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## ATTC: New England

### New England ATTC Highlights from August 2022 – September 2022

#### **Dialectical Behavior Therapy for Substance Use - Part 1 (New England Region 1)**

**Description:** The New England ATTC, in partnership with the Community Care Alliance of Rhode Island, hosted a four-part targeted TA series in Dialectical Behavioral Therapy for Substance Use on 8/9/22, 8/16/22, 8/23/22, and 8/30/22 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM with subject matter expert Taylor D'Addario. Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) is a cognitive behavioral treatment that was originally developed to treat chronically suicidal individuals diagnosed with borderline personality disorder (BPD) and it is now recognized as the gold standard psychological treatment for this population. In addition, research has shown that it is effective in treating substance use disorders and a wide range of other disorders such as depression, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and eating disorders.

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/node/38116>

**Related Topics:** None

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

- Rhode Island (RI): The New England ATTC will deliver a number of requested targeted TA events on evidence-based practices for addiction treatment including (but not limited to): Stigma, Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT), Trauma-Informed Care, Motivational Interviewing, Peer Recovery-Community Health Workers, and Pregnant and Parenting Women.

#### **Foundations of Clinical Supervision**

**Description:** The New England ATTC, in partnership with the Vermont Department of Health Division of Substance Use Programs offered a multi-level intensive TA series in Foundations of Clinical Supervision on 9/28/22, 9/29/22, and 9/30/22 with subject matter experts Megan Kiernan and Maggie Hooker. In this TA series, participants acquired fundamental clinical supervision knowledge, while gaining familiarity with addiction counseling competencies, the role of the clinical supervisor, and strategies for clinically supervising addiction counselors. To be eligible to take this class, participants had to complete a pre-event 14-hour asynchronous online course through the Addiction Technology Transfer Center. An additional post-event 2-hour course will be provided after the program.

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/node/38316>

**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, buprenorphine prescribing, and harm reduction.

#### **National Recovery Month 2022**

**Description:** In honor of National Recovery Month 2022 with the theme "Recovery is for Everyone: Every Person, Every Family, Every Community" the New England ATTC sponsored and supported recovery events throughout the New England region. The New England ATTC Team, led by Subject Matter Expert and Senior Trainer, Dr. Haner Hernandez, delivered keynote speeches, networked with community organizations, and served as a major sponsor/organizer of recovery events across all six of the New England states.

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/node/38718>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- The New England ATTC will actively partner with the leaders of recovery rallies in all six New England states to help coordinate and sponsor these landmark recovery events.

### New England ATTC Highlights for October 2022 – November 2022

#### **Cultural Intelligence: Understanding and Incorporating CLAS Standards into Practice (New England Region 1)**

**Description:** The New England ATTC, in partnership with the New England Mental Health Technology Transfer Center (MHTTC), is providing a targeted TA workshop titled “Cultural Intelligence: Understanding and Incorporating CLAS Standards into Practice” on 11/21/22 from 1:00 to 2:00 PM with subject matter expert Dr. Haner Hernandez. Adapted from the ATTC national CLAS standards, this workshop is designed to highlight and explore the needs of treatment professionals working with culturally diverse individuals, organizations, and communities. The participants will learn about health disparities, cultural intelligence, CLAS Standards, and proven techniques and strategies for engagement and improving outcomes.

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/node/38791>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Regional: The New England ATTC will deliver short-term training events throughout the region to support the cultural competence of the workforce. Specific topics will include (but not be limited to): Cultural Humility, Cultural Intelligence: Understanding and Incorporating CLAS Standards into Practice, Cultural Elements in Treating Hispanic and Latino Populations, Understanding Street Gangs and Identifying Strategies for Engagement and Intervention.

#### **Screening, Brief Intervention & Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) (New England Region 1)**

**Description:** The New England ATTC, in partnership with the Co-Occurring Collaborative Serving Maine, is providing targeted TA in Screening, Brief Intervention & Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) on 11/15/22 from 8:30 to 11:45 AM with subject matter expert Taylor D'Addario. Screening, Brief Intervention & Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) is a public health approach that has demonstrated effectiveness among persons who use alcohol or drugs in unhealthy ways but who do not have a substance use disorder. Research shows that people with high-risk use successfully change their use with feedback and brief intervention counseling, using SBIRT methodology. This session reviews the substance use continuum, evidence for SBIRT along the continuum, and core components of SBIRT.

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/node/38790>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Maine (ME): The New England ATTC will deliver a number of requested targeted TA events on evidence-based practices for addiction treatment on topics including (but not limited to): Contingency Management for Opioids, Stimulants, and Harm Reduction.

## **The Other Gender: Using a Trauma Informed Framework for Working with Men in Addiction Treatment Programs (New England Region 1)**

**Description:** In partnership with CODAC Behavioral Healthcare, the New England ATTC is providing targeted TA in "The Other Gender: Using a Trauma Informed Framework for Working with Men in Addiction Treatment Programs" on October 13, 2022 with subject matter expert Sarah Baker. This workshop will offer a look at trauma-informed practice that is responsive to the unique challenges and strengths of men in addiction treatment programs. Participants will also be given the opportunity to meet with the trainer in two subsequent sessions on 10/19 and 10/26 from 1:30-2:00 to further review content from the training, ask questions, and to discuss barriers to using the skills learned in the training.

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/node/38622>

**Related Topics:** None

### **Related Workplan Activities:**

- Rhode Island (RI): The New England ATTC will deliver a number of requested targeted TA events on evidence-based practices for addiction treatment including (but not limited to): Stigma, Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT), Trauma-Informed Care, Motivational Interviewing, Peer Recovery-Community Health Workers, and Pregnant and Parenting Women.

## ATTC: Northeast and Caribbean

### Northeast and Caribbean ATTC Highlights from August 2022 – September 2022

#### Suicide Conference in Puerto Rico

**Description:** The NeC-ATTC collaborated with the National Hispanic and Latino MHTTC (host), the NeC-MHTTC, and the NeC-PTTC to develop an agenda, contribute speakers, provide moderators, and advise on content in support of a one-day Suicide Conference that was hosted in PR on August 17, 2022. Representatives from the NeC-ATTC were in attendance at the conference. Additional time was also to meet with officials and other stakeholders in PR as part of a week long itinerary in collaboration with SAMHSA's RA (Dennis Romero) and Assistant RA (Karina Aguilar) for Region 2.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Attend regional meetings: City/State conferences, provider associations, workforce development

#### New Publication

**Description:** A paper titled, "Virtual training and technical assistance: a shift in behavioral health workforce access and perceptions of services during emergency restrictions" has been published in BMC Medical Education. Participant and event-level data from GPRA were analyzed to compare the following metrics before and during the COVID pandemic: number of events and attendees; participant demographics; zip codes reached; coverage of rural, suburban, and urban areas; and perceptions of satisfaction with and utility of training. Findings showed a 40% increase in the number of events delivered ( $p < .001$ ) and a 270% increase in the number of attendees ( $p < .001$ ) during the COVID period when TTCs relied exclusively on virtual delivery. Geospatial analyses linking zip codes to a schematic of rural, suburban, and urban classifications throughout the United States revealed significant increases in the number of zip codes reached during the COVID time period. Satisfaction levels were comparable before and during the pandemic. Findings show that expanded access to TTA services via virtual formats resulted in reach to more diverse attendees and regions, and did not come at the expense of satisfaction. Results suggest that virtual TTA should continue to be an important component of TTA offerings post-pandemic.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Serve as a representative of the TTC Virtual Workgroup

#### ASAP Conference

**Description:** The NeC-ATTC collaborated with the NYS Alcohol and Substance Abuse Providers (ASAP) association to deliver three (3) workshops for their annual conference:  
Session Name: DEI/Cultural Competency (CLAS Standards) Date: Monday, September 12th, 2022 (2:00PM – 3:00PM)  
Session Name: Advancing Health Equity for LGBTQ+ Populations Date: Tuesday, September 13th, 2022 (2:00PM – 3:00PM)  
Session Name: Integrated Care Date: Tuesday, September 13th, 2022 (2:00PM – 3:00PM)

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Conduct Presentations on ATTC activities

## Northeast and Caribbean ATTC Highlights for October 2022 – November 2022

### **National Harm Reduction Conference**

**Description:** NeC-ATTC staff (including ORN Technology Transfer Specialists) will be attending the National Harm Reduction Conference in Puerto Rico from October 13-16, 2022. ATTC/ORN staff will be participating in three distinct activities: Friday October 14: Emely Santiago (ORN TTS) is participating in a roundtable: Culture is Equity, Prevention, and Wellness: A Roundtable Exploring the Importance of Implementing Culturally Responsive Services Across the Harm Reduction, Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Spectrum Saturday October 15: ATTC PD Michael Chaple will be presenting a poster Empirical assessment of drug-related wounds among people who use drugs (PWUD): Pilot testing a standardized wound care assessment and referral protocol. Sunday October 16: ATTC PD Michael Chaple will participate in a HarmRed Talk: Empirical assessment of drug-related wounds among people who use drugs (PWUD): Pilot testing a standardized wound care assessment and referral protocol.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Conduct Presentations on ATTC activities

### **Collaboration with CTN-097**

**Description:** The NeC-ATTC is collaborating with CTN-0097 to help package and disseminate the intervention protocol for rapid naltrexone, initially for use among trial sites and subsequently refined for more widespread dissemination among providers across the country, incorporating lessons learned during the trial. During the current reporting period, we have engaged a developer for the site, purchased a URL, established preliminary branding, reviewed study protocols, and built out the framework of the site. Content has been completed as it relates to procedures and protocols for rapid naltrexone. In the upcoming period the study team will be expanding site content to include guidance for methadone and buprenorphine with the hope that this comprehensive view can help to inform shared decision making among providers and patients regarding MOUD options. Over the next couple of months, the expectation is that the site will be completed with all the required content. In addition, the NeC-ATTC has partnered with CTN-097 and four additional ATTC regional centers to submit a proposal that will examine the effectiveness of this intervention (with the website serving as an implementation tool) in detox centers, along with preliminary examination of implementation facilitators/barriers.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:** None

### **Collaboration with NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene**

**Description:** The NeC-ATTC is collaborating with the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) to deliver training workshops on de-escalation to Ryan White Service providers funded by NYC DOHMH. Recently, NYC DOHMH has made it a mandatory requirement for Ryan White providers to receive deescalation training and has approached the NeC-ATTC about the possibility of delivering this course to providers. The NeC-ATTC has agreed to offer one delivery per month, starting in October and likely extending through February to help satisfy this mandate.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:** None



**LGBTQ Substance Misuse Screening and Intervention in Primary Care**

**Description:** LGBTQ communities face a greater risk for substance misuse due to a convergence of several risk factors: a higher incidence of trauma than the general population, social venues dedicated to drinking, predatory alcohol and tobacco marketing, and minority stress. Though substance use screening is a part of most medical history and behavioral health intake interviews, too often the signs of a serious problem go unaddressed in primary care settings. This skills-focused webinar will explore the scope of substance use disorder within LGBTQ communities, suggest targeted screening instruments and brief intervention strategies, and emphasize LGBTQ-affirming attitudes and approaches that work most effectively with these vulnerable populations.

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/central-east-attc/event/substance-misuse-screening-and-intervention-primary-care>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:** None

**Implementing Motivational Interviewing Capacity Building Project -DE Part 1: Event 1 of 2**

**Description:** This training is designed for anyone who has a working knowledge of Motivational Interviewing and is working (or planning to work) in a supervisory role. We will explore what it would be like to use MI in an evaluation process/review, as a way to handle workplace conflicts, or how to motivate a supervisee to be more productive. We will learn how to move from an authoritative approach to an approach that is more collaborative. We will see what can happen if we apply MI Skills to this often-challenging role? We will emphasize the OARS skills and how each one is important to this process—asking evocative questions, making reflections, using affirmations. We will use role play and videos to help with understanding the important role of MI in supervision using various workplace scenarios. In the same way that Motivational Interviewing can resolve ambivalence while using an empathic approach to support clients in creating change, we can use the same tools to create a healthy workplace environment. After completing this course, participants will have a better appreciation for what their employees need to excel. Both sessions are mandatory in order to receive CEUs.

**Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEKde-trT0sGNHp1hFA-fK3XBK24aWzxVZY>

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance

**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.

**Co-Occurring Disorders Enhanced Professional Learning Series (COD EPL)**

**Description:** The importance of identifying and addressing mental health issues in a substance use disorder treatment setting is essential to improving the overall outcomes for participants. Initiating early detection and intervention for those that have a co-occurring disorder is crucial and we now know that treatment works best if we are addressing both the substance use AND the mental health disorder during the treatment process. According to SAMHSA, the most effective dual diagnosis regimen treats both the mental illness and substance issues at the same time. This online learning series will provide 15 hours of instruction and will include blended activities of virtual online groups and self-study related to understanding and integrating Mental Health Disorder knowledge into the provision of Substance Use Disorder treatment. This

will include interactive discussions, videos, performance-based feedback, articles, and activities.

**Link:** [https://nfartec.org/courses/co-occurring-disorders-cod-region-3-5-1/?utm\\_source=Trisha+D.+Only&utm\\_campaign=9cddae51bf-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2022\\_06\\_20\\_07\\_49&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_9eaa4e5b4a-9cddae51bf-149221521](https://nfartec.org/courses/co-occurring-disorders-cod-region-3-5-1/?utm_source=Trisha+D.+Only&utm_campaign=9cddae51bf-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2022_06_20_07_49&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_9eaa4e5b4a-9cddae51bf-149221521)

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- The ATTC will provide annual training and implementation support in the following EBP's: SBIRT, Motivational Interviewing (MI), CBT, Contingency Management, 12 step facilitation, MAT. Chronic Care management/recovery. Clinical Supervision.

### Central East ATTC Highlights for October 2022 – September 2022

#### **Partnership: Why it Matters and How to Build it**

**Description:** By the end of this session, the learner will be able to: Identify unique challenges if serving individuals at risk of STI/HIV and Substance Use Disorder Discuss 3 strategies for building a trusting partnership with the individuals you serve Practice 3 strategies for building a trusting partnership with the individuals you serve

**Link:** <https://www.maaetc.org/events/view/20852>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- The ATTC will provide annual training and implementation support in the following EBP's: SBIRT, Motivational Interviewing (MI), CBT, Contingency Management, 12 step facilitation, MAT. Chronic Care management/recovery. Clinical Supervision.

#### **One Pill Can Kill**

**Description:** Through the "One Pill Can Kill" campaign the DEA is bringing awareness to the dangers of fentanyl, the threat of fake pills, and resources to keep people safe. Additionally, this webinar will share a best-practice communication strategy for sharing information to the public. The overarching goal is to provide participants with information about the "One Pill Can Kill" campaign and review a best practice communication strategy so participants leave feeling confident in both their knowledge of the "One Pill Can Kill" campaign and in their ability to communicate it with others.

**Link:** <https://danyainstitute-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEvC-2przMjG93bn9AromdcW9FOYDznitF>

**Related Topics:** 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

#### **Ending the HIV Epidemic Conference: Implementing Substance Use, Mental Health, HCV and STI Screening**

**Description:** In collaboration with the MidAtlantic AIDS Education and Training Center (MAAETC), the CEATTC is hosting an in-person event at the Pittsburgh Marriott North in Cranberry, PA. The topics of discussion include syndemics, advice & best practice

communication skills, harm reduction, STI, HCV screening and integration in primary and HIV care, substance use disorder screening & introduction to intervention, mental health screening for suicide & introduction into intervention.

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/central-east-attc/event/ending-hiv-epidemic-conference-implementing-substance-use-mental>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

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

## ATTC: Southeast

### Southeast ATTC Highlights from August 2022 – September 2022

#### **The Relationship Between Stigma, Language and Overdose**

**Description:** Hosted by the Georgia School of Addiction Studies Brief review of “Stigma” as it relates to SUD. Review stigmatizing language. Help participants make the connection between stigma and individuals not entering treatment. Specific emphasis is placed on stigma related to Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) and the direct correlation between reduced overdose deaths and the use of MOUD>

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/node/38664>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Facilitate behavioral health trainings and learning communities

#### **The Language of Recovery**

**Description:** Hosted by The Courage Center Columbia SC Brief review of “Stigma” as it relates to SUD. Review stigmatizing language. Help participants make the connection between stigma and individuals not entering treatment.

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/node/38661>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Facilitate behavioral health trainings and learning communities

#### **Understanding Gender Identity & Affectional Orientation in Addiction Treatment**

**Description:** Hosted by Alcohol & Drug Abuse Certification Board of Georgia Review constructs of “gender identity” and “affectional orientation”. Pay specific attention to trauma the people who are not heterosexual or cisgender experience in life. Discuss ways SUD Treatment providers can be supportive and not re-traumatize LGBTQ+ patients in their services

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/node/38662>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Facilitate behavioral health trainings and learning communities

### Southeast ATTC Highlights for October 2022 – November 2022

#### **Worlds Apart: What Works in Adolescent Treatment and Why, Co-sponsor-Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intelle**

**Description:** Sometimes adolescents can seem as though they come from an entirely different world, and in some regards they do! There has been a wealth of recent discoveries about adolescent development and learning. Unfortunately, there is frequently a disconnect between what we know works best with adolescents and the treatment modalities we use when working with them. This session reviews recent research and discoveries and explores how to best apply that knowledge to effectively treat adolescents with a strong emphasis on practical application.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Facilitate behavioral health trainings and learning communities

### **The Art of Caring for Yourself as You Care for Others**

**Description:** By all accounts, times of transition elevate stress levels and require a heightened sense of focus. During this prolonged season of nearly constant change, it is crucial that those of us in the helping professions remain aware of our own stress levels, are attentive to the needs of those we serve, remain mindful of those we swerve alongside, and establish effective habits for maintaining prolonged health. This session is an opportunity to evaluate where participants are in terms of their own changes and self-care and to develop a practical plan for increasing the health and vitality of ourselves, our programs, and those we have the privilege of serving.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Facilitate behavioral health trainings and learning communities

### **Seizing the Moment: Mindful Practice in Addiction Treatment**

**Description:** Mindful practice is an effective tool in treating substance use disorders. Mindful Practice in Addiction Treatment is a didactic and experiential exploration of why mindful practice can be an effective aspect of treatment and provides participants with the skills needed to be able to utilize it as such.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Facilitate behavioral health trainings and learning communities

## ATTC: Great Lakes

### Great Lakes ATTC Highlights from August 2022 – September 2022

#### **2022 Summer Pregnant and Parenting Women (PPW) Leadership Learning Collaborative**

**Description:** The Great Lakes ATTC hosted a PPW Leadership Learning Collaborative. Participants included those who manage a pregnant and parenting women (PPW) program, advocates for pregnant and parenting women, and those who are passionate about serving pregnant women with substance use disorders (SUDs). Participants connected with other leaders and champions doing the same PPW work.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance

**Related Workplan Activities:** None

#### **Motivational Interviewing: Systems Implementation**

**Description:** The Great Lakes ATTC hosted an intensive technical assistance (TA) project on implementing Motivational Interviewing. Participants included those that completed our Motivational Interviewing Foundational Skills trainings and were ready to implement MI into their practice or organization. The intensive TA project included four one-hour sessions, where participants received the guidance and process tools to use to implement and sustain MI—or any other evidence-based practice—at a systems level. Participants were supported with guidance and the process tools needed to develop and implement systems level strategies for providing effective and sustained motivational interviewing services.

**Link:**

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

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Teach MI techniques and other psychosocial interventions in Region 5

#### **NIATx Change Leader Academy**

**Description:** The Great Lakes ATTC presented the NIATx Change Leader Academy in September 2022. This interactive, expert-led program included four weekly 90-minute learning sessions. An optional organizational consultation session was available following the four sessions. Participants learned the NIATx principles and how they motivate positive change, how to build a change team and integrate NIATx principles at the organizational level and how to conduct a change project to improve a specific process within their organization. This CLA will focused on access and retention.

**Link:**

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

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Based on needs assessment, develop change project aims and curriculum, and engage experts

### Great Lakes ATTC Highlights for October 2022 – November 2022

#### **Stimulants 101**

**Description:** The Great Lakes ATTC will be hosting this 6-hour stimulant training developed by multiple ATTCs. It will provide an overview of the impact of stimulant drugs, and current

treatment options. The training will include content regarding the impact of stimulants on the brain and body, and a range of data regarding national and regional trends related to stimulant use. It will also include information about stimulant use among specific populations.

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/great-lakes-attc/event/stimulants-101-fall-2022-series>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:** None

### **Clinical Supervision Monthly Learning Communities: Helping Employees Improve Their Job Performance**

**Description:** The Great Lakes ATTC will continue to host the intensive TA project on Clinical Supervision. Poor employee work performance can have an impact on the quality of client care in substance use disorders treatment. Topics covered in this presentation include the supervisory plan, methods of observation and feedback, helping counselors improve clinical competence, and how to address a decline in work performance.

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/great-lakes-attc/event/clinical-supervision-monthly-learning-communities-helping-employees>

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

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Develop practices to respond to issues identified in the 2016 ATTC workforce survey

### **Suicide & Substance Use in Latino Communities: Culturally Grounded Approaches for Prevention & Treatment**

**Description:** The Great Lakes ATTC will be hosting this 2-part virtual training series, intended for mental health professionals and providers who are dedicated to delivering services to diverse Hispanic and Latino populations. It discusses suicidal behaviors and substance use, demographics of the Hispanic populations, risks, assessment, prevention, intervention, recovery, as well as school-related considerations. The training also includes information on cultural values and how they may relate to symptom manifestation, help-seeking behaviors, and the treatment processes. Furthermore, the training addresses risk and protective factors for suicide and co-occurring disorders among Hispanic and Latino populations, focusing on assessment and treatment approaches that are culturally grounded and strengths-based. This series aims at developing the skills and enhancing the abilities of mental health professionals working with Latino populations at risk for suicide and/or co-occurring disorders. The training is structured through 5 learning modules that emphasize the role of culture as an integral part of prevention and treatment for suicidal behaviors and substance use.

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/great-lakes-attc/event/suicide-substance-use-latino-communities-culturally-grounded-0>

**Related Topics:** The Opioid Epidemic

**Related Workplan Activities:**

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

## ATTC: South Southwest

### South Southwest ATTC Highlights from August 2022 – September 2022

#### **Addressing the Needs of People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Webinar**

**Description:** In partnership with the Recovery to Practice (RTP) at the University of North Texas at Denton, a series of webinars on topics cultivated based on needs expressed in the RTP online recovery community. This presentation helps attendees better understand how to support individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) and identify support needs for Individuals with IDD with and without co-occurring Mental Health and/or Substance Use Diagnoses. August 17, 2022 12:00pm- 1:00pm CT Presenter: Jordan Smelley, MHPS

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/south-southwest-attc/event/webinar-addressing-needs-people-intellectual-and-developmental>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Provide workforce development and EBPP training for addiction counseling and recovery professionals

#### **Science of Substance Use, Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), and Advocacy Webinar**

**Description:** In partnership with the Oklahoma Behavioral Health Association, this presentation addresses how the brain is impacted by substance use and reduction of stigma. An overview of medications approved for treating substance use disorders is offered, with a highlight on approved Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (OUD). Access to Medication-Assisted Treatment is highlighted, with discussion on strategies that increase quality of care and coordination of services. September 13, 2022 8:00am – 12:00pm

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/south-southwest-attc/event/science-substance-use-medication-assisted-treatment-mat-and>

**Related Topics:** The Opioid Epidemic

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Provide workforce development and EBPP training for addiction counseling and recovery professionals

#### **Educational Consortium Fall Semester Activities**

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

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

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

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



## South Southwest ATTC Highlights for October 2022 – November 2022

### **SSW ATTC Annual Advisory Board Meeting**

**Description:** SSW ATTC Advisory Board Meeting, with focus areas including Region 6 state and tribal efforts, recent updates on substance use needs, trends and responses, and strengthening and supporting the addiction treatment and recovery workforce. November 2-3, 2022. Austin, Texas

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

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Convene stakeholders in Advisory Board annual meeting and workgroups

### **Contingency Management Technical Assistance**

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

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

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Complete summary report on year-long learning collaborative supporting implementation of Contingency Management in substance use treatment settings in Oklahoma.

### **Family Support Listening Sessions Report: Drawing on Community Wisdom**

**Description:** As part of a collaborative effort to develop responsive and culturally appropriate resources for family members of people in Region 6 who are facing challenges with stimulants and other substances, SSW ATTC, in partnership with the National Hispanic and Latino ATTC and the African American Behavioral Health Center of Excellence, initiated a process in Region 6 of consultation with family members and loved ones of people who use substances about their experiences and needs. The report under development will describe the process and findings of the first phase of this consultation process and will be the basis for next steps by the collaborative working group to develop resources, products or processes adaptable to local communities, responsive to cultural nuances, and offering a built-in process for ongoing input from community.

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

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Convene workgroup and adapt materials for audience of family members

## ATTC: Mid-America

### Mid-America ATTC Highlights from August 2022 – September 2022

#### Mid-America Staff exhibit and present at ACMHCKS annual conference

**Description:** Description: The Annual Conference for Behavioral Health is presented by the Association of Community Mental Health Centers of Kansas in partnership with the Kansas Association of Addiction Professionals. The conference provides educational opportunities to increase awareness of emerging trends, to build skills and knowledge to provide behavioral healthcare, and to advocate for policy change. The event will be held September 13-16th in Wichita, KS.

**Link:** <http://www.acmhck.org/annualconference/2022-annual-conference-for-behavioral-health/>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Maintain affiliate membership with state provider associations; attend meetings periodically.

#### Annual Region 7 TTC Advisory Committee Meeting

**Description:** Description: We are reconvening our annual in-person advisory board meeting this coming fall! The Mid-America (region 7) TTC Advisory Board Meeting will occur Friday, September 23 from 9 am-3 pm in Kansas City, MO. New to the Region 7 TTC Advisory Board? We recognize that there has been turnover in organizations. You may be on this list because you replaced someone who was on our advisory council, or you have been identified as a key stakeholder in the prevention, mental health, or substance use field. To learn more about our work, please visit our websites: the Mid-America ATTC [attcnetwork.org] website, Mid-America MHTTC [mhhtcnetwork.org] website, and Mid-America PTTC [pttcnetwork.org] website. The Mid-America TTC Advisory Board's role is to inform the direction of projects based on the current needs in the behavioral health field in region 7 (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, or Nebraska).

**Link:** [n/a](#)

**Related Topics:** The Opioid Epidemic

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Bi-annual Region 7 TTC Zoom meetings

#### Mid-America Staff to attend 7th Annual Iowa Board of Certification CARE Conference

**Description:** IBC's 7th Annual C.A.R.E. Conference will be September 8-9, 2022 at the Courtyard by Marriott at 2405 SE Creekview Dr. in Ankeny. This year's conference will be 2 full days (12 hours) plus an optional 3-hour Ethics session from 6:00-8:00 the evening of Sep. 8. We have a fantastic agenda of sessions and speakers you won't want to miss! You will note that afternoons contain both 90-minute and 3-hour sessions...be sure choose sessions that are not overlapping. Registration will be available from June 1-August 31; no registrations will be accepted after Aug. 31. To register, go to: <https://forms.gle/jpCzbuXHd4PasbDk7>. Once you've registered go to the IBC website at [www.iowabc.org](http://www.iowabc.org) to pay the registration fee with debit/credit card or Paypal. Once IBC has received your registration form and fee, you will receive an email confirming your registration. To view conference agenda, sessions, and speakers go to: Conference agenda and Speakers Bio We're excited to see you at this year's conference and know that you will enjoy networking with colleagues!

**Link:** <https://iowabc.org/2022/05/31/save-the-date-ibc-c-a-r-e-conference-aug-25-27/>

**Related Topics:** The Opioid Epidemic

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Maintain affiliate membership with state provider associations; attend meetings periodically.

## Mid-America ATTC Highlights for October 2022 – November 2022

### **Opioid Overdose Response Collaboration with MIMH (MoCorps)**

**Description:** • The University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) is pleased to respond to have been awarded opportunity announcement (FOA) TI-22-008, collaborating with the Missouri Institute of Mental Health DOTS Project to provide resources to first responders and members of other key community sectors at the state, tribal, and other government levels to train, carry and administer Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) approved drugs and devices for emergency reversal of known or suspected opioid overdose. The Mid-America ATTC will provide training and technical assistance services to the substance abuse prevention field including professionals/pre-professionals, organizations, and others in the prevention community. Stigma will be addressed in the training.

**Link:** [n/a](#)

**Related Topics:** The Opioid Epidemic

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Overdose Response trainings provided, Narcan kits distributed through trainings, Narcan use panel provided, Narcan taskforce meetings held

### **Missouri PPW and TOT**

**Description:** The Mid-America Addiction Technology Transfer Center (Mid-America ATTC) and the Missouri Credentialing Board in Region 7 are sponsoring a 2-part training for peer specialists/recovery coaches and supervisors of peer specialists who want to develop expertise in serving pregnant and parenting families impacted by substance use and/or opioid dependence. Part 1 of the training will cover the Providing Peer Based Recovery Support Services for Pregnant & Parenting Families curriculum. Part 2 will consist of a Training of Trainers. The training will take place November 29 - December 2, 2022 in Columbia, MO.

**Link:** [not available yet](#)

**Related Topics:** The Opioid Epidemic

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- the ATTC will coordinate and reimburse expenses to hold a ToT for the peer support with PPW ORN curriculum

### **Course for Non-traditional audiences**

**Description:** This 1.5-hour course is designed to educate employers and employees about mental health and substance use issues that may arise in the workplace and how to manage them. It is not designed for the mental health professional, and this series does not train the viewer to diagnose, only to recognize and respond. Behavioral health, specifically substance use, are a common occurrence. Everyone in the workplace can make an impact by learning more about these conditions, working to reduce stigma, and learning how to talk to a coworker who might be struggling and help them to access support resources. This project was a cross collaboration with MHTTC and PTTC region 7.

**Link:** <https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fhealthknowledge.org%2Fcourse%2Fview.php%3Fid%3D790&data=05%7C01%7Csherryb%40umkc.edu%7C0af5abaf01414a43365108da9d7ae2ac%7Ce3fefdbef7e9401ba51a355e01b05a89%7C0%7C0%7C637995448372569550%7CUn>

**Related Topics:** The Opioid Epidemic

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Promote online courses offered on HealthKnowledge at all state/regional conferences/exhibits.

## ATTC: Mountain Plains

### Mountain Plains ATTC Highlights from June 2022 - July 2022

#### **Substance Use Disorders Keys to Education Product**

**Description:** In collaboration with the Pacific Southwest ATTC, Mountain Plains developed Supplemental Micro-Professional Learning modules targeting addiction educators and clinical supervisors. This product provides brief educational modules that can be easily infused into existing academic addiction courses or used to train in clinical supervision sessions. Mountain Plains will identify regional SUD academic programs to include in a list for initial dissemination of the product and plans are in development for formal virtual product demonstration efforts.

Link: <https://mtplainsattc.org/sud-keys/>

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**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- 4.3 Develop CIPs for academic faculty on MAT, ROSC, Rurality, and Videoconferencing in Yr 4

#### **Sample Policies for the Delivery of SUD-related Service via Audio-Only Telehealth**

**Description:** The Mountain Plains and the Pacific Southwest ATTCs created a new product to assist behavioral health providers and peer support specialists that provide services to People with Substance Use Disorders (PWSUDs) using the telephone (mobile, landline, or internet phones). This document provides sample policies and recommended practices that behavioral health providers and peer support specialists can use and/or adapt to help guide the delivery of Audio-Only Telehealth (AOTs). Many behavioral health treatment and peer support experts predict that patients/clients/peers will receive services in a hybrid delivery mode (in-person, videoconferencing, and telephone) in the near future. As such, behavioral health providers and peer support specialists will need to expand their skills and competencies while agencies and/or organizations will need policies and practices in place to guide service delivery utilizing AOTs. This product can be used as a starting point to assist in the implementation of AOTs or to enhance current AOTs.

Link: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/mountain-plains-attc/product/sample-policies-delivery-sud-related-services-audio-only>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

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

#### **Older Adults and Substance Use Health Knowledge Course**

**Description:** This course addresses an emerging phenomenon in the older adult population. Current research is revealing increased usage of substances in this population group. There are several contributing factors leading to this phenomenon coupled with the fact that as the baby boom generation enters their older adult years this increase in the use of substances will continue. Considering this development, the course provides an overview of aging and the issues associated with the use of substance by older adults. It highlights some of the contributing factors to this increase of substance use in older adults and provides some initial approaches that can assist primary care and behavioral health providers in assessing the use of substances and possible interventions. Also, modifications that may need to be considered

when assessing and intervening with older adults around substance use is provided. In addition, the course offers three modules addressing the unique needs of older adult women, harm reduction and pain management.

**Link:** <https://healthknowledge.org/login/index.php>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

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

### **Mountain Plains ATTC Highlights for October 2022 – November 2022**

#### **Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Substance Use Disorders EPL Series**

**Description:** Mountain Plains ATTC announces a new Enhanced Professional Learning (EPL) Series, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) for Substance Use Disorders (SUDs). CBT is an evidence-based, psycho-social intervention method that aims to treat SUDs. CBT is a short-term and focused therapeutic approach to help people learn to better identify the negative and self-defeating thoughts/actions that can contribute to substance use. Individuals with an SUD may often struggle with negative feelings or thoughts that make recovery more difficult. Because CBT focuses on identifying and replacing such thought patterns with more adaptive ones, it can help improve an individual's outlook and support skills that support recovery. This 7-week, EPL online series (offered every Tuesday, Oct 4 -Nov 15, 2022) will provide collaborative training and practice opportunities essential to the development of CBT skills.

**Link:** <https://mtplainsattc.org/courses/cognitive-behavioral-therapy-cbt-for-substance-use-disorders-suds/>

**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)

#### **Rural Ethics 2-Part Webinar Series**

**Description:** This 2-part webinar series, Ethics in a Rural Context: Principles & Decision-Making (Oct 13, 2022) and Ethics in a Rural Context: Application & Case Studies (Oct 17, 2022) will address ethical issues that are likely to be relevant to rural providers. In the first session, ethical decision-making and boundary management will be emphasized, along with a review of ethical principles that guide the process across service providers. The second session will be more directly relevant to licensed professionals, with a focus on boundaries of competence.

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/mountain-plains-attc/event/ethics-rural-context-2-part-series-session-one>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

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

#### **Taking Care of Your Own Recovery 2-part Webinar Series**

**Description:** This 2-part webinar series is scheduled for November 2022 and will take a deeper dive into compassion fatigue to focus on grief/loss, collective trauma, peer and professional worker loss; and self-care. Participants will learn the nature, scope of overdose death; distinguish the unique sequela of overdose grief and risks for complicated grief; learn basic self-care recovery maintenance in the presence of suffering; and learn team support to address suffering.

**Link:** [Coming Soon](#)

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

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

## ATTC: Pacific Southwest

### Pacific Southwest ATTC Highlights from June 2022 - July 2022

#### **Understanding the Impact of Structural Racism on Clinical Care: Lessons from HIV and COVID-19**

**Description:** On September 20-21, 2022, the Pacific Southwest ATTC, in collaboration with Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center and UCLA Integrated Substance Abuse Programs co-sponsored a two-day live virtual conference entitled Guam's Third Annual Conference on Substance Use Disorders among Pacific Islanders. The virtual conference was held in recognition of National Recovery Month and was geared towards providers living and working across the six U.S.-affiliated Pacific Jurisdictions, as well as to providers based in Hawaii and the continental United States and beyond. The conference featured a series of four plenary presentations and four breakout sessions, each of which included six or seven workshops on a series of core topics. The seven concurrent tracks were: (1) women, 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]; (6) populations with specific service needs; and (7) opioids and stimulants [organized in partnership with the Opioid Response Network]. More than 1,100 people from around the world registered for the conference; 689 individuals from 26 countries participated in the conference. Additional details related to the geographic breakdown will be reported in the April-September 2022 semi-annual report.

**Link:** <https://uclaisap.org/dmhcod/html/2022-guam-third-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 and providers

#### **NEW PRODUCT ALERT! Medications for Opioid Use Disorder Among Culturally Diverse People with HIV (1st Edition – 2022)**

**Description:** Through a long-term partnership with the Pacific AIDS Education and Training Center, the Pacific Southwest ATTC developed a new training package entitled Medications for Opioid Use Disorder Among Culturally Diverse People with HIV (1st Edition – 2022). The purpose of the introductory-level training is to provide HIV clinicians, including, but not limited to physicians, dentists, nurses, and other allied medical staff, therapists and social workers, and counselors, specialists, and case managers, with an overview of the challenges and strategies for change in working with individuals with HIV/AIDS and a diagnosis of an opioid use disorder. The training package includes: (1) a brief live virtual presentation (90-minute abridged curriculum), (2) an in-person presentation (3-hour full curriculum), (3) a fully articulated trainer guide with instructions for how to convey the content and conduct all interactive exercises, and (4) a two-page fact sheet for HIV clinicians. The package was released in early August 2022 and is featured in the ATTC Products and Resources Catalog.

**Link:** <https://uclaisap.org/slides/moud-culturally-diverse-people-with-hiv.html>

**Related Topics:** The Opioid Epidemic

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

- Develop at least two new training packages in partnership with the HRSA-funded PAETC on the topics of (1) ending the HIV epidemic by addressing methamphetamine use and (2) medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD/MAT) for African American and Latinx populations



## **NEW PRODUCT ALERT! SUD Keys to Education – Alcohol and Stimulants (Region 8 and 9 Partnership)**

**Description:** The Pacific Southwest ATTC is partnering with the Mountain Plains ATTC to create a product entitled SUD Keys to Education. The product is geared towards educators and clinical supervisors and will help college and university faculty and clinical supervisors in substance use disorder treatment and recovery programs infuse brief, science-based content into existing substance use disorder-related course syllabi (e.g., foundation of addiction courses, ethics, counseling courses, etc.) and staff in services and other clinical educational activities. Individuals can select the specific content to infuse into existing curricula/materials depending on specific needs of the learners. Each slide contains notes to provide guidance, as necessary. References are included for each slide and handouts when possible. The first two Keys will be released in September 2022 and will focus on alcohol use disorder and stimulant use disorder. In addition, general content related to stigma, harm reduction, and recovery supports will be released, as well. The products will be added to the ATTC Products & Resources Catalog and featured on the Pacific Southwest ATTC and Mountain Plains ATTC websites once finalized.

**Link:** <https://mtplainsattc.org/sud-keys/>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Develop brief training tools for SUD clinical supervisors

### **Pacific Southwest ATTC Highlights for October 2022 – November 2022**

#### **Graduate Psychology Education (GPE) Program Fall Training Institute**

**Description:** On September 27, 2022, the Pacific Southwest ATTC, in partnership with Children's Hospital Los Angeles, will kick off a three-part, in-person Fall Training Institute for a cohort of psychology fellow involved in the HRSA-funded Graduate Psychology Education (GPE) Program. The dates and topics of the Training Institute are as follows: Day 1 – September 27, 2022 will focus on Cultural Humility, Social Determinants of Health, and Self-Care Approaches; Day 2 – October 4, 2022 will focus on an Introduction to Motivational Interviewing Approaches; and Day 3 – October 6, 2022 will focus on Co-Occurring Substance Use and Mental Health Disorders and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Relapse Prevention Approaches. Following the Fall Training Institute, the fellows will participate in a series of 10 monthly clinical coaching and consultation sessions, and will come back together in person for a Booster Training Institute in winter 2023.

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

**Related Topics:** The Opioid Epidemic

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Provide training on EBPP implementation to providers in psychology training fellowships

#### **NEW PRODUCT ALERT! Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE): Addressing Stimulant Use Disorder with Contingency Management**

**Description:** Through a long-term partnership with the Pacific AIDS Education and Training Center, the Pacific Southwest ATTC is in the process of developing a new training package entitled Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE): Addressing Stimulant Use with Contingency Management. The purpose of the introductory-level training is to provide HIV clinicians, including, but not limited to physicians, dentists, nurses, and other allied medical staff, therapists and social workers, and counselors, specialists, and case managers, with an overview of the

relationship between stimulant use and HIV and strategies for addressing stimulant use disorder with contingency management, an evidence-based behavioral intervention with robust research support. The training package will include (1) an in-person presentation (3-hour full curriculum), (2) a fully articulated trainer guide with instructions for how to convey the content and conduct all interactive exercises, and (3) a two-page fact sheet for HIV clinicians. The package will be released in fall 2022/winter 2023 and will be featured in the ATTC Products and Resources Catalog.

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/global-attc/products-resources-catalog>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Develop at least two new training packages in partnership with the HRSA-funded PAETC on the topics of (1) ending the HIV epidemic by addressing methamphetamine use and (2) medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD/MAT) for African American and Latinx populations

### **Addressing Opioid Use Disorder in Rural Communities Webinar Series**

**Description:** The Greater Southern California Node (GSCN) of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Clinical Trials Network (CTN), in partnership with the Pacific Southwest Addiction Technology Transfer Center (PSATTC) and UCLA Integrated Substance Abuse Programs, is presenting a four-part webinar series that is informed from the work of the CTN-0102 Feasibility Study to address implementation and sustainability of medications for opioid use disorders (MOUD) in rural settings. The series, entitled Addressing Opioid Use Disorder in Rural Communities, will be hosted by Larissa Mooney, MD, a Professor of Clinical Psychiatry and the Director of the Addiction Psychiatry Division in the Department of Psychiatry and Biomedical Sciences at UCLA. She is also a Principal Investigator for the GSCN of the NIDA CTN. Expert clinical researchers and clinicians in rural communities from across the U.S. will share practical knowledge and skills for improving care for patients (in rural areas) with OUD. The dates and topics for the four-part series are as follows: (1) Hindrances and Helps in Delivering MOUD Care in Rural Areas (October 12, 2022); (2) The Substance Use Disorder Workforce (November 9, 2022); (3) Telemedicine and Increasing Access to MOUD Care (December 7, 2022), and (4) Caring for Complex Patients in Resource-Limited Communities (January 18, 2022).

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/pacific-southwest-attc/event/opioid-use-rural-communities-4-part-series-addressing>

**Related Topics:** The Opioid Epidemic

**Related Workplan Activities:**

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

## ATTC: Northwest

### Northwest ATTC Highlights from August 2022 – September 2022

#### Recovery Month Events

**Description:** Northwest ATTC co-sponsored two events and held exhibits featuring several ATTC resources in recognition of Recovery Month, 2022. These two events included: 1) a partnership with Washington Recovery Alliance, to co-sponsor a speaker for a panel discussion following the film showing of “Tipping the Pain Scale”, a documentary that highlights innovative solutions and change agents in the addiction and recovery world from across the U.S., and includes a segment on a current legislator from WA State who is in recovery; and 2) “Speak Out for Recovery” event held at the Recovery Café in Seattle.. The Northwest ATTC exhibited materials at this resource fair where people with substance use and housing challenges and those in recovery were linked to services for their health and also for the health of their animals through the presence of a mobile veterinarian truck. This year marks the 5th year in a row that the Northwest ATTC has partnered with King County’s Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery and the Recovery Café in celebration of Recovery month, with the last two years’ celebrations being held virtually.

**Link:** [Tipping the Pain Scale \[tippingthepainscale.com\]](https://tippingthepainscale.com)

**Related Topics:** The Opioid Epidemic

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Deliver conference presentations at regional and state behavioral health conferences to promote EBPs and ATTC products and services.

#### Recovery is Health, Health is Recovery Lunch & Learn Series

**Description:** For recovery month, the Northwest ATTC partnered with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Recovery Idaho, and the Idaho Harm Reduction Project to host a series of webinars throughout the month on a range of health-related topics common to the SUD treatment and recovery workforce. These topics included overdose prevention, HIV, viral hepatitis, smoking cessation, STIs, and harm reduction with presentations including aspects of prevention, treatment, and related harm reduction practices. Recordings and related materials can be found here: <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/northwest-attc/recovery-health>

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/northwest-attc/recovery-health>

**Related Topics:** The Opioid Epidemic

**Related Workplan Activities:**

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

#### Northwest Institute on Addictions Studies (NWIAS) Conference

**Description:** The Northwest ATTC partnered with the Oregon Council on Behavioral Health and the Northwest Institute on Addiction Studies to provide two workshops and exhibit at the annual NWIAS conference, held in Portland, Oregon on August 23-26. Denna Vandersloot and Heather Jeffries presented a workshop entitled “Integrating Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Treatment: A Model for Success” and Mitch Doig and Debra Collins provided a three-hour workshop called “Motivational Interviewing – Elicit-Provide-Elicit for Care Coordination.

**Link:** <https://www.nwias.com/>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Deliver conference presentations at regional and state behavioral health conferences to promote EBPs and ATTC products and services.

### Northwest ATTC Highlights for October 2022 – November 2022

#### **Washington State Co-occurring Disorder Treatment Conference**

**Description:** The Northwest ATTC’s Technology Transfer Specialist, Laura Cooley served on the planning committee with the WA State Health Care Authority for this year’s annual WA State Health Care Authority conference. This year the conference will be held both in person and virtually on Oct. 10-11, 2022. Our Center will exhibit at the conference and is sponsoring three workshops: 1) Basics of Telehealth: Legal and Ethical Considerations; 2) Supervision of Peer Services Through Healing-Centered Engagement; and 3) A Discussion on How to Improve Family-based Programming. The Northwest ATTC will facilitate a discussion on the important topic of “How Can We Improve Family-Based Programming in Treatment Programs?” Input from this discussion and other listening sessions convened by the Northwest ATTC over the coming months will gather information about what barriers exist in Region X concerning how best to improve inclusion of family and support persons in substance use or co-occurring treatment and service delivery.

**Link:** <https://wacodtx.org/>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Deliver conference presentations at regional and state behavioral health conferences to promote EBPs and ATTC products and services.

#### **SeaView NIATx Process Improvement Project**

**Description:** The Northwest ATTC will continue its support to SeaView, a community health agency that provides SUD residential and outpatient treatment in Seward and the Eastern Kenai Peninsula of Alaska. This intensive technical assistance project’s focus is providing SeaView leadership TA on the NIATx process improvement model to help them improve client retention. The team is being introduced to the NIATx tools and will receive on-going coaching to assist them with implementation of the NIATx change model.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Improving Transition Across Levels of Care and Promoting Integration of Services using the NIATx Process Improvement Model

#### **Find, Hire, & Keep: Applying NIATx Process Improvement Tools and Principles to Create Staffing Solutions: Leadership Learning C**

**Description:** Behavioral Health providers are struggling to recruit, hire, and retain the staffing they need to provide quality care. And most of these systems respond to these struggles by spending ever increasing resources with ever diminishing returns. The application of process improvement tools and principles to the hiring process can help organizations rethink strategies around hiring and achieve results. This learning collaborative will include a virtual change leader academy, individual leadership and change team coaching sessions, and a final learning session for organizations to celebrate their successes and share their successful strategies for finding, hiring, and keeping staff. Applications are currently being accepted and the learning collaborative will have its kick-off meeting on October 25th and continue through March 2023.

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/northwest-attc/product/find-hire-keep-applying-niatx-process-improvement-tools-and>

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance

**Related Workplan Activities:** None

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

### **American Indian Alaska Native ATTC Highlights from August 2022 – September 2022**

#### **National American Indian /Alaskan Native ATTC Vol. 8 Issue 2 Summer Newsletter: Treatment of OUDs in Native Communities**

**Description:** The National American Indian and Alaska Native Addiction Technology Transfer Center's latest newsletter (Summer) was released earlier this month and featured interviews with Native Providers who are currently implementing MOUD treatment programs in the US and Alaska. We also spotlighted a tribally owned UIH Center based in Oregon Great Circle Recovery". And this edition featured a hard look at current data on the prevalence overdoes, treatment of OUDs and how relates to AI/AN populations in the US.

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/national-american-indian-and-alaska-native-attc/news/latest-issue-addressing-addiction-our>

**Related Topics:** The Opioid Epidemic

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Publish 4 ATTC Newsletters Annually 2022-23

#### **Behavioral Health Education Program - Series 2: Fundamentals of SUDs and Co-Occurring Mental Health Disorders Session 1 and 2**

**Description:** This ongoing behavioral series is designed for providers of substance use treatment and prevention services, peer support specialists, and those working in primary care settings, social services, schools, and mental health settings. These sessions aired on September 13 and 20th 11am-1230pmCST Topics Include: Overview of Models Pertaining to and Prevalence of Co-Occurring Disorders Description of Major Co-Occurring Disorders Treating Co-Occurring Disorders Assessment and Treatment Case Illustrations Reflections Upon Important Co-Occurring Topics - Q&A

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/national-american-indian-and-alaska-native-attc/news/behavioral-health-education-program>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Provide a viable training curriculum for Behavioral Health Aides in the lower 48 states. Consider State/ National Implementation of training credentials

#### **Data Gathering, Abstracts, Collaborations, Posters, and Publication**

**Description:** The AI/AN National ATTC has gathered numerous data on featured virtual events, reviewed the findings, prepared and submitted several abstracts, and will continue to work with our evaluation group at the University of Miami in the coming months to prepare for publications on our research. We remain excited about the potential in promoting our AI/AN specific Behavioral Health data that reflect the power of the protective factors throughout AI/AN culture.

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

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Present Academic Abstracts and subsequent posters/ oral presentations

## American Indian Alaska Native ATTC Highlights for October 2022 – November 2022

### **Alcohol and Drug Certification Exam training November 1-4 2022**

**Description:** Our National AI/AN Center continues to plan for an additional Alcohol and Drug Certification Preparation training course. The date and location have now been established for 2022. We will be traveling to Cherokee, North Carolina and offering the preparation course November 1-4, 2022. This 4-day course will be offered in hybrid format giving the registrants the option to attend virtually or in person. Pre and post test will be utilized to assist the attendees gauge their readiness to test. We will again offer a learning collaborative meeting post training, along with additional practice exams and further discussion on exam preparation to those interested.

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/national-american-indian-and-alaska-native-attc/alcohol-and-drug-exam-preparation-resources>

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Continue to Offer Training of Trainers on the Alcohol and Drug Review Course, the Native Clinical Supervision Curriculum, and on the use of Native American Cultural Sensitivity Training

### **ESAS Webinars and Behavioral Health Webinars**

**Description:** Our Center will continue to provide monthly on going Essential Substance Abuse Skills Training Webinars with an October broadcast featuring Co-Director Sean Bear presenting on "Clinical Evaluation: Screening" and in November ATTC Manager Steve Steine will present on the topic of "Clinical Evaluation: Assessment". Furthermore, we continue with a fantastic line up of Behavioral Health Webinars with topics related to AI/AN culture and perspective. Lastly, Through November our special 3-series event "Cultivating Connections in These Changing Times: Walking Together in Kindness, Courage, Endurance, and Love" continues with a Native panel of professionals exploring a range of topics connected to Indigenous behavioral health and healing approaches.

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/national-american-indian-and-alaska-native-attc/behavioral-health-and-essential-substance>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Deliver 15-25 webinars as part of our Behavioral Health Webinar Series

### **ASAM, DSM-5, Clinical Applications, Treatment Planning, and Cultural Considerations: An Overview**

**Description:** This a closed training in response to a TA request from the Santee tribe in Nebraska. The goal of this training is to assist American Indian & Alaska Native substance use disorder counselors apply components of DSM-5 and ASAM in their clinical practice. Additionally, the training will address Indigenous cultural considerations, treatment planning, and treatment placement. The final day will involve practicing DSM-5 diagnosis and making appropriate treatment recommendations using ASAM criteria. This day and a half training will be offered both in person and virtually. Objectives: • Review of ASAM 3rd Edition (2013) • Review of DSM-5 (update on DSM-5 TR) • Review of Comprehensive Treatment Planning • Identify and Discuss Cultural Considerations • Practice Use of DSM-5 Diagnosis and ASAM with case studies October 17 & 18 Niobrara, Nebraska Santee Health and Wellness Center

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance  
**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Upon request, offer at least 6 TA requests



## ATTC: National Hispanic Latino

### National Hispanic Latino ATTC Highlights from August 2022 – September 2022

#### **SBIRT Webinar Series**

**Description:** The National Hispanic and Latino ATTC joined efforts with our sister-center to offer a 2-part Series titled: 'A Cultural Adaptation of Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment, (SBIRT) for Working with Hispanic and Latinx Communities'. Culturally and linguistically appropriate strategies are the means to ensure respectful and responsive services that enhance effective outcomes for racial, ethnic, and other underserved communities in behavioral health care. As such, being culturally informed when conducting evidence based practices such as SBIRT can help Hispanic and Latinx clients reduce their substance use. SBIRT, is an evidence-based practice that helps practitioners identify and intervene with people whose pattern of substance use puts them at risk for or are experiencing substance-related health and other psychosocial problems. The question is: How do we facilitate SBIRT without compromising the fidelity of the model while practicing culturally responsive care? Our goal with this two session webinar series is to review the current landscape of substance use and the benefits of culturally adapted evidence-based interventions that align with the CLAS Standards. The content will inform on how a culturally informed framework can help meet the needs and enhance quality care among Hispanic communities at risk. The sessions are now available in our website.

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/national-hispanic-and-latino-attc/product/cultural-adaptation-screening-brief-intervention>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Deliver at least two VLCs to closed cohorts. Provide 2-4 follow up ITA sessions per VLC to gauge learning, uptake, implementation, sustainability, etc.

#### **Accelerating Training in Behavioral Health Equity: A Learning Series for Trainees**

**Description:** The National Hispanic and Latino ATTC proudly presents this 4-part learning series designed to enhance education and training related to health equity for current behavioral health trainees. The program is designed to introduce trainees to various structural factors that contribute to behavioral health disparities, outline the role of social justice in achieving behavioral health equity, and foster understanding and appreciation of culture and community in promoting equity. The content is designed to increase the knowledge of behavioral health trainees with a particular emphasis on and orientation towards applying social justice to behavioral health practice. The sessions are now available in our website.

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/national-hispanic-and-latino-attc/product/accelerating-training-behavioral-health-equity>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Deliver at least two VLCs to closed cohorts. Provide 2-4 follow up ITA sessions per VLC to gauge learning, uptake, implementation, sustainability, etc.

#### **2022 National Latino Behavioral Health Conference – Juntos Podemos!**

**Description:** The National Hispanic and Latino ATTC joined efforts with our sister-center to offer the 2022 National Latino Behavioral Health Conference: Latino Behavioral Health Equity ¡Juntos Podemos! Was delivered on September 15-16, 2022 at the Sahara Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. The conference highlighted the latest and most relevant data around Prevention,

Treatment, Recovery, Policy, and Research focusing on the Hispanic and Latino communities, and provided a forum for Behavioral Health professionals from different areas to connect, exchange ideas and together explore best practices to attend the Hispanic and Latino Communities. We had over 300 attendees who participated in over 40 workshops, poster presentations and express sessions. A big thank you to all those who joined us and supported this event.

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

**Related Topics:** None

**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.

### **National Hispanic Latino ATTC Highlights for October 2022 – November 2022**

#### **2023 National Hispanic and Latino Executive Leadership and Fellowship Program**

**Description:** WE ARE HONORED TO ANNOUNCE THE FOURTH COHORT OF THE NATIONAL HISPANIC AND LATINO EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM. The 2023 National Hispanic and Latino Executive Leadership and Fellowship Program is offered to those identified by the National Hispanic and Latino ATTC and PTTC for executive leadership training and coaching to maximize their leadership potential in behavioral health and integrated health. The Fellows are entry-level to mid-level career leaders/managers in the health and behavioral health (mental health and substance use disorder treatment or substance misuse prevention and mental health promotion) sectors who have demonstrated potential and interest in executive leadership positions and have been selected for participating in the National Hispanic and Latino Executive Leadership and Fellowship Program. The goal is to increase the participants' leadership skills to not only to become effective and transformational leaders and but also to build upon strengths and talents to further their leadership capacity in order to pursue executive-level leadership positions in behavioral health and integrated health settings. Please use the following links to learn more about the program and to complete your application:

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/national-hispanic-and-latino-attc/news/2023-national-hispanic-and-latino-executive>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Evolve the curriculum to be used during the 9-12 month Leadership Academy. The 3rd cohort will include increased engagement with Fellows by including the HEK platform, special topic workshops, mentorship opportunities, and alumni committees/groups all focused on workforce development.

#### **Problem Gambling Toolkit - Working with the Hispanic and Latino Populations**

**Description:** Resources developed by the National Hispanic and Latino ATTC and PTTC, which includes factsheets, podcasts, infographics, videos, and other resources in partnership with the Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling which include Connections Podcasts and Kaleidoscope

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/national-hispanic-and-latino-attc/product/problem-gambling-toolkit>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Our Toolkits will include resources and products in English, Spanish and Portuguese (where available)

**Series of New products**

**Description:** The National Hispanic and Latino ATTC release several resources in August and September to provide information to our communities on issues related to Veterans and Substance Use, Harm reduction Awareness, and Problem Gambling Awareness. The National Hispanic and Latino ATTC published its 4th , issue of our Newsletter Cultivating Wellness. These products are available in English, Spanish and Portuguese.

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/centers/global-attc/products-resources-catalog?center=22>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- When we work with Providers/Community Groups we will offer on-going technical assistance as a part of the follow up for requested in-person training events.

## **ATTC: Network Coordinating Office**

### **Network Coordinating Office ATTC Highlights from August 2022 – September 2022**

#### **HCV OTP Learning Community**

**Description:** The ATTC NCO concluded its second successful Learning Community (LC) to Support Integrating HCV services in OTPs with a Closing Ceremony on August 24th. Nine OTPs gave brief presentations about their experience in the LC, including successes or challenges related to integrating HCV services into their program. Guests for this virtual event included representatives from SAMHSA and the HHS Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy. ATTC NCO will produce a Training of Facilitators Guide to contribute to the sustainability of providing this level of TA to support OTPs in this important integration work.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Host a second learning community for OTPs to integrate HCV testing based on the successful pilot completed in year 4.

#### **Quarterly ATTC Workgroup Co-/Chairs Check-in Meeting**

**Description:** Each quarter the ATTC NCO convenes a meeting of the chairs of all of the ATTC Network's workgroups to share what the workgroups are doing and look for areas of synergy. The ATTC Workgroup Co-Chairs quarterly call met on August 18, 2022, and discussed and assessed best practices for workgroup facilitation and task/project management.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Convene, provide leadership, staffing support and coordination for the "ATTC National CLAS Standards Working Group" AKA "Building Equity and Inclusion Working Group". Ensure the equity focused section of the Network website, developed by this group, is updated regularly.

#### **2022 National Latino Behavioral Health Conference Recovery Month Exhibit**

**Description:** The ATTC NCO hosted a Recovery Month themed exhibit at the 2022 National Latino Behavioral Health Conference: Latino Behavioral Health Equity ¡Juntos Podemos! The NCO collected 54 materials from ATTCs to distribute to conference attendees both in-person and via our virtual booth.

**Link:**

**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. Identify exhibiting/presenting opportunities at conferences that focus on populations from traditionally marginalized communities.

### **Network Coordinating Office ATTC Highlights for October 2022 – November 2022**

#### **Adapting Evidence-based Interventions for Under-Resourced Populations**

**Description:** This webinar will highlight findings from SAMHSA's guide titled, Adapting Interventions for Under-resourced Populations, which explores evidence-based, organization-level strategies and promising practices to adapt and evaluate evidence-based practices in culturally humble and effective ways. Following a presentation of the goals and framing of the guide by SAMHSA's Mary Roary, PhD, Angela Weeks, DBA of The Center of Excellence on LGBTQ+ Behavioral Health Equity and the guide's technical expert panel will discuss its development. Rucha Londhe, PhD, Abt Associates, will describe the adaptation process and best practice strategies for cultural adaptation of evidence-based interventions. Representatives from organizations featured in the guide's case studies will discuss how they have adapted interventions for specific populations. The webinar will close with information about how to access the guide. Click here to view the first webinar in the series hosted by MHTTC. Download the PDF Speaker Bios and Headshots from above.

**Link:** <https://attcnetwork.org/node/38809>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:** None

### **ATTC NCO Conference Exhibiting**

**Description:** The NCO is sharing information on the ATTCs and TTC Network at a wide variety of conferences in October including: The US Conference on HIV/AIDS; Harm Reduction Conference: 2022 American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence, Inc. (AATOD) Conference; and the NAADAC 2022 Annual Conference & 50th Anniversary Celebration. In a collaboration with Great Lakes ATTC staff, our exhibit booth at NAADAC will give attendees the opportunity to respond to and display their answers to two workforce questions: • What do you see as your biggest workforce/workplace challenges in the coming years? • What is most important to you when deciding where to work? The information gathered during this conference exhibit will be shared back with the ATTC Workforce Work Group.

**Link:**

**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. Identify exhibiting/presenting opportunities at conferences that focus on populations from traditionally marginalized communities.

### **San Juan Community Listening Sessions**

**Description:** In October, two conferences will be taking place in Puerto Rico, the United States Conference on HIV/AIDS (10.08-10.11) and the National Harm Reduction Conference (10.13-10.16). To ensure a coordinated effort across the network during these conferences a group of colleagues from across the collaborative (including the ATTC, MHTTC, and PTTC network and NCOs; the PR CoE; the MAI; and consultants) met to brainstorm and plan events focused on meaningful engagement with the local community. We will be hosting two Spanish Community Listening Sessions to hear directly from the community about the issues, existing viable resources, and how the collaborative can support the development of updated/new tools to serve our communities. These sessions will be the beginning of a community collaborative to ensure the community is involved throughout the development, dissemination, and implementation process of new Latino-focused/Latino-grown products, resources, and training opportunities. The first session is focused on the larger community, and the second intended to invite the perspective from the faith-based community. People with lived experience, family members, providers, and other stakeholders are encouraged to attend and lend their voice.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:** None