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## ATTC: New England

### New England ATTC Highlights from June-July 2021

#### 52nd New England School of Addiction and Prevention Studies

**Description:** For 28 years, the New England ATTC has served as a proud regional workforce development partner for The New England School of Addiction and Prevention Studies, commonly called Summer School. This year, both the New England PTTC and MHTTC joined us in partnering in Summer School activities from June 7 – 11, 2021. The Summer School is an intensive 5-day learning experience designed to advance the knowledge, skills, and experience of the addiction, treatment, and recovery workforce. The New England ATTC hosted a number of plenary sessions and specialized courses focused on treatment and recovery support services to address specific needs of the regional workforce including (but not limited to): Health Disparities and Building Health Equity for SUD Clinicians; Updates on the Overdose Crisis and Response Efforts; Increasing Hepatitis C Knowledge for Behavioral Health Providers; Stimulants and their Impact on Brain and Behavior: Best Practices and Approaches; and Coming Into the Light - Breaking the Stigma of Substance Use Disorders.

**Link:** <https://web.cvent.com/event/1d3f2f2d-444a-4240-bb8b-0c7db8e3630a/summary>

**Related Topics:** None

#### Related Workplan Activities:

- Regional: The New England ATTC will engage in strategic planning to support and will help coordinate two regional, flagship educational programs to develop the next generation of frontline providers: School of Best Practices and the Summer School, both of which emphasize training in evidence-based behavioral and pharmacological interventions for addiction treatment and recovery.

#### Recovery Science and Harm Reduction Reading Group (New England Region 1)

**Description:** The New England ATTC continues to co-lead the Recovery Science and Harm Reduction (RSHR) Reading Group, which brings together a diverse range of individuals (e.g., people with lived experience, health professionals, family and friends, academics, students) to discuss the latest research. Over the reporting period, the RSHR Reading Group made its first meeting summary available to the public and launched their website, Twitter, and Facebook accounts! The website and social media accounts will serve as methods to provide key updates on upcoming events, products, and resources related to the RSHR Reading Group. The meeting summary outlines key takeaways and topics of discussion from the April 2021 Reading Group on the article, “Adapting Substance Use Treatment for HIV Affected Communities During COVID 19: Comparisons Between a Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) Clinic and a Local Community Based Organization” by Rogers et. al. [2021]. Meeting summaries for months May, June, and July will be accessible via the RSHR website soon.

**Link:** <https://sites.brown.edu/recoveryharmrdx/>

**Related Topics:** The Opioid Epidemic

#### Related Workplan Activities:

- The New England ATTC will actively partner with Dr. Brendan Jacka and the Rhode Island Communities for Addiction Recovery Efforts (RICARES) to lead a series of reading groups and workgroups committed to advancing recovery science and harm reduction

### **Basic and Intermediate Motivational Interviewing (in Rhode Island)**

**Description:** The New England ATTC in partnership with Community Care Alliance of Rhode Island hosted a weekly four-part training series on Basic and Intermediate Motivational Interviewing (MI) as part of a longer-term intensive TA initiative – with subject matter expert Robert Jope from 6/1/21 – 6/29/21. Each active, skill-building workshop provided participants with a review of the spirit and micro skills of MI, and focused on using MI strategies to elicit change talk in conversation. Participants practiced integrating the spirit, skills, and strategies in practice conversations, and were encouraged to attend the upcoming Advanced MI workshop to develop further skills in this method.

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/new-england-attc/event/intermediate-motivational-interviewing-part-1-rhode-island>

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Regional: The New England ATTC will provide intensive TA in Motivational Interviewing to stakeholders throughout New England.

## **New England ATTC Highlights for August-September 2021**

### **Building Infrastructure to Ensure Fidelity to the Anger Management Curriculum**

**Description:** The New England ATTC in partnership with the Worcester Recovery Center and Hospital is continuing to host a 12-week series of Intensive TA consultation sessions on “Building Infrastructure to Ensure Fidelity to the Anger Management Curriculum” with subject matter expert Myra Paull, LICSW. This series builds upon a prior Anger Management Intensive TA series and runs weekly for 12 weeks from 7/19/21 to 10/18/21. The sessions are designed to help staff apply their existing group facilitation skills to develop a peer consultation group focused on training new staff and overseeing fidelity to the curriculum.

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/new-england-attc/event/building-infrastructure-ensure-fidelity-anger-management-1>

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Regional: The new England ATTC will provide intensive TA initiatives throughout the New England Region on emergent priority topics, including (but not limited to): anger management, group counseling, and buprenorphine prescribing.

### **Leadership Development Program - Cohort 6**

**Description:** The New England ATTC, in partnership with AdCare Educational Institute of New England and the New England PTTC, is hosting the 6th cohort of its popular intensive technical assistance initiative: the Leadership Development Program (LDP). Applications are now live with a submission deadline of August 22, 2021 and the program is set to start October 5, 2021 for addiction professionals in the New England Region 1. Additionally, the LDP has just launched their new website where interested, current, and former participants can access information regarding the LDP! For this cohort, the New England ATTC will continue to include interviews in the application process as a new innovation intended to fill in any gaps from the written application and use the integration of Google Classroom as a key participant resource as both additions to the program were a success in the previous cohort.

**Link:** <https://sites.brown.edu/ldp-newengland/>

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- The New England ATTC will continue to offer its popular intensive TA Leadership Development Program consisting of virtual didactic training, virtual team consultation sessions, development of a learning collaborative, and ongoing external facilitation from instructors.

### **29th Annual School of Best Practices in Addiction Services**

**Description:** For 28 years, the New England ATTC has served as a proud regional workforce development partner for The Annual New England School of Best Practices in Addiction Services, commonly called Best Practices. This year, both the New England PTTC and MHTTC are joining us in supporting Best Practices activities from August 23-27, 2021. The School of Best Practices, developed from the New England Summer School, is an intensive 5-day learning opportunity for established addiction professionals to study an area of special interest in-depth. The New England ATTC will be hosting a number of plenary sessions and specialized courses focused on treatment and recovery support services to address specific needs of the regional workforce including (but not limited to): Implementing Contingency Management with Fidelity; Training of Trainers: Medication Assisted Treatment 101 and 201; The Wraparound Empowerment Process; and Race and Violence in Our Communities.

**Link:** <https://newengland.adcare-educational.org/>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Regional: The New England ATTC will engage in strategic planning to support and will help coordinate two regional, flagship educational programs to develop the next generation of frontline providers: School of Best Practices and the Summer School, both of which emphasize training in evidence-based behavioral and pharmacological interventions for addiction treatment and recovery.

## ATTC: Northeast and Caribbean

### Northeast and Caribbean ATTC Highlights from June-July 2021

#### NYS Course on Cultural Competence

**Description:** NeC-ATTC trainers participated in a Training-of-Trainers hosted by the NYS Office of Addiction Services and Support (OASAS) titled, "Cultural Competence: A Journey to Improved Outcomes." In February, 2021, the NeC-ATTC co-trained it's first delivery of this new course, which consists of 16 hours of classroom instruction and two additional hours of HW assignments. A second installment of this training was delivered in June (6/3, 6/10, and 6/24; a total of 12 hours + 4 hours of homework) as the NeC-ATTC continues to work closely with OASAS to contribute to rollout of this course, which is a requirement for all OASAS licensed SUD counselors.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Participate in State/Territory based Workgroups addressing workforce development

#### SBIRT for Depression

**Description:** The NeC-ATTC has been working closely with Columbia Faculty to support a recently funded R01 to train church-based Community Health Workers (CHWs) in Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) for depression with the goal of reducing racial disparities in care. For this project, NeC-ATTC staff provides training to multiple cohorts of CHWs along with technical assistance to support ongoing implementation of SBIRT related study protocols.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance

**Related Workplan Activities:** None

#### Cultural Humility & Motivational Interviewing

**Description:** The NeC-ATTC has been working with a cohort of community-based providers to provide training and technical assistance on implementation of motivational skills in a culturally informed manner tailored to LGBT populations. The foundational training workshop titled, "Cultural Humility & Motivational Interviewing – Combined to Engage & Retain LGBTQIA People in Care" was delivered on June 15, 2021, and will be followed by TA to support implementation of aligned policies and practices.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Training workshops on LGBT cultural competence including racial/ethnic MSM

### Northeast and Caribbean ATTC Highlights for August-September 2021

#### Technology Based Clinical Supervision Initiative

**Description:** The NeC-ATTC has been working with NYS OASAS (SSA) to refine NFAR's original TBCS course to create a full-day (6-hour) course to assist with the provision of remote clinical supervision. This course will familiarize clinical supervisors with the evidence-base for using technology to deliver remote supervision, review best practices for implementation, and

provide opportunities to observe and practice delivery of clinical supervision services using different types of technology. As part of this initiative, the NeC-ATTC has made course refinements, delivered pilot installments of the refined course to facilitate additional updates, and is now preparing for a ToT to be delivered in August (8/9, 8/10, 8/18 and 8/19).

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Provide Training on the Adaptation of EBPs for Virtual Delivery

### **Self-Paced Courses for Opioid Court**

**Description:** Initiated as an ORN special project, the NeC-ATTC is in the process of developing three courses addressing critical capacity building needs for treatment court providers, with a special emphasis on early engagement for pre plea models (consistent with the opioid court model rolling out currently in NYS). 1) Sequential Intercept Model - Course is live on HEK website: <https://healthknowledge.org/course/view.php?id=620> 2) Motivational Interviewing - Course will be live most likely in August 3) Peer Support - Course will be live by September

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:** None

### **Self-Paced Course on Implicit (Unconscious) Bias for Behavioral Health Professionals**

**Description:** The NeC-ATTC along with the NeC-PTTC and NeC-MHTTC delivered a four-part series on acknowledging and addressing implicit (unconscious) bias in the behavioral health sector. Due to high demand, and limited capacity to replicate (the series relied on several guest speakers), we are in the process of developing the course for self-paced consumption. Specifically, audio files from the Zoom sessions are currently being synced with the slide deck, in a build out using Articulate. The build has been completed in May, and we are currently exploring options for hosting the course, which we expect will be made available by the end of August.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Training workshops on racial/ethnic cultural competence

## ATTC: Central East

### Central East ATTC Highlights from June-July 2021

#### **CREATE Hope: Carilion Research and Experience in Addiction Treatment and Education**

**Description:** Learn from SAMHSA CMO Neeraj Gandotra, M.D., NIAAA Director George Koob, Ph.D., Beth Macy and other experts about opioid and stimulant abuse, food and obesity, tobacco use disorder, alcohol addiction, management of addiction and more. **OBJECTIVES** Describe the scope of addiction issues in Southwest Virginia Review Carilion Clinic's efforts to address addiction and the outcomes List Southwest Virginia's community resources for addiction management and recovery Address addiction in health care, community, and organizational settings **TARGET AUDIENCE** Physicians, nurses, specialists, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, pharmacists, researchers, and community partners **Sessions** Friday, June 4th Plenary- Alcohol Use Disorder: Evidence-Based Science as a Framework for Diagnosis, Prevention, and Treatment Plenary - Alcohol Use Disorder: SAMHSA Update Addressing Alcohol Disorder in Primary Care: The Virginia Experience in a National Study Opioid and Stimulant Treatment: Where Are We Today? Medical and Pharmacologic Treatment of Obesity Treating Concurrent Intravenous Drug Use and Septic Complications: The Importance of Teams Perinatal Opioids and Stimulants; ED Bridges Options for Managing Alcohol Use Disorder in Primary Care Saturday, June 5th Plenary - Dopesick Trends in Local Nicotine Consumption The State of Food Addiction Surgical Treatment of Obesity and Addiction NRT and Beyond: Treatment for Nicotine Addiction Methamphetamine Misuse: Historical, Clinical, and Potential Treatment Perspectives SBIRT: Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment: P Early Identification of Problematic Use, Motivational Interviewing and Referring into Treatment CME credit available. Sponsored by Delta Dental of Virginia Foundation.

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/node/32391>

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance, The Opioid Epidemic

#### **Related Workplan Activities:**

- The ATTC will partner with the HHS Region 3 RA on the Inter professional Education opportunities supporting the implementation of evidenced-based practices

#### **Implementing Motivational Interviewing in Delaware Public Behavioral Health Systems: Project Orientation Meeting**

**Description:** This meeting will provide an overview of this intensive training and technical assistance project to build capacity within DSAMH and DSCYF in fully integrating Motivational Interviewing (MI) into administration, onboarding, supervision and the provision of programs and services. During this meeting, we will: Provide orientation to the Central East ATTC and its role; commitment to behavioral health workforce development. Describe the partnership between Central East and DE DHSS, specifically DSAMH and DSCYF, in this project. Provide a basic understanding of MI and the plan to build capacity in DSAMH and DSCYF, and the larger DE system of care. Describe the purpose and structure of the intensive technical assistance project, including time investment and timeline. Answer questions surrounding participation.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** The primary purpose of this initiative is to provide training and technical assistance to Behavioral Health Provider Organizations in Delaware in fully integrating Motivation Interviewing (MI) into administration, supervision and the provision of programs and services. The goals of this capacity-building project are: The timely, appropriate and effective engagement individuals and families in the public behavioral health continuum: prevention, early intervention, treatment and recovery services and supports. Increased retention in programs



and services indicated by decrease no-show rates and discontinuation rates. Increase in staff competencies in Evidenced-Based Practice of MI, operating in a supportive organizational environment that includes clinical supervision and skill building. Increase in staff recruitment and retention as indicated by decreased turn over, vacancy rates and increased job satisfaction.

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/node/32603>

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance, 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.

### **Technology-Based Interventions: Navigating New Models to Enhance and Expand Service Delivery**

**Description:** Description According to the 2019 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, almost 90% of individuals with a substance use disorder (SUD) did not receive treatment services, with this number remaining relatively unchanged for several years. Stigma and bias regarding entering care and access to services (geographic or time constraints) have contributed to these low numbers. Furthermore, the recent public health concerns given COVID-19 made access to services even more difficult, resulting in SUD treatment and recovery support providers seeking viable alternatives to in-person service delivery. Advances in technology and increased availability to the internet have initially addressed this access issue for treatment and recovery support providers through the use of videoconferencing platforms to deliver services synchronously. However, in many cases patients and peers are still unable to access treatment and support services on a regular basis and are augmenting their need for additional services by using apps, social media, automated behavioral intervention technologies (educational websites,) online support groups, etc. Behavioral health professionals benefit from understanding these tools, how/why patients are using them, and the best practices for adding them to their toolbox. While not replacing the need for treatment and recovery services, technology-based interventions can serve as a 'practice or support extender'. This webinar will review the use of technology-based interventions related to treating individuals with substance use disorders and providing recovery support services focused on asynchronous tools, such as social media, blogs, podcasts, online support groups, videos, and text messaging. Finally, recommendations for clinicians and peer recovery coaches for developing their own tools will be highlighted. Presenter Nancy Roget, MS, Executive Director, CASAT; Co-Director, Mountain Plains ATTC

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/node/34020>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Engage Center for the Application of Substance Abuse Technologies (CASAT) National Frontier and Rural Center in the implementation of technology-based training series and at least one webinar in the evidence-based use of technology for treatment and clinical supervision by September 29, 2021.

## Central East ATTC Highlights for August-September 2021

### **Technology Based Clinical supervision Series - Orientation Session**

**Description:** Technology Based Clinical supervision Series Would you like the opportunity to enhance your current knowledge or learn how technology can provide an innovative way to approach clinical supervision? This series will provide a 20-hour curriculum that covers topics essential to the development and/or improvement of skills when using technology to conduct clinical supervision in behavioral health settings. When: Every Wednesday, August 4 – September 29, 2021, 2:00 – 3:30 pm Eastern Daylight Time Objectives: Understand the role of technology in conducting clinical supervision Demonstrate knowledge of technology-based clinical supervision and application in practice Experience conducting technology-based clinical supervision Identify the therapeutic alliance via technology Understand the legal and jurisdictional implications for conducting technology-based clinical supervision Target Audience are Clinical Supervisors Who: Work in the behavioral health, substance use disorders, and recovery support services field located in the Central East ATTC region (HHS Region 3) Have two (2) years clinical supervision experience and understand the concepts of supervision Support the idea of using technology to provide clinical supervision Are currently using or contemplating using technology during supervision Participant Commitment & Expectations: Attend a live 1-hour Orientation on Wednesday, August 4 at 2:00 pm EDT Commit to 8-weeks of training, for 1.5 hours weekly on scheduled series day/time and complete 1-hour of weekly learning activities Access to appropriate technology to use Zoom videoconferencing platform (internet connection, webcam, computer/tablet, speakers and microphone) Be prepared and actively engage while on camera during each session Facilitators: Kate Speck, Ph.D., MAC, LADC Gary Wareham, MA, LPC, LAC There is no cost to participate in a series. The first 35 registrants will receive a scholarship that covers the entire \$500 cost of participation. Once the 35 spots have been filled, registration will be closed. As a grant sponsored scholarship and to receive continuing education hours, it is expected participants will attend the live orientation; be prepared for and join each session; be on camera at least 90% of the time; and actively engage in group discussions. PLEASE NOTE: Registrants enrolled in this series are required to attend the first two weeks. If you cannot attend these sessions, you will forfeit your attendance. Due to limited enrollment, if you cannot commit to the full participant requirements, please defer this registration opportunity to others. In addition, it is expected that participants will have access to the appropriate technology by Week 2 to fully participate and be on camera at least 90% of the time. This is not a webinar series and active participation is required to gain/improve skills. Registration is not transferable to another person. Contact Information: If you have questions, please email the NFARtecWorkwise Staff at [workwise@casat.org](mailto:workwise@casat.org) or contact the NFARtec staff by phone at 866-617-2816 (toll-free). Continuing Education: The series has been approved for a total of 21 contact hours (1-hour orientation and 20-hours content instruction) through the National Association for Addiction Professionals (NAADAC), International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC), and the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) ACEP No. 6492. No credit will be awarded for non-attendance or partial attendance. The knowledge and skills learned should be applied within the framework of any applicable operating and/or credentialing regulations in your State of practice.

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/node/34232>

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Engage Center for the Application of Substance Abuse Technologies (CASAT) National Frontier and Rural Center in the implementation of technology-based training series and at least one webinar in the evidence-based use of technology for treatment and clinical supervision by September 29, 2021.

## **Recovery Ready Workplaces**

**Description:** This is a two-part training (August 17; 18 from 1pm-4pm). You must attend both sessions to receive credit. One registration signs you up for both days. The cost is free. Recovery Ready Workplaces support their communities by recognizing recovery from substance use disorder as a strength and by being willing to work intentionally with people in recovery. Encourage a healthy and safe environment where employers, employees, and communities can collaborate to create positive change and eliminate barriers for those impacted by addiction. During this training, participants will learn about: The impact of substance use disorders in the workplace Potential barriers to employment The benefits of hiring people in recovery What is recovery? Language and stigma; Why words matter How to cultivate a recovery-ready workplace Who should attend: Mental health professionals; mental health advocates; mental health caretakers; behavioral health professionals; and the general public. All persons who interact with patients, which may include intake staff, reception area personnel, drivers, maintenance staff, as well as professional staff. Presenter: Andre Reidis the founder and president of Philadelphia's National Alliance of Medication Assisted Recovery (NAMA), an organization created to advocate for the expansion of MAT for people from diverse backgrounds and communities. Andre gains his knowledge from working at Philadelphia Office of Addiction Services in combination with his lived experiences which provides him a unique perspective on lack of equity in healthcare, socioeconomic benefits and community support.

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/node/33761>

**Related Topics:** The Opioid Epidemic

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- The ATTC will develop and support T/TA academic programs responsive to SSA and other stakeholders needs to at least 1,600 participants annually

## **How can we transform this information into actionable and practical steps to enhance service delivery to the LGBTQIA2S+ BIPOC a**

**Description:** We are honored to collaborate on a 4-part virtual learning series, What LGBTQIA2S+ BIPOC want Prevention Professionals to Know?, with the Central East PTTC, National American Indian & Alaska Natives PTTC, and the National Hispanic and Latino PTTC. Together, we will connect you with subject matter experts from various diverse cultural backgrounds. This will provide a perspective of what LGBTQIA2S+ BIPOC individuals would like Prevention Professionals to know when serving the population. We will start by interpreting acronyms associated with LGBTQIA2S+ communities: LGTBQIA2S+ is an acronym for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and/or Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, Two-Spirit, and countless affirmative ways in which people choose to self-identify. BIPOC refers to Black, Indigenous, and people of color. People of color is an umbrella term generalized to all people who aren't white. Please join us for a roundtable discussion. Participants will have an opportunity to learn from subject matter experts, as well individuals whom identify as BIPOC and/or LGBTQIA2S+. Cultural aspects and specifics of each culture represented in the series will be discussed, as well as what historical data are behind the challenges faced by each group. Participants will also learn about the specific risk and protective factors, difficulties the communities are experiencing with current Behavioral Health Systems, how to enhance the strengths of each system to increase engagement and retention, as well as many other critical topics. By the end of the series, participants will leave with knowledge and tangible actions to help make a difference, as an important part of our role as prevention professionals. What can

we do to educate ourselves and serve the population better and with respect and humility? Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions for our presenters during the live event. Series Overall Learning Objectives Participants will deep dive into the cultural aspects and specifics of each culture represented in this panel discussion. They will also learn about the risk factors and historical data behind the challenges from each culture. Participants will learn how to identify and - more importantly – how to increase the Protective Factors, highlighting the differences between different people and cultures, celebrating the strengths across the communities, and finding ways to thrive together. Participants will get an overview of the challenges and strengths of the current behavioral health system, how to improve it, and moving the needle toward increasing engagement and retention. Call to Action: Participants will gain from panelists, what lessons are learned, and what to do next? What are the tools and resources you need to start or enhance your efforts towards diversity and inclusion?

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/node/33144>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- The ATTC will provide virtual and/or in-person training in cultural competence twice a year

## ATTC: Southeast

### Southeast ATTC Highlights from June-July 2021

#### **Southeast ATTC | Harm Reduction 101**

**Description:** With the increasing number of deaths related to opioid overdoses, the topic of “harm reduction” has moved to the forefront of discussions on how to reduce that number. The information most addiction and healthcare professionals have about harm reduction is very limited and is very inaccurate. This virtual presentation is sponsored by the Southeast ATTC Regional Center and will focus on clearing up some of the major misconceptions related to harm reduction and allow participants to increase their knowledge related to how harm reduction is a valuable tool in saving the lives of individuals with opioid use disorder in Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina. Treatment providers, peer support communities, and community-based organizations in Region 4 are encouraged to register for free. 1.5 NAADAC\* CEU hrs are provided for this webinar. \*National Association for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors Articulate three modalities that fit under the heading of “harm reduction”. Increase their knowledge of the philosophical constructs upon which harm reduction is based. Discuss why harm reduction is not incompatible with addiction treatment or healthcare. .... Marc Burrows is an addictions counselor and peer-support specialist working in the field of Harm Reduction and Medication-Assisted Treatment in South Carolina. He is the founder of the non-profit organization Challenges Inc and Program Manager of the office-based opioid treatment program, Carolina Wellness and Recovery of Powdersville, SC. Marc has created the first syringe services program in South Carolina and is working to expand access to evidence-based interventions to support more effectively those who use drugs. Marc can be reached at marcburrows@yahoo.com ; (864)-280-0406; www.challengesinc.org or on Facebook at Challenges Incorporated.

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/node/33045>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Facilitate behavioral health trainings and learning communities

#### **Southeast ATTC: Annual Inter-Faith Institute on Recovery 2021**

**Description:** Register Today! We are excited to see you in July. Regular Registration (May 29th - Jul 13th) \$129 Per Day Registration (May 29th - Jul 13th) \$65 Full Three Days of Fruitful Expert Sessions COVID-19 Friendly Virtual Platform Community Networking Platform Sponsorship Opportunities Available!

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/node/29232>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- SUD webinars exclusively for communities of Faith

#### **Southeast ATTC: Preventing Burnout**

**Description:** Working in the human services field, and especially with high-risk and often traumatized individuals, puts a professional at risk for burn-out. This virtual presentation is sponsored by the Southeast ATTC Regional Center and will focus on strategies for minimizing your risk, as well as practices to support a mindful approach to self-care that goes beyond the

typical approach of taking "mental health days" in Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina. Mental Health Specialists, Addiction Specialists, treatment providers, peer support communities, and faith community-based organizations in Region 4 are encouraged to register for free. 1.5 NAADAC\* CEU hrs are provided for this webinar. \*National Association for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors

1. Articulate how, why, and when burn-out happens.
2. Verbalize awareness of burn-out, secondary trauma, and compassion fatigue and knowing the difference in how you are being impacted by your work.
3. List traits of intentional self-care as a regular practice.
4. Identify useful mindfulness approaches to self-care that focus on both micro and macro self-care skills.

..... Nicole S. Deems, Ed.S., LMFT, LAC CS, RYT received an undergraduate degree in psychology from the University of South Carolina where she returned for a graduate degree in Counselor Education, specializing in Marriage and Family Therapy. Nicole has worked with LRADAC, one of the leading substance use treatment centers in the Midlands of South Carolina since 2006 and is currently the Director of Clinical Advancement where she provides clinical supervision, coaching, and training for agency staff. Nicole's clinical experience has been in providing therapeutic treatment services to children, adolescents, adults, couples and families in areas related to mental health, substance use disorders, trauma, and family systems. Nicole operates a clinical private practice where she provides therapy, training and consultation, as well as clinical supervision to those seeking licensure as a LMFT or certification as an addictions counselor in the state of SC. Nicole is passionate about health and wellness and believes that healing occurs best with connection and intention. She has completed her 200-hour training as a Registered Yoga Teacher and is trained in trauma-informed yoga practices for the healing of trauma and recovery. Nicole sees her work as improving the lives of individuals and as well as building stronger, healthier communities.

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/node/33852>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Facilitate behavioral health trainings and learning communities

### Southeast ATTC Highlights for August-September 2021

#### **Southeast ATTC: Annual Inter-Faith Institute on Recovery 2021**

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**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/node/29232>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- SUD webinars exclusively for communities of Faith

#### **Preventing Burnout**

**Description:** This training will provide information as well as strategies for minimizing your risk as well as practices to support a mindful approach to self-care that goes beyond the typical strategies.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Facilitate behavioral health trainings and learning communities

### **Gender Specific Treatment needs for AA women in Recovery**

**Description:** The Southeast podcast "The New Voice of SUD", will host a podcast discussing gender specific treatment needs for AA women in recovery. This podcast chat will highlight the document/ resource "Sisters on a Long Road" The conversation will be enhanced by our special guest Deb Werner. Ms. Werner will share her expertise on women treatment, highlight some sound evidence -based strategies for providers who are providing services to AA Women and possible ways to integrate the strategies into practice.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Tangible Products, White Paper, Tool kit

## ATTC: Great Lakes

### Great Lakes ATTC Highlights from June-July 2021

#### **Understanding and Making a Difference for Pregnant and Parenting Women with SUDs**

**Description:** The Great Lakes ATTC hosted a webinar “Understanding and Making a Difference for Pregnant and Parenting Women with SUDs,” which focused on current trends, best practices, and innovations in addressing the needs of pregnant and parenting women with substance use disorders (SUDs), their infants, and their families. The cross-disciplinary training team integrated subject matter expertise, passion, real-world examples, and practical tips, all in an informative and enjoyable session. Providers and policy makers received information to expand their knowledge and be motivated to take immediate actions that support this vulnerable population and help improve health outcomes.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** The Opioid Epidemic

**Related Workplan Activities:** None

#### **Navigating Ethics in and Ever-Changing World**

**Description:** The Great Lakes ATTC presented “Navigating Ethics in and Ever-Changing World” in June 2021. This training reviewed ethical principles and synthetic decision-making processes and focused in on addressing the ethics of telehealth, multicultural counseling, and counselor impairment. The training was interactive in nature, and encouraged participation in large and small groups through various activities.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** The Opioid Epidemic

**Related Workplan Activities:**

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

#### **Creating Calm: Effective Engagement with People Who Are Distressed**

**Description:** The Great Lakes ATTC hosted the training “Creating Calm” in July 2021. The Creating Calm training series focused on attendees’ experiences and provided concrete tools for engaging with clients in distress.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** The Opioid Epidemic

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Promote the use of current evidence-based practices for recovery-oriented system of care to workers in non-traditional community SUD settings such as family courts, schools, work settings

### Great Lakes ATTC Highlights for August-September 2021

#### **PPW Leadership Learning Collaborative**

**Description:** The Great Lakes ATTC will be hosting a PPW Leadership Learning Collaborative, July-September 2021. During the first session, we’ll discuss strategies for establishing and maintaining a trauma-informed workforce and workplace. Other topics will include: • Co-occurring disorders – preventing women from falling through the cracks • Bringing MAT and



Behavioral Interventions together for PPW • Building resilience and coping in children of parents with SUDs • Challenges and successes in working with families and family-centered treatment

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance, The Opioid Epidemic

**Related Workplan Activities:**

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

### **NIATx Change Leader Academy-CLAS Standards**

**Description:** The Great Lakes ATTC will be hosting the training and Intensive TA opportunity “NIATx Change Leader Academy (CLA)-CLAS Standards” in August 2021. The CLA provides a team-based framework for making and sustaining change and participants will learn how to use NIATx tools to select, implement, and sustain a specific CLAS standards. Learning Objectives will include: • Learn how to lead a NIATx change project using the essential NIATx tools • Review the National Standards for CLAS • Select a change project aim focused on implementing a CLAS Standard

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/great-lakes-attc/event/niatx-change-leader-academy-clas-standards>

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance, The Opioid Epidemic

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Provide Cross Cultural Health Care Program Cultural Competency Training

### **Creating an Inclusive Organization**

**Description:** The Great Lakes ATTC will be hosting the training “Creating an Inclusive Organization” in August 2021. In this skill-building virtual presentation, participants will learn why cultural humility is a more realistic goal than cultural competence. Topics will include how to help your co-workers feel appreciated, how to have a discussion of differences, microaggressions, micro-insults, and micro-invalidations; and a six- step strategy to repair damage if you insult a co-worker. Join this training to learn how to be a diversity change agent in the workplace and create an inclusive organization. Learning Objectives will include: • Repair damage if you inadvertently commit a microaggression or insult in the workplace. • Help co-workers feel appreciated regardless of differences. • Be a diversity change agent. • Create an inclusive organization.

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/great-lakes-attc/event/creating-inclusive-organization>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Develop & deliver quarterly cultural competence webinars using subject matter experts

## ATTC: South Southwest

### South Southwest ATTC Highlights from June-July 2021

#### Region 6 Peer Support Conference

**Description:** In partnership with the South Southwest MHTTC, sponsored the Region 6 Peer Support Conference June 22 – 24, 2021. The conference was developed and led by the Region 6 Peer Support Advisory Committee and Peer Conference Planning Committee consisting of peer recovery leaders from all the states in Region 6.

**Link:** <https://sites.utexas.edu/ignitingthesparkofhope/>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Provide technical assistance planning support to Region 6 Peer Leadership Council and other state peer organizations in development of second annual Region 6 Peer Recovery Conference

#### Recovery to Practice Summer Webinar Series

**Description:** Summer Webinar Series by Recovery to Practice/ UNT Wise (University of North Texas Denton), alternating Fridays, June through August 12pm- 1pm. Topics: o Ethics of Providing Virtual Services o Trauma-Informed Care o Harm Reduction o UNT Recovery to Practice Free Curriculum Overview o Developing Recovery Communities o Compassion Fatigue

**Link:** [N/A](#)

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:** None

#### Cultural Lenses: Addressing Mental Health and Substance Use Symposium

**Description:** Cultural Lenses: Addressing Mental Health and Substance Use Symposium was held July 21-22, 2021. This virtual event featured speakers who highlighted the cultural and structural elements affecting mental health and substance use disorder among Black/African American and Latinx/Hispanic communities. The schedule included breakout sessions for thoughtful, in-depth discussions. Hosted by SSW ATTC educational consortium partner University of North Texas Dallas.

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/south-southwest-attc/event/cultural-lenses-addressing-mental-health-and-substance-use>

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Develop new courses and trainings as needed to respond to identified training and professional development needs

### South Southwest ATTC Highlights for August-September 2021

#### Webinar: Stress Management, Incorporating Cultural Values when Working with Hispanics and Latinos with SUD

**Description:** Webinar on Stress Management, Incorporating Cultural Values when Working with Hispanics and Latinos with Substance Use Disorders was held on Wednesday, August 4th 2021 from 1:30pm to 3:00pm CT. Presented in partnership with IRESA and Universidad Central

del Caribe.

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/node/33935>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Offer Mindfulness and Dealing with Stress Virtual Sessions for Hispanic/Latinos Populations Trainings in Region 6

### **Creating Affirming Environments for LGBTQ People Receiving Services Workshop**

**Description:** Creating Affirming Environments for LGBTQ People Receiving Services is a virtual participatory workshop to be held on Tuesday, August 24, 2021. The workshop is being beta tested with clinicians and peer support specialists to assist with curriculum updates.

**Link:** [N/A](#)

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:** None

### **Contingency Management Technical Assistance**

**Description:** Intensive technical assistance to Oklahoma substance use providers on implementation of contingency management in treatment settings via individualized coaching sessions. In partnership with Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

**Link:** [N/A](#)

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Conduct small group, individualized tele-coaching conference calls addressing contingency management implementation for participating community substance use providers

## ATTC: Mid-America

### Mid-America ATTC Highlights from June-July 2021

#### **Traumatic Brain Injury and SUD: Webinar Series**

**Description:** The Mountain Plains and Mid-America Addiction Technology Transfer Centers (ATTCs) partner with the National Association of State Head Injury Administrators (NASHIA) presented eight virtual trainings focused on the significant intersection between brain injury and addiction. The training, launched on March 24, consisted of an introductory session followed by seven unique topic webinars that included the intersection of brain injury with addictions, intimate partner violence, suicide, special considerations for individual and group therapy, and the importance of family involvement. Two additional sessions are scheduled on August 31 (Implications of Stimulants on Traumatic Brain Injury) and TBD (Introducing the Traumatic Brain Injury and SUD Toolkit). All recorded sessions are 90 minutes in length.

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/mid-america-attc/traumatic-brain-injury-sud-series>

**Related Topics:** None

#### **Related Workplan Activities:**

- Provide six, 90-minute sessions on topics such as Brain Injury 101; Intimate Partner Violence; Suicide; Effective Strategies for Group and Individual Therapy; Criminal Justice

#### **Embracing Pregnant & Parenting Families Challenged with Substance Use Disorder**

**Description:** Per request of the Kansas City Perinatal Recovery Collaborative, Mid-America ATTC, along with the Missouri Hospital Association (MHA), is co-sponsoring a 3-part virtual webinar series on May 26, June 2, and June 9 for medical providers, SUD, child welfare, and justice professionals plus peer specialists who work with pregnant and parenting families challenged with SUD. The MHA is developing an electronic participant manual to accompany the training. The goal is that families experiencing SUD will be met with compassion and understanding and receive care grounded in recovery-oriented values and principles. Session 1 discusses the neurobiology of addiction, parenting, and addiction; Session 2 discusses EBPs for pregnant women with OUD, medications used to treat OUD, NAS/NOWS, long-term developmental outcomes for infants; and Session 3 covers stigma, implicit bias, steps to take toward becoming a stigma-free provider and supportive of a recovery-oriented and person-centered approach. In August – September 2021, the three 1.5-hour training modules will be converted into nine 30-minute presentations. These recorded presentations will be used to develop an enduring training series for healthcare audiences on [www.HealtheKnowledge.org](http://www.HealtheKnowledge.org)

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/mid-america-attc/family-centered-care>

**Related Topics:** The Opioid Epidemic

#### **Related Workplan Activities:**

- Facilitate meetings and process improvement between organizations in KCK

#### **Implementing Farm Stress Grab-n-Go Kits in HHS Region 7 and 8 Communities**

**Description:** In response to the increasing need for mental health tools designed to address the specific needs of farm and ranching communities, the Mid-America Mental Health Technology Transfer Center (MHTTC), the Mid-America Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC), and the Mountain Plains MHTTC collaborated to develop a set of easy-to-use ("Grab-n-Go") presentations and flyers for use by extension offices and behavioral health providers in farm

communities. Based on interviews with extension agents in HHS Region 7 and HHS Region 8, the team identified four key areas of concern: mental health awareness, stigma, co-occurring disorders, and death by suicide.

**Link:** <https://mhttcnetwork.org/centers/mountain-plains-mhttc/product/implementing-farm-stress-grab-n-go-resources-your-community>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Collaborate with Reg 7 & 8 MHTTCs Farm Stress Committee; develop tools for Reg 7 & 8 stakeholders on updated data related to farm stress and SUD/MH.

### Mid-America ATTC Highlights for August-September 2021

#### **Enhancing Workforce Capacity to Provide Clinical Supervision for SUD (CS-4-SUD)**

**Description:** Mid-America ATTC is currently leading a new cohort of 25 participants through the CS-4-SUD 3-part series. Participants of the series receive support and develop the skills needed to master complexities in clinical supervision. This intensive learning opportunity includes: • Part 1: A 14-hour online course to introduce terms, topics, and resources essential to clinical supervision (June – July 15, 2021) • Part 2: 7 virtual trainings to prepare clinical supervisors to observe job performance, provide feedback and coaching, and prioritize learning needs (July 21 – September 1, 2021) • Part 3: Case-Based learning via Project ECHO (begins September 8th concluding in Year 5)

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/mid-america-attc/leadership-development>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Provide multi-session Project ECHO for clinical supervisors having completed Phase 1 training

#### **Traumatic Brain Injury and SUD: Toolkit**

**Description:** • Publish toolkit entitled, Traumatic Brain Injury and Substance Use Disorders: Making the Connections. Four chapters in the toolkit provide valuable information for advancing behavioral health providers' capacity when serving persons with brain injuries. It also describes the toxic effects of substance use in persons diagnosed with a brain injury. The toolkit underscores the importance of behavioral health clinicians providing necessary accommodations in treatment when serving persons with brain injuries. • Mid-America ATTC is sponsoring the September 20, 2021, NASHIA Annual Conference plenary session. Carolyn Lemsky, Ph.D., Community Head Injury Resource Services, Toronto, Canada, and author of the Traumatic Brain Injury and Substance Use Disorders: Making the Connections toolkit, will introduce the publication in her presentation.

**Link:** [pending](#)

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:** None

#### **Treating Stimulant Use Disorder (StimUD) Workshop Series - August 2021**

**Description:** The Mid America Addiction Technology Transfer Center is partnering with the Missouri Institute of Mental Health, the Opioid Response Network in Region 7, and Saint Louis

University to develop a new series in response to the rising needs of serving clients with Stimulant Use Disorder (StimUD). The purpose of the series is to provide education on treating clients with StimUD. Four virtual workshops that are 1.5 hours in length will include presentations from local and national experts on the various ways to assist people diagnosed with StimUD in the recovery process. 1. Contingency Management Roundtable: Aug 10 from 1 - 2:30 pm 2. Harm Reduction for Stimulant Use Disorder: Aug 17 from 1 - 2:30 pm 3. Treating StimUD: Doing What Works: Aug 24 from 1 - 2:30 pm 4. Implications of Stimulants on Traumatic Brain Injury: Aug 31 from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/mid-america-attc/event/contingency-management-roundtable>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Adapt in-person Stimulant 101 training curriculum to a virtual platform; host webinar series via Zoom

## ATTC: Mountain Plains

### Mountain Plains ATTC Highlights from June-July 2021

#### **Substance Use Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury**

**Description:** The Mountain Plains and Mid-America Addiction Technology Transfer Centers (ATTCs) are proud to partner with the National Association of State Head Injury Administrators (NASHIA) to present two additional trainings focused on the significant intersection between brain injury and addiction. The first training, Brain Injury, Addictions and the Importance of Family Involvement, was conducted on July 28, 2021 and the second training, Implications of Stimulants on Traumatic Brain Injury, is scheduled for Aug 31, 2021 at 1:00 pm (CT).

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/mid-america-attc/event/substance-use-disorder-and-traumatic-brain-injury>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- 2.2.a Create 6 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

#### **On-the-Spot Summer Series**

**Description:** The Mountain Plains ATTC conducted two sessions of a special On-the-Spot Summer Series on the topics of Digital Ethical Dilemmas (June 16, 2021) and Motivational Interviewing (July 15, 2021). This ongoing series offers sizzling hot topics and on-the-go tips to make summer workflow easy and breezy every 3rd Thursday of the month June-Sept 2021. Guided by participant questions, subject matter experts will take participants on a deeper dive into two additional topics this summer: Clinical Supervision and Digital Peer Recovery Support. The OtS Summer Series is intended to help participants increase knowledge, build skills, and change practice through the adoption of evidence-based and promising practices. Remaining sessions will be offered on Aug 19, 2021 and Sept 16, 2021 at 12:00 pm (MT).

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/mountain-plains-attc/spot>

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- 3.3.a Conduct group consultation post EPLs 3 per year; 3.3.b Conduct individual hotline sessions 3 per year

#### **Hiring and Leading Staff in Evidence-Based Practices Enhanced Professional Learning (EPL) Series**

**Description:** It is critical for behavioral health agencies to use and sustain evidence-based practices (EBPs). Through a series of instruction, self-study and group activities, this online learning series will demonstrate how to facilitate EBPs through hiring and leadership practices. The series covers best practices for hiring staff who may be more likely to deliver evidence-based care and key elements of leadership that support effective implementation of EBPs. The series will also demonstrate how to use behavioral interviewing to identify knowledge, skills or values that are consistent with an agency's goals and how to assess the degree to which a leader is perceived by staff as proactive, knowledgeable, supportive, and perseverant with regard to their implementation of EBPs. Identifying strong and weak leadership areas can help agencies retain staff, strengthen EBP implementation, and improve the overall quality of care. Series offered every Thursday, July 15-Aug 12, 2021 from 1:00-2:30 pm (MT).

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/mountain-plains-attc/event/hiring-and-leading-staff-evidence-based-practices-epl>

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- 3.1.a Design EPLs and implement 1 per state in the Region; 3.1.b Design and conduct 12 EPLs with organizations in the Region (6 regional and one for each state)

### Mountain Plains ATTC Highlights for August-September 2021

#### **Treatment Planning Training Series for Heartview Foundation (North Dakota)**

**Description:** Clear and concise clinical documentation is an essential component of the treatment of substance use and co-occurring diagnosis. This virtual training series, offered to the Heartview Foundation, a substance use disorders treatment program located in Cando and Bismarck, North Dakota, will address clinical documentation with a focus on writing client centered treatment plans. Additionally, this training will be in the context of the golden thread related to assessments, treatment plans, progress notes, continued service criteria reviews and discharge summaries. In order to provide time for a deeper dive into the topic, discussion and Q & A, this training series will be offered in two group cohorts of 25 participants with each cohort receiving the same training curriculum within an initial two-hour virtual session followed up with a 90-minute intensive technical assistance session.

**Link:** <https://mailchi.mp/46e2ef1431fa/treatment-planning-training-series?e=f15b962c5e>

**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

#### **Leadership Academy**

**Description:** The Mountain Plains ATTC is excited to offer its Leadership Academy for emerging behavioral health leaders. The Leadership Academy is available for supervisors and administrators interested in professional development tools and resources that will expand their organizational leadership skills and expertise. The well-recognized Kotter International Change Essentials Model will provide a framework for “strategies for execution of system change and change management.” The Leadership Academy will be conducted in a virtual format September 16 & 17 and October 21, 2021.

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/mountain-plains-attc/event/mountain-plains-attc-leadership-academy>

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- 4.1a Create a two and a half-day Harvard-Kotter Inc training for emerging leaders focused on Process for Leading Change; 4.1b Recruit individuals nominated by SSAs (4 people from each state); 4.1.c Follow-up with a community of practice in Year 4

#### **Traumatic Brain Injury and Substance Use Disorders (SUD) Toolkit**



**Description:** The Mountain Plains and Mid-America Addiction Technology Transfer Centers (ATTCs) partner with the National Association of State Head Injury Administrators (NASHIA) presented eight virtual trainings focused on the significant intersection between brain injury and addiction. The training, launched on March 24, consisted of an introductory session followed by seven special topic webinars that included the intersection of brain injury with addictions, intimate partner violence, suicide, special considerations for individual and group therapy, and importance of family involvement. Two additional sessions are scheduled on August 31 (Implications of Stimulants on Traumatic Brain Injury), and TBD (Introducing the Traumatic Brain Injury and SUD Toolkit). All recorded sessions are 90 minutes in length.

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/mid-america-attc/traumatic-brain-injury-sud-series>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- 2.2.a Create 6 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

**MI on the Fly Live Consultation Series**

**Description:** MI on the Fly is an online, interactive, drop-in consultation series designed for behavioral health providers to obtain immediate feedback and coaching on the utilization and integration of Motivational Interviewing (MI) into practice. Delivered by subject matter experts, each one-hour session will provide an open forum for participants' questions, case study discussions, and program development as it relates to the effective delivery of MI-related techniques and micro-skills. The objective of MI on the Fly is to (1) provide a supportive space to encourage dialogue and questions to facilitate an increase in MI knowledge; (2) enhance current skills and build confidence when using MI; and (3) change clinical practice approaches through the utilization of an MI style of communication. Individuals can join anytime during the monthly sessions, which will be offered the second Tuesday of each month from June through September 2021 at 3:00pm PT.

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

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Plan and deliver Enhanced Professional Learning (EPL) opportunities and post-EPL Consultation Group to participants throughout Region 9

**Stimulant Use: Current Trends, Impact on the Brain and Body, and Implications for Treatment – Pacific Jurisdictions**

**Description:** On June 17, 2021, Beth Rutkowski and Thomas Freese presented a two-hour live virtual training exclusively for 175 substance use disorder treatment and recovery providers in the six U.S.-affiliated Pacific Jurisdictions. The training provided a broad overview of cocaine and methamphetamine and their impact on brain, body, and behavior. The session began with a description of the national scope of stimulant use. The acute and chronic mental health and physical health consequences of stimulant use were presented, including information on the impact of stimulant use on memory and cognition. Then, the presentation shifted focus to a discussion on how to implement effective behavioral treatment interventions with people who use stimulants, and the necessary adaptations needed to engage and retain people in care. In addition, participants were introduced to the concept of text messaging as an extension to learning and offered an opportunity to join and actively engage in a live learning extender demonstration. Research has shown that text messaging is a widely used form of communication, with 90% of people reading a text message within the first three minutes of receiving it (Pew Research, 2015). Thus, using text messaging as a learning extender is a reasonable form of engaging learners post-training to encourage skill adoption over a period of time. In aligning with these tenets, the Pacific Southwest ATTC will begin incorporating learning extenders in future training events offered to providers in the Pacific Jurisdictions.

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

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

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

### **New Product Alert! Evidence-Based Practice Demonstration Videos**

**Description:** The Pacific Southwest ATTC is partnering with the Northwest ATTC on a cross-ATTC collaborative project to develop a series of 10 brief video demonstrations on delivering effective substance use disorder-specific evidence-based practices in virtual settings. The Northwest ATTC's five EBP demo videos were launched in March 2021; the Pacific Southwest ATTC's five practical, concrete, skill-based EBP demo videos will be finalized before the end of September 2021. The topics include: (1) conducting a FLO brief intervention with a patient who uses alcohol at risky levels; (2) utilizing the CBT external triggers worksheet; (3) conducting a relapse/functional analysis (CBT); (4) evoking change talk with an individual in pre-contemplation (MI); and (5) talking about trauma during an initial intake/assessment without diving in (Trauma-Informed Care). Once finalized, the videos will be added to the ATTC Products and Resources Catalog.

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

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Offer self-paced learning opportunities on a minimum of four topical areas

### **Pacific Southwest ATTC Highlights for August-September 2021**

#### **Guam's Second Annual Conference on Substance Use Disorders among Pacific Islanders**

**Description:** On September 21-22, 2021, the Pacific Southwest ATTC, in collaboration with Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center and UCLA Integrated Substance Abuse Programs will co-sponsor a two-day live virtual conference entitled Guam's Second Annual Conference on Substance Use Disorders among Pacific Islanders. The virtual conference will be marketed as a National Recovery Month activity to providers across the six U.S.-affiliated Pacific Jurisdictions, as well as to providers based in Hawaii and the United States and beyond. The conference will feature a series of four plenary presentations (cannabis, substance use disorder treatment in criminal justice settings, healing center of engagement, and mental health in the Pacific Islands with a focus on young adults and youth), and four breakout sessions, each of which will include six workshops on a series of core topics. The five proposed concurrent tracks are: (1) children and families; (2) clinical interventions; (3) emerging issues; (4) mental health [organized in partnership with the Region 9 MHTTC]; (5) prevention [organized in partnership with the Region 9 PTTC]; and (6) populations with specific service needs.

**Link:** <https://uclaisap.org/dmhcod/html/2021-guam-annual-virtual-conference.html>

**Related Topics:** The Opioid Epidemic

**Related Workplan Activities:**

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

#### **ASAM Integration: Six Dimensional Assessment through the Continuum (ASAM-I EPL)**

**Description:** Beginning August 10, 2021, the Pacific Southwest ATTC will launch a six-week Enhanced Professional Learning (EPL) series entitled ASAM Integration: Six Dimensional Assessment through the Continuum (ASAM-I EPL). The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria, 3rd Edition, is the most widely used and comprehensive set of guidelines for assessment, placement, treatment planning, continued service, and transfer/discharge of clients with substance use and co-occurring disorders. The Criteria utilizes six dimensions to form a broad assessment, which in turn provides information for service and

treatment planning across all levels of care. This online EPL interactive series will provide collaborative training and real-time practice opportunities essential to the development and/or refinement of applying the Criteria in a clinical setting. Emphasis is placed on applying Criteria for in-depth assessment, proper placement, service and treatment planning, continued service and transfer/discharge of clients. The weekly sessions will be held on the same day and time each week. Recruitment will be targeted to individuals based in Region 9 who attended a live virtual ASAM-A and ASAM-B training offered in spring-summer 2021. Enrollment will be limited to 35 individuals from across the Region.

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

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Plan and deliver Enhanced Professional Learning (EPL) opportunities and post-EPL Consultation Group to participants throughout Region 9

### **CNMI Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, Community Guidance Center (CHCC CGC) Motivational Interviewing Training Initiative**

**Description:** The Pacific Southwest ATTC is partnering with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, Community Guidance Center (CHCC CGC) to implement an intensive TA initiative that includes a series of live virtual and face-to-face training sessions with ongoing coaching and clinical consultation. Activities include: (1) selection of MI Trainer Cohort and submission of recorded brief MI sessions (July-August 2021); (2) a live virtual Introduction to Motivational Interviewing training on August 19, 2021 (for up to 60 CNMI-based providers) to build competency in using the MI micro-skills to prepare for the delivery of effective brief intervention through the broader SBIRT framework; (3) an in-person Advanced Motivational Interviewing training on September 8, 2021 (for the MI Trainer Cohort) to further expand and hone clinical MI skills; (4) an in-person Motivational Interviewing Training of Trainers workshop on September 9-10, 2021 (for the MI Trainer Cohort); and (5) a series of one-day in-person Introduction to Motivational Interviewing trainings on September 13-15, 2021 where the MI Trainer Cohort will be paired with Pacific Southwest ATTC trainers to present the full-day curriculum they learned at the TOT. On days where the CNMI-based MI trainers are not actively training, they will observe the other trainers conducting the training to learn from them and from the feedback given by the master trainers. From October 2021-March 2022, the MI Trainer Cohort will participate in regularly scheduled coaching and clinical consultations to receive MI training implementation support.

**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

## ATTC: Northwest

### Northwest ATTC Highlights from June-July 2021

#### Supporting Healing-Centered Care and Practice

**Description:** The Northwest ATTC is working with a Washington-based treatment organization, Evergreen Treatment Services (ETS) to build trauma-informed awareness among its staff and promote adoption and implementation of trauma-informed care (TIC). The initial part of this project involved a workshop offered last year on Trauma-Informed Practice: Fostering post-traumatic growth. The organization is now moving into phase two of the project, aimed at supporting leadership staffs' TIC implementation efforts. ETS has established program specific implementation teams, from three of their locations in the Puget Sound region. Implementation team members are attending facilitated discussion on healing-centered care. The sessions provided over the summer have included a refresher on approaches to trauma-informed care and practices supporting staff resilience and retention in hard times.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Trauma Informed Practice: Fostering Post-Traumatic Growth - Provide intensive technical assistance a treatment services organization in WA State to support the adoption and implementation of trauma-informed care.

#### Co-occurring Disorder Training

**Description:** Northwest ATTC offered a two-day co-occurring disorder training on July 22-23, for twenty-five Oregon clinicians. This training, offered by Paul Hunziker, is designed to help Substance Use Disorder professionals learn the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to be proficient in working with people with co-occurring disorders. The training included a review of the needed competencies of co-occurring counselors and offered specific tools to be used in the simultaneous assessment and treatment of co-occurring disorders.

**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.

#### Community Reinforcement Approach Webinar

**Description:** In this July webinar, Brian Serna, LPCC, LADAC, CEO and Founder of Serna Solutions presented an overview of the Community Reinforcement Approach (CRA). CRA is an often-underutilized evidence-based practice that has been proven to successfully treat addictive disorders with adolescents and adults around the world. This comprehensive, cost-effective behavioral program has been empirically supported with inpatients, outpatients, and homeless populations. CRA is based on the belief that environmental contingencies can play a powerful role in encouraging or discouraging addictive behaviors and draws on the strength of communities and families to guide a person towards a more rewarding lifestyle. The slides and recording of this webinar are available for on-demand viewing.

**Link:** [Northwest ATTC Webinar Series | Addiction Technology Transfer Center \(ATTC\) Network \(attcnetwork.org\)](https://attcnetwork.org)

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- By Oct 1, 2021, NWATTC will provide 12 additional installments of its monthly webinar series, to include no less than four webinars focused on medication-assisted treatments for opioid dependence, for interested Region 10 workforce members.

### Northwest ATTC Highlights for August-September 2021

#### **Using the Power of the Group: An Experiential Training for Group Therapy Facilitators**

**Description:** In January, the Northwest ATTC launched a series of community of practice sessions providing a space for SUD counselors in Idaho to share ideas, experiences, and best practices for virtual group facilitation. This second phase, beginning in September, includes two half day workshops utilizing didactic and experiential learning with an emphasis on increasing understanding of the techniques and perspectives that enhance the experiences of clients participating in group therapy sessions. During the workshop, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in an experiential group with the intent of providing a firsthand experience of what it is like to be a member of a virtual group. The workshop will be followed by four 1-hour group consultation sessions in the following weeks to support continued learning and application of the key concepts covered in the workshop. The combination of these sessions is designed to provide participants with an opportunity to examine the challenges that group members experience, both virtually and in-person, and will explore ways that a facilitator's understanding and interaction with group dynamics can positively impact the overall process and content of their groups. Workshop: September 15th & 22nd | 9am – 1pm (Mountain Time) Consultation Groups: October 6th, October 20th, November 10th, and December 1st | 2-3pm (Mountain Time)

**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.

#### **Wellness Leadership Learning Collaborative**

**Description:** The Northwest ATTC is sponsoring a Region 10 Wellness Leadership Learning Collaborative for substance use disorder treatment program leaders, starting in September. This learning collaborative will utilize the NIATx model to help leaders cultivate well-being practices within their organizations. Leaders will be able to zero in on the current temperature of their staffs' well-being while learning how to redirect and support in order to greatly reduce burnout and compassion fatigue. This experiential learning collaborative will focus on mentoring leaders in how to build well-being in their organization through attending six unique group learning sessions. Participants will also have to opportunity to meet with the facilitator for two individual coaching sessions. The facilitator is Mathew Roosa, LSW-R, who is providing a similar offering for the Great Lakes ATTC.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance

**Related Workplan Activities:** None

## **Region 10 Opioid Summit**

**Description:** The Region 10 Opioid Summit is an opportunity for professionals from Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Indian Nations, urban Indian health programs and recognized American Indian organizations to meet and explore ways to address the opioid crisis. The virtual summit is being held August 3-5, 2021, and will feature both national and regional presenters, as well as opportunities for networking and facilitated discussions. Northwest ATTC staff are supporting the conference through active participation in the year-long planning process and co-leading the recovery track sub-committee. The Northwest ATTC will also sponsor a virtual exhibit at the summit.

**Link:** <http://region10opioidsummit.org/>

**Related Topics:** The Opioid Epidemic

**Related Workplan Activities:** None

## **ATTC: American Indian Alaska Native**

### **American Indian Alaska Native ATTC Highlights from June-July 2021**

#### **Leadership Academy**

**Description:** The AI/AN Leadership Academy continued its goal of retaining and increasing Native behavioral health professionals in leadership positions. Monica Dreyer-Rossi continues to manage two cohorts of mentors and mentees, the Leadership Academy III (LA III) and the Leadership Academy IV (LA IV). The program offered three monthly events in June and July. The Mentor meetings, provide support and guidance to the mentors in the program. The Coffee Klatches, an addition made to the program in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, are open talking circles focusing on support and follow up conversations for mentors and mentees in LA III and LA IV. The Mentor and Mentee Trainings focus on topics relevant for those working in professional positions in Native communities.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Graduate Cohort III, and complete Onboarding of Cohort IV, initiate mentoring, and offer virtual educational activities for 2021 Leadership Academy Cohort IV

#### **Tribal Opioid Response Update**

**Description:** National AI/AN TOR team hosted virtual regional meetings for the TOR grantees on June 8 for the Bemidji region, and the Great Plains regional meeting on July 20. We also continued hosting monthly “Sharing and Caring through Technology” discussions led by Kathy Tomlin PhD. These meetings are open to all grantees nationwide on the second Wednesday of every month. As planned, we also hosted 2 monthly webinar series; June 23 the webinar topic was Kratom, its effects and use, and on July 28 we hosted a webinar on; Interviewing Patients for GPRA Evaluation.

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

**Related Topics:** The Opioid Epidemic

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Provide a full range of virtual webinars, trainings, events, and products

#### **National AI/AN ATTC updates for June and July**

**Description:** Our ATTC team has continued broadcasting live zoom-based events during the June and July months. The Virtual Native Talking Circle hosted by the National AI/AN ATTC and facilitated by Mr. Fred Little Bald Eagle broadcast 2 live events from Rosebud, SD. This impactful series started in April of 2020, has now completed 27 sessions! It continues to air 1230-2pm CST, second Monday of every month. The Virtual Native Storytelling hour continued broadcasting as planned over the past two months and concluded its year long run on July 13 with a 2-hour final episode. These events remained an important platform in offering a safe and supportive venue for wellness, healing, and preventative measures for all participants. Thank you for all who supported these virtual events this past year.

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/national-american-indian-and-alaska-native-attc/home>

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance

**Related Workplan Activities:**



- Our center will continue to be available to providers who have questions about Behavioral Health practices

## American Indian Alaska Native ATTC Highlights for August-September 2021

### Leadership Academy

**Description:** We are finalizing tentative plans for a joint event to combine the Graduation of the LA III and Immersion Training for LA IV in October this year. Each mentee in the LA III will give end of program project presentations, and the mentees in the La IV will present their initial project plans for the program.

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

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Begin implementation of the 2021 Leadership Academy

### Tribal Opioid Response Coming Soon!

**Description:** Please join us for our Tribal Opioid Response Webinar on August 25th, 2021! Our topic this month will be: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. Our September webinar is still in the planning stages, so watch our website or your email for more upcoming AI/AN National TOR events. Additionally, look for ongoing Sharing and Caring through Technology virtual discussions as they relate to providers, health, and behavioral wellness.

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

**Related Topics:** The Opioid Epidemic

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Upon request, offer at least 6 TA requests

### Summer Newsletter

**Description:** Having completed our ATTC Spring Newsletter as planned. We now shift our attention to the Summer Edition that will be focusing on Native Americans and Alaskan Natives in long-term recovery and what they did to remain on the pathway of their sobriety during the pandemic. We plan interview several individuals and ask a series of open-ended questions on the topic of their recovery during the pandemic over the past year and a half. This issue will hopefully offer the reader insights into Native recovery pathways and practices during very challenging times. Look for this newsletter to be published in late August of 2021.

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/national-american-indian-and-alaska-native-attc/newsletter>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Provide a full range of virtual webinars, trainings, events, and products

## ATTC: National Hispanic Latino

### National Hispanic Latino ATTC Highlights from June-July 2021

#### Short Videos - June

**Description:** We focused our ongoing short-video project on Men's Health Month in June. Here are the descriptions from the English, Spanish and Portuguese videos: --June is Men's Health Month, a national observance used to raise awareness about health care for men and focus on encouraging boys, men and their families to practice and implement healthy living decisions, such as exercising and eating healthy. #NLBHA #NHLATTC #NHLPTTC Resources Office of Minority Health: <https://www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov/omh/content.aspx?ID=10238> Men's Health Network: <https://www.menshealthnetwork.org/wearblue/> --Español Durante el mes de junio celebramos el Mes de la Salud de los Hombres, una celebración nacional que se utiliza para crear conciencia sobre el cuidado de la salud de los hombres y para enfocarse en alentar a los niños, los hombres y sus familias a practicar e implementar decisiones de vida saludables, como el hacer ejercicio y el comer de manera saludable. #NLBHA #NHLATTC #NHLPTTC Recursos Oficina de Salud de las Minorías:

<https://www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov/omh/content.aspx?ID=10238> --Red de salud de Hombres: <https://www.menshealthnetwork.org/wearblue/> Português Em Junho comemoramos o Mês da Saúde do Homem, uma celebração nacional usada para aumentar a conscientização sobre os cuidados de saúde para os homens e com foco em incentivar os meninos, homens e suas famílias a praticar e implementar decisões de vida saudáveis, como exercícios e alimentação saudável. #NLBHA #NHLATTC #NHLPTTC Recursos Escritório de Saúde de Minorias do Departamento de Saúde e Serviços Humanos dos Estados Unidos: <https://www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov/omh/content.aspx?ID=10238> Rede de Saúde do Homem: <https://www.menshealthnetwork.org/wearblue/>

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/node/32954>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- We will make all of our virtual events (webinars) available on our website in an on-demand version in English, Spanish and Portuguese.

#### Intersección de violencia doméstica o violencia de pareja íntima y adicción.

**Description:** On June 24th we worked with one of our Consultants, Glory McDaniell, to deliver a 90-minute Spanish-language webinar titled "Intersección de violencia doméstica o violencia de pareja íntima y adicción." This webinar was born out of a request from the US-based Ventanillas de Salud (Windows of Health) programs funded by the Mexican Consulates. This webinar marks a two-year relationship with Ventanillas de Salud.

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/node/33416>

**Related Topics:** The Opioid Epidemic

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Based on specific requests from providers, community based organizations, agencies, etc we will deliver 2 technical assistance events focused on improving service delivery for those serving Hispanic/Latino communities.

#### Latino Fathers Virtual Learning Series

**Description:** In celebration of Father's Day and Men's Health Month we put together and delivered a 3-part (90-minutes each) virtual learning series titled "Detoxifying Machismo: The

Importance of Latino Fathers in Prevention and Recovery". Our Panel made up of three consultants and Moderator (all Latino Fathers) lead our participants through discussion on the barriers and stigmas experienced by Latino fathers and more importantly explored the strengths and resiliency inherent to this important family and community group.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** The Opioid Epidemic

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- In the 2nd half of Year 3 our ATTC will deliver at least 3 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.

### National Hispanic Latino ATTC Highlights for August-September 2021

#### **Latinx Talk Therapy**

**Description:** In August we are proud to have developed an 8-hour virtual training "Trauma Informed Care in the Latinx Community" to be delivered to a group of Licensed Therapists in Chicago, IL. This training will be followed by 3 months of intensive TA to determine how successfully the group will be in implementing what they learn during the training.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Based on specific requests from providers, community based organizations, agencies, etc we will deliver 2 technical assistance events focused on improving service delivery for those serving Hispanic/Latino communities.

#### **Short Videos - August**

**Description:** In commemoration of Overdose Awareness Month and International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31st our Centers put together three short videos (English, Spanish and Portuguese) to provide awareness, give information on stats for Latino communities, and to help reduce the stigma related to this type of loss. The videos will be released during the first week of August.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** The Opioid Epidemic

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- We will make all of our virtual events (webinars) available on our website in an on-demand version in English, Spanish and Portuguese.

#### **2021 NLBH Conference**

**Description:** We are excited to be hosting the first ever National Latino Behavioral Health Conference: Envisioning Latino Behavioral Health Equity in the Next Decade. This virtual conference will be held virtually over a day and a half on September 16th and 17th. We will be delivering 3 Keynotes, 24 90-minute workshops, 8 Special Sessions, an Awards Ceremony and

much much more. We hope to see you all there.

**Link:** [www.nlbhconference2021.com](http://www.nlbhconference2021.com)

**Related Topics:** The Opioid Epidemic

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- In collaboration with our PTTC we will prepare a conference budget and event program for approval by ATTC AC and NLBHA Board of Directors.

## ATTC: Network Coordinating Office

### Network Coordinating Office ATTC Highlights from June-July 2021

#### **ATTC Network Pop Up Talk Series: Substance Use Coercion: Evidence, Strategies, and Resources**

**Description:** Each month the ATTC Network Coordinating Office hosts a "Pop Up Talk" on a topic of emerging, shared interests for ATTCs. The audience includes any staff from ATTCs across the Network. In June, the ATTC NCO hosted a special session with Gabriela Zapata-Alma LCSW CADC of the National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma, and Mental Health where we discussed the role of substance use coercion in intimate partner violence. Participants generated ideas about potential ATTC activities related to the topic.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

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

#### **TTCs Meet the National Suicide Prevention Resource Center**

**Description:** Each quarter, the TTC NCOs collaborate to offer a webinar for members of the ATTC, PTTC, and MHTTC Networks hosted by another federally-funded training and TA center. In June, the ATTC NCO took the lead on hosting a "Meet and Greet" with the National Suicide Prevention Resource Center.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Coordinate activities and cross-promote other federally funded training and TA centers. Host "meet and greets" with other TTA Centers for the TTCs. Host bi-monthly calls with other TTA Centers in Humberto Carvalho's portfolio. Maintain an accurate list of other relevant TTA centers and share across the three Networks. Participate in a TTA center summit hosted by APA in early 2021. Link to all SAMHSA-funded TTA centers through the ATTC website and monthly newsletter, the ATTC Messenger. Encourage those centers to link to the ATTC site through their sites and their newsletters..

#### **ATTC NCO Performance Improvement Survey Findings Summary Report**

**Description:** In June 2021, the ATTC NCO distributed a survey to ATTC directors and co-directors asking for feedback on how they feel the ATTC NCO is doing in meeting our objectives, their satisfaction with various tools and resources we have developed, and other items that assess the performance of our efforts. In July, the NCO evaluator compiled and analyzed the responses to the survey and developed this summary report. The report was then circulated to the Network through the ATTC Directors listserv and the NCO Co-directors discussed the results with the NCO team to identify opportunities for improvement. This is part of the NCO's continuous quality improvement efforts.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Monitor work plan progress through activity tracking and routine consideration of the following outcome questions for each activity: (1) what effects did events have on participants; (2) what program, contextual, cultural, and linguistic factors were associated with outcomes; (3) what individual factors were associated with outcomes, including race/ethnicity/sexual orientation/gender identity; and (4) how durable were the effects

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**Exhibit at National Latino Behavioral Health Conference**

**Description:** The ATTC NCO is partnering with the PTTC and MHTTC NCOs to virtually exhibit at the National Latino Behavioral Health Conference in September 2021.

**Link:** <https://nlbhconference2021.com/>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Exhibit & promote the ATTC Network via bag inserts & program advertisements at up to 3 national conferences per year and apply to present on behalf of the Network at up to two national conferences. In year 4, put renewed effort into identifying exhibiting/presenting opportunities at conferences that focus on populations from traditionally marginalized communities.

**September ATTC Directors Meeting**

**Description:** The NCO will host a regular, bi-monthly ATTC Directors meeting on September 23, 2021.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Help lead the planning and implementation of up to 1 virtual meeting of all TTC directors.

**Meeting with National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable leadership**

**Description:** The ATTC NCO team that led the development of "Your Guide to Integrating HCV Services into Opioid Treatment Programs" is meeting with the leadership of the National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable to discuss potential collaborations to leverage the work of both groups. The meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2021.

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/attc-network-coordinating-office/product/your-guide-integrating-hcv-services-opioid>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:** None