivery so that the PSATTC team can better understand how to best support the agencies in the coming months of project implementation. Additional details are described below in upcoming activity item #2.

Link: <http://uclaisap.org/psattc-opii/>

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance

Related Workplan Activities:

- Deliver three-day Change Facilitator Workshop

ASAM and DSM-V Training on CNMI

Description: In late March, the PSATTC was scheduled to provide a four-day intensive training to approximately 20-25 SUD providers from across the six Pacific Jurisdictions on the topics of ASAM Criteria Implementation and DSM-5. This training was going to be held on Saipan, CNMI, and serve as the first phase of a multi-phase effort where the end goal will be the development of a cadre of local providers who are equipped to train others in the use of ASAM Criteria to successfully place patients in SUD treatment services. Subsequent professional development activities, including professional development, training of trainers workshop, booster trainings, and ongoing trainer consultation and coaching with master trainers were going to be scheduled to take place in summer-fall 2020 and beyond. In light of the global response to the COVID-19 crisis, this training initiative has been put on hold indefinitely. The PSATTC team is in the process of communicating with key staff in each of the Pacific Jurisdictions to determine a plan for virtual learning opportunities in lieu of live training events.

Link: <http://www.psattc.org>

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance

Related Workplan Activities:

- Provide ongoing coaching, consultation, and skill practice/development to Hawaii- and Pacific Jurisdiction-based trainers

Children's Hospital Los Angeles Graduate Psychology Education (GPE) Program

Description: In February 2020, the PSATTC completed the final 2.5 days of a five and one-half day intensive clinical Training Institute for a cohort of 10 psychology fellows participating in the HRSA-funded GPE Program. The 2.5 days of training focused specifically on the use of contingency management/motivational incentive approaches, and advanced motivational interviewing approaches. In addition to the Training Institute, PSATTC trainers continue to provide monthly Zoom-based coaching and clinical consultation to the 10 fellows (initiated in October 2019). Each month, two PSATTC trainers provide targeted coaching and consultation to the fellows to help them resolve challenging clinical situations, and work on further honing their motivational interviewing skills. This monthly consultation will continue through August 2020. In September 2020, a new cohort will be accepted into the GPE Program, thus restarting the training and consultation process. The March consultation session was held a few days after Governor Newsome's safer-at-home order, and thus took on a slightly different focus of providing the fellows with the space to discuss how the rapidly evolving public health crisis is impacting their ability to provide care to their patients. The fellows appreciated the opportunity for an open dialogue to check in with one another and share strategies for staying productive and safe in such an uncertain time.

Link: <http://uclaisap.org/chla-gpe/>

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance

Related Workplan Activities:

- Provide ongoing consultation/supervision on EBPPs to providers in training fellowships

Pacific Southwest ATTC Highlights for April - May 2020

A Shift to Virtual Learning

Description: Nearly all of the PSATTC's planned face-to-face training and TA activities have been postponed or canceled because of the rapidly evolving COVID-19 public health crisis. As a result, the PSATTC team has been working hard to quickly and comprehensively adapt a set of standard curricula for virtual delivery via the Zoom platform. This process requires a complete shift in processes and workflow. By early April 2020, the PSATTC will be in a position to schedule virtual trainings on a variety of priority topics including ethics and confidentiality, ASAM criteria, cognitive behavioral therapy, case management, and motivational interviewing.

Link: <http://www.psattc.org>

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance

Related Workplan Activities:

- Ensure all T/TA services are responsive to issues of culture

OPII Implementation – Shift in Focus (strategies for responding to COVID-19 crisis)

Description: In an attempt to ensure the continuity of the 2020 OPII effort, the PSATTC will be working the 13 agencies to explore the short- and long-term impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and whether participating agencies were interested in shifting the focus of their OPII change efforts to address COVID-19 related issues. Based upon what we learned in the March 26th webinar regarding the major disruptions in agencies' service provision as a result of COVID-19, and a movement toward use of 'telehealth', reductions in individual and group counseling; alterations in intake and assessment procedures, modifications/reductions in home visits and outreach, and modifications in the take home dosing in MAT clinics, the PSATTC team plans to reconfigure our coaching and intensive technical assistance with these agencies to include virtual site visits, more frequent and recurrent interactions between PSATTC staff and each agency change team, and the establishment of a monthly all-agency virtual Community of Practice to encourage peer-to-peer learning through the systems change implementation phase of the OPII.

Link: <http://uclaisap.org/psattc-opii/>

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance

Related Workplan Activities:

- Provide ongoing, intensive change facilitation coaching and mentoring over the course of 9-12 months

SMS Text Message as Learning Extenders Pilot for Introduction to Motivational Interviewing Trainings

Description: In mid-April 2020, the PSATTC will launch a two-month pilot effort to provide individuals who attend one of five daylong Introduction to Motivational Interviewing trainings with a series of SMS text messages as learning extenders for 10 weeks following each training. These SMS text messages will provide the learner with a variety of tips, challenges, and reminders on the use of MI with the goal of bringing the MI skills learned in a one-day training into practice and keeping the learner engaged over an extended period of time. At the end of the 10-week time frame, participants will be asked to respond to a brief survey to evaluate their experience with receiving the SMS text message learning extenders.

Link: <http://www.psattc.org>

Related Topics: None

Related Workplan Activities:

- Incorporate SMS text messaging learning extender platform as part of synchronous learning opportunities

Northwest ATTC Highlights from February - March 2020

Contingency Management for Healthcare Providers (Healthknowledge Course)

Description: This online course features separate modules for each of the three common personnel roles in healthcare organizations: decision-makers, clinical supervisors, and direct care staff. Organizations can use this training as a bridge to more intensive technical assistance. All three modules include an introduction to contingency management (CM) describing: its core elements; 3 scientifically-supported systems; and how it can be used in healthcare settings to have a positive impact on clients. Each module also offers unique content on how each role can successfully integrate CM into their program.

Link: <http://attcnetwork.org/northwest-cm>

Related Topics: None

Related Workplan Activities:

- Offer a minimum of 24 EBP training events and trainings in evidence-based processes (NIATx, TIC, ROSC) to promote skill development.

Alaska RADACT Training Academy

Description: In late March, due to the risk of COVID-19 infection at in-person trainings, the Northwest ATTC quickly transitioned from plans to hold (2) two-day in-person workshops in Anchorage to offering two online workshops in support of the three-week Annual Academy of Alaska's RADACT (Regional Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor Training) program. Paul Hunziker taught the Northwest ATTC sponsored workshops, one on Family Systems and the other on Co-Occurring Disorders, virtually on March 23-26, to 13 academy participants.

Link:

Related Topics: None

Related Workplan Activities:

- Offer a minimum of 24 EBP training events and trainings in evidence-based processes (NIATx, TIC, ROSC) to promote skill development.

Opportunity Council Motivational Interviewing (MI) Coaching Project

Description: Opportunity Council located in Bellingham, WA is in its second year commitment to have its entire staff skilled in Motivational Interviewing. They completed the fourth in-person training cohort and recently started a five session MI coaching collaborative with eight staff members. Participants are submitting recordings and participating in-group feedback. The members set individual and collective group goals related to: enhancing MI skills at a team level, increasing team support, having MI be part of all client conversations and promoting MI congruence with leadership practices. This in-person coaching project recently shifted to an on-line format due to social distancing and members were able to complete all training objectives.

All future coaching sessions are likely to be delivered on-line, as well.

Link:

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance

Related Workplan Activities:

- A Motivational Intensive Technical Assistance project for Opportunity Council in Bellingham WA to increase the uptake of MI and enhance 20-30 clinicians skills.

Northwest ATTC Highlights for April - May 2020

Motivational Interviewing Skills for Telehealth sessions

Description: The Northwest ATTC will provide individualized and small group MI coaching technical assistance to organizations that have switched to telehealth services. The goal is to help practitioners improve their MI skills while conducting phone conversations. The first cohort will enroll staff from several Northwest Washington organizations that have completed Introduction and Advanced MI training. Each 30-minute Zoom session will be geared towards completing one individual coaching session, group sessions will expand based on the number of people who sign up. Participants will sign up via a shared platform and complete the “MI Phone Coaching Skill Development and Client Scenario” form to set the focus and goals of the coaching. An evaluation plan is underway and will be ready by the time we start. The Northwest organizations queried about their interest are expressing enthusiasm for this learning opportunity given the significant changes they are navigating related to telehealth.

Link:

Related Topics: None

Related Workplan Activities: None

Oregon Council on Behavioral Health DDCAT/DDMHT Intensive TA Project

Description: The Northwest ATTC in collaboration with the Oregon Council on Behavioral Health is sponsoring a year-long intensive technical assistance project for Oregon mental health and substance use disorder providers on integration of Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder treatment for individuals with co-occurring disorders. Participating organizations will receive a Dual Diagnosis Capability in Addiction Treatment (DDCAT) or a Dual Diagnosis Capability in Mental Health Treatment (DDCMHT) assessment to be followed on-going intensive technical support around organizational change efforts. Participating organization may choose to engage in light-touch coaching, a co-occurring disorder change leader academy, or a full NIATx process improvement coaching design as part of the follow-up intensive technical assistance. Agencies will be offered the option of participating in the level of intensive technical assistance that works for each of them. A final DDCAT/DDCMHT assessment will be delivered nine months following the initial assessment to evaluate the level of integration improvement.

Link:

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance

Related Workplan Activities:

- Integration Community of Practice focused on tools and practices to promote integration of SUD and mental health services.

Webinar: Tips for Offering Effective Clinical Engagement of Your Patients Via Telehealth

Description: Northwest ATTC's April webinar will feature a presentation on telehealth fundamentals. This one-hour webinar provides guidance to practitioners interested in delivering behavioral health services through telephone and/or videoconferencing. Participants will receive a brief overview of telehealth essentials, including technology selection, client screening, office space adaptation, documentation, and responding to emergencies. The presenter will emphasize themes of clinical engagement, and offer practical "how to" strategies for Telehealth. The webinar is scheduled for April 29, 2020 from 12:00-1:00 PDT.

Link: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/northwest-attc/home>

Related Topics: None

Related Workplan Activities:

- By Oct 1, 2020, NWATTC will provide 12 additional installments of its monthly webinar series, to include no less than four webinars focused on medication-assisted treatments for opiate dependence, for interested Region 10 workforce members.

ATTC: National American Indian and Alaska Native

National American Indian and Alaska Native ATTC Highlights from February - March 2020

The Leadership Academy Enhancement Session in Santa Ana Pueblo

Description: The American Indian and Alaska Native Leadership Academy gathered at the end of February in Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico for a successful enhancement session. The mentees gave inspiring mid-year presentations focusing on the progress of their projects. A few examples are Mashaya Engel, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe's work on "Importance of Community Involvement", Jason Butler, Ute Indian Tribe's presentation called "Integrating Cultural Ideology into Tribal Health Practices", and Maria C. Molina, Pascua Yaqui Tribe's talk about the "Men's Path Program Development and Enhancement." We heard Esther Lucero, Diné, CEO of Seattle Indian Health Board, and Dr. Annette Squetimkin-Anquoe, Colville, Chief Traditional Health Officer (SIHB) speak about Indigenous Knowledge Informed Systems of Care – how SIHB has integrated the opportunity for traditional health practices into all aspects of their clients' health care. Dr. Jacque Gray, Choctaw and Cherokee descent, presented on Native Women in Leadership. Dr. Gray discussed important female contributions in Native leadership through history.

Link: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/national-american-indian-and-alaska-native-attc/news/leadership-academy-enhancement-session>

Related Topics: None

Related Workplan Activities: None

Oklahoma City TOR Technical Assistance Meeting

Description: This is part of our series of regional TA meetings that help recipients of the Tribal Opioid Response grant connect, share strategies and address obstacles. For more information, contact Jeff Ledolter at jeff-ledolter@uiowa.edu or 319-384-4236.

Link: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/national-american-indian-and-alaska-native-attc/event/oklahoma-city-tor-technical>

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic

Related Workplan Activities: None

Surviving Terminal Diseases: Culturally, Spiritually & Medicinally Overcoming Addictions, Kidney Liver, Heart, Diabetes, Cancer

Description: Inviting our colleagues, friends & relatives. Those on the journey of surviving kidney failure, diseases of the liver, heart, diabetes, and addictions, cancer & survivors of domestic violence. Regain our sovereignty by bringing back the doula for birthing. Learn advocacy & hear activists on subjects plaguing Indian country. This is a day of celebrating & supporting our healing. Thanking & feeding those who offered prayers & medicine ways on this road of healing, inviting our communities to share meals & good thoughts. ALL HO-CHUNK, INDIGENOUS NATIONS & FAMILIES WELCOME

Link: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/national-american-indian-and-alaska-native-attc/event/surviving-terminal-diseases>

Related Topics: None

Related Workplan Activities: None

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

Description: Provided 2 ESAS webinars to grantees and their respective staff. The educational webinars, under the Essential Substance Abuse Skills Webinar Series, were presented by Mr. Steine, MA, ATTC Program Manager, through the National AI/AN ATTC NCBH Office in Iowa City, Iowa and Mr. Matt Ignacio, ATTC Consultant also with the AI/AN ATTC NCBH Office in Iowa City, respectively. Our ATTC will continue to provide ongoing ESAS and other training webinars, in the coming months as we shift to virtual services amid the current public health concerns affecting our ATTC services and many other organizations around the country.

Additional Information: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/national-american-indian-and-alaska-native-attc/esas-treatment-knowledge> **Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance (ITA)

Link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCg0l2Ma-kcD9caCrXISHQ4Q?view_as=subscriber

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance

Related Workplan Activities: None

Native Spiritual Round-Table: “Cultural Inclusion into Mental Health Assessments for Native Americans”

Description: “Cultural Inclusion into Mental Health Assessments for Native Americans” This gathering of a dozen Native Healers, medical/mental professionals, and Native Spiritual Leaders, was to have taken place live in Denver, Colorado in March 2020. However, this event was cancelled and is now going to be offered virtually in a live webinar over the next 8-10 weeks on a bi-weekly basis. The introductory discussion was started on March 20, 2020 and will continue bi-weekly through May of 2020. Sean Bear and Ray Daw with the National AI/AN ATTC NCBH will lead the discussion with guest speakers joining the virtual panel from all over the country representing up to six different tribal regions. Discussion topics will include Mental Health Disorders, Substance Use Disorders, and other Co-Occurring Issues with Native populations.

Link: [https://events-](https://events-na11.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/1105307108/en/events/event/shared/default_template/event_registration.html?connect-session=na11breezrskinynnqehq5vbe&scoid=2631425629& charset =utf-8)

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Related Topics: None

Related Workplan Activities: None

Continue Tribal Opioid Response Grantee Regional Meetings

Description: Continue Tribal Opioid Response Grantee Regional Meetings We continue to plan and provide regional TOR grantee meetings to gather feedback, support the needs of tribal communities, and we are planning future Regional TA projects in the coming months of early 2020. The Regional TOR meetings scheduled in Maine and North Carolina have been postponed, our ATTC team is working reschedule these important face to face events and/or considered alternatives to face to face meetings. The TOR Regional meeting in Alaska remains scheduled as planned for April 31, 2020. Additional Information:

<https://attcnetwork.org/centers/national-american-indian-and-alaska-native-attc/tor-resource-page> Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic Related Goal/Objective: Improve national awareness/visibility of BH issues faced by tribal communities to increase collaboration in systems change. Be a subject matter expert for the Native BH workforce, the ATTC Network and the ATTC Coordinating Office

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

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic

Related Workplan Activities: None

ATTC: National Hispanic and Latino

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Webinar on DV/IPV and SUD

Description: On February 25th we hosted the second part of a 2-part series in partnership with our sister PTTC. This 90-minute webinar was focused on the intersection of Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence (DV/IPV) and Substance Use Disorders in Latino Communities. Our presenter, Glory McDaniel, brought a wealth of knowledge on the topic as a survivor of DV and a peer in recovery. We had a live audience of 183 participants, and we had an overwhelmingly positive set of feedback about the event. We will be looking to dub the webinar in Spanish and Portuguese in the near future.

Link:

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic

Related Workplan Activities:

- Throughout the year our ATTC will deliver at least 8 virtual events/webinars. The topics will be guided by the results of our Training Needs Query, specific requests, and other developing topics. Virtual events will range from 1-3 hours in length.

Bi-ennial Conference

Description: We had two important updates to our conference 2020 National Latino Behavioral Health Conference: Shaping the Vision of Latino Behavioral Health Equity in February and March. In February we launched our Call for Proposals and we have already received 12 proposals from professionals and subject matter experts from around the nation. Secondly, we opened early-bird registration in mid-March. Our TTCs are excited about the traction we are gaining with this important event.

Link:

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic

Related Workplan Activities:

- Our ATTC will inform the community of the upcoming conference, will invite people to register and attend, invite proposals for training workshops, and invite exhibitors for the 2.5 day conference.

Leadership Academy

Description: Our inaugural Hispanic and Latino Executive Leadership and Fellowship Academy has been launched, our first cohort of emerging leaders met on Friday, March 27, 2020 via the Zoom platform. We have decided to work with Weiss Consulting to assist by tailoring their curriculum to adapt it for our deliverable of supporting Hispanic/Latino leaders in the behavioral health field. For our first cohort we have invited 10 individuals who represent a diversity in

demographics (heritage, age, gender, experience) to participate as students. Concurrently, we are training 5 individuals to become trainers for the cohorts to follow in future years. The Fellows will meet monthly in group and 1:1 settings for the next 6 months; they will graduate from the program at the end of September 2020.

Link:

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance, The Opioid Epidemic

Related Workplan Activities:

- ATTC will deliver a 9-12 month Leadership Academy with the goal of preparing new individuals for leadership opportunities.

National Hispanic and Latino ATTC Highlights for April - May 2020

EBP/EBT Project

Description: We have convened a task force to develop our deliverable focused on reviewing and reporting on EBPs and EBTs relevant to Hispanic/Latino communities. Our task force is comprised of staff from both the ATTC and our sister PTTC, members from our Advisory Councils and other subject matter experts. We will continue to meet at least monthly to complete this deliverable in a way that is meaningful for Hispanic/Latino serving providers and organizations. One of the tangible deliverables will be a 'roadmap' to assist these providers and organizations with tips to identify, choose and implement EBPs/EBTs/Community Defined Practices.

Link:

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance, The Opioid Epidemic

Related Workplan Activities:

- Work with NLBHA Evaluation Committee and the ATTC Advisory Council to develop assessment process.

Webinar on EBPs/EBTs

Description: In partnership with our sister center we will be hosting a webinar: EBP 101: Toward a Better Understanding of Evidence-Based Treatments, Evidence-Based Practice, and Alternative Approaches. Our presenter is Dr. Luis Vargas, a retired child Psychologist and subject matter expert on EBPs and EBTs relevant to the Hispanic and Latino Community. This 90-minute webinar will take place on Wednesday, April 29th beginning at 2:00PM EST.

Link: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PhZsitOLS0eLS_yH916QYg

Related Topics: The Opioid Epidemic

Related Workplan Activities:

- Throughout the year our ATTC will deliver at least 8 virtual events/webinars. The topics will be guided by the results of our Training Needs Query, specific requests, and other developing topics. Virtual events will range from 1-3 hours in length.

Stimulant Training

Description: We have decided to contribute to the national ATTC project on stimulant training by creating a 1-hour supplemental module to accompany the full-day training. Our module will focus on topics related to stimulant use and misuse as it relates to Hispanic and Latino community members. This module is scheduled to launch in late spring/ early summer.

Link:

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance

Related Workplan Activities:

- Based on specific requests from providers, community based organizations, agencies, etc we will deliver 8 technical assistance events focused on improving service delivery for those serving Hispanic/Latino communities.

ATTC: Network Coordinating Office

ATTC Network Coordinating Office Highlights from February - March 2020

Pop Up Talks

Description: The ATTC NCO continues to host monthly “Pop Up Talk” sessions to allow Network colleagues an informal space to connect and dialogue about our work. In February, Region 4 Director Dawn Tyus facilitated a discussion on ATTCs working with the faith community. In March, the NCO’s Kelly Reinhardt and Molly Giuliano facilitated discussion around successful conference exhibiting. Pop Up Talks continue to provide an opportunity for connection with over half the Regional Centers and both National Centers participating in February and March.

Link:

Related Topics: None

Related Workplan Activities:

- Coordinate and host up to 6 "pop-up talks"

Network Directors Virtual Meeting

Description: The NCO hosted a virtual directors meeting for the Network on March 26 with a guest presentation from the Fletcher Group Rural Center of Excellence. All ATTCs were represented at the meeting. The meeting provided an opportunity for directors to ask the guest presenter questions about recovery housing interventions, and then share their Centers' activities, brainstorm ideas and talk through their concerns about workforce development in the wake of the pandemic.

Link:

Related Topics: None

Related Workplan Activities:

- NCO Co-Directors will facilitate ongoing communication in Steering Committee and plan/host/facilitate a call with ATTC directors every other month.

Pandemic Response Resources Webpage

Description: The NCO created a page and banner on the ATTC website for curated resources specific to the pandemic. Resources include those from federal and national organizations such as CDC, SAMHSA, ASAM, and AATOD, as well as newly-developed resources by the ATTCs. This webpage is being updated daily as new resources about COVID-19, legislative policy changes, healthcare infrastructure, and telehealth are released.

Link: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/global-attc/pandemic-response-resources>

Related Topics: None

Related Workplan Activities:

- Maintain a responsive & accessible public ATTC website

ATTC Network Coordinating Office Highlights for April - May 2020

Telehealth Learning and Discussion Series for SUD Tx & Recovery Support Providers

Description: In partnership with the Center for Excellence on Protected Health Information (CoE-PHI), the Center for the Application of Substance Abuse Technologies (CASAT) at the University of Nevada - Reno (UNR), and the National Consortium of Telehealth Resource Centers, the NCO is facilitating a free, national online discussion series for substance use disorder treatment providers and peer support specialists faced with transitioning their services to the use of telephone and videoconferencing methods in response to COVID-19 social distancing guidelines. This series is comprised of eight, 1-hour sessions between March and April that will be facilitated by NCO staff and a panel of subject matter experts. Participants will be encouraged to ask questions during each session which will then be used to inform a supplemental FAQ document. The discussions are being conducted using the Zoom video conferencing platform with an expected attendance of 300 participants per session. Short recordings of the Top 5 tips shared during each session will be archived on a dedicated website for this series.

Link: <https://telehealthlearning.org>

Related Topics: Intensive Technical Assistance

Related Workplan Activities: None

Quarterly Advisory Board Meeting

Description: The ATTC NCO Advisory Board will have their next scheduled quarterly meeting on Monday, April 13th. The NCO will present information on the ATTC Network's response to COVID-19, and solicit input from board members on proactively addressing the impact of this pandemic on the SUD treatment and recovery workforce.

Link:

Related Topics: None

Related Workplan Activities:

- Institute a NCO Advisory Board, & host quarterly calls, to provide guidance on the activities of the NCO and make recommendations based on the findings of ongoing performance assessments and consideration of work plan outcomes

HCV OTP Initiative Highlight

Description: After extensive review and edits by subject matter experts and focus groups, the NCO will launch "A Guide to Integrating HCV Services into Opioid Treatment Programs" in May

2020. Promotion of the availability of this tool to the Network and wider field will be comprehensive and collaborative.

Link:

Related Topics: None

Related Workplan Activities:

- Complete pilot testing, finalize and distribute a promising practices guide that address integrating testing and care for HCV in OTPs.