



**PTTC**

Prevention Technology Transfer Center Network  
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## PTTC: New England

### New England PTTC Highlights from February - March 2020

#### Self-Paced Course: The Evolution of State Cannabis Policies: Where Prevention Fits In

**Description:** This was a live webinar that was recorded and turned into a static, self-paced course. Course description: Register and participate in this FREE self-paced course on Cannabis Policies: Cannabis laws and policies are rapidly changing in states. Various decriminalization, medical marijuana, and adult-use marijuana policies are being debated and moving through state legislatures and ballot boxes. Amid all of this change, where does prevention fit in? This course shows participants how these policies can evolve, the implications for public health and safety, and how and where prevention fits in. Participants will learn from a presenter with hands-on experience both in prevention and shaping marijuana policies. Additionally, participants will learn about the marijuana prevention training and technical assistance services from the New England PTTC. Learning Objectives: Participants will learn about the current state of marijuana policies across the six New England States Participants will learn about the importance of public policy that is data driven and informed by public health and prevention science. Participants will learn about the importance of training community sectors in marijuana science and how it can be a powerful environmental strategy for prevention.

**Link:** <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/new-england-pttc/product/self-paced-course-evolution-state-cannabis-policies-where>

**Related Topics:** None

#### Related Workplan Activities:

- The NE PTTC will develop and provide distance learning and trainings in New England states in topic areas identified in the prevention workforce assessment and/or in response to requests from the field.

#### New England PTTC ECHO: Reducing Vaping Across New England by Building Prevention Competency & Capacity

**Description:** The New England PTTC's Project ECHO on Vaping continued in February and March. Program Description: There is an alarming rise in the number of American teens and adults who are trying vaping. It is reversing the hard-fought declines achieved in the use nicotine. Vaping may pose serious and avoidable effects on health and brain development and the potential for addiction in youth. This Project ECHO will bring expert faculty together with groups from across New England who are focusing their efforts on substance use prevention to share knowledge and strategies to further their efforts to reduce vaping and its associated harms through case-based learning. This Project ECHO® on reducing vaping is first of a series of ECHO Projects to be initiated by the NEPTTC. Project ECHO® (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) is an evidence-based distance learning method developed by researchers at the University of New Mexico. The 9-month program begins in October 2019 with monthly sessions between October and May. Learning Objectives: Speed the dissemination and adoption of prevention evidence-based protocols, guidelines and practices. Share prevention efforts that are occurring across the communities in New England. Build prevention capacity across communities/states. Promote the ability to collect and analyze data.

**Link:** <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/new-england-pttc/event/new-england-pttc-echo-reducing-vaping-across-new-england-building>

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- The NE PTTC will develop and provide distance learning and trainings in New England states in topic areas identified in the prevention workforce assessment and/or in response to requests from the field.

### **Webinar - Substance Misuse Prevention for Young Adults: Findings from the SAMHSA Evidence-Based Resource Guide**

**Description:** The New England PTTC provided a webinar that provided an overview of the findings and guidance contained in SAMHSA's new evidence-based practice guide for substance misuse prevention amongst young adults. Program description: Presented by: Kim Dash, PhD, Senior Research Scientist, Education Development Center In this webinar, participants will learn about the findings and resources in the recently released SAMHSA resource guide: Substance Misuse Prevention for Young Adults. This guide supports health care providers, systems, and communities seeking to prevent substance misuse among young adults. The presenter will describe relevant research findings, examines emerging and best practices, identifies knowledge gaps and implementation challenges, and offers useful resources. Learn first hand from one of the developers of this important guidance resource for the prevention field!

**Link:** <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/new-england-pttc/event/webinar-substance-misuse-prevention-young-adults-findings-samhsa>

**Related Topics:** The Opioid Epidemic

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- The NE PTTC will develop and provide distance learning and trainings in New England states in topic areas identified in the prevention workforce assessment and/or in response to requests from the field.

## **New England PTTC Highlights for April - May 2020**

### **Webinar - The New England Technology Transfer Centers: What can they offer to Maine?**

**Description:** Originally planned as an in-person event to be held in Augusta, Maine, due to COVID-19 this has been transitioned to an on-line panel. Program description: Registration is open! The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Technology Transfer Centers (TTC) purpose is to develop and strengthen the specialized behavioral healthcare and primary healthcare workforce that provides prevention, treatment and recovery support services for substance use disorder (SUD) and mental illness. The SAMHSA TTC program is comprised of three networks, the Addiction Technology Transfer Centers (ATTC), the Mental Health Technology Transfer Centers (MHTTC) and the Prevention Technology

Transfer Centers (PTTC) which have regional centers, a national coordinating center, an American Indian & Alaska Native Focused Center, and a Hispanic & Latino focused Center. The TTCs provide in-depth technical assistance, live and online trainings, and develop resources and tools on many behavioral health topics. This forum will feature a facilitated panel with representatives from the New England ATTC, MHTTC and PTTC who will share about their center's priorities and what they offer to Maine. Round table discussions with the centers and audience will follow the panel, with the goal of defining and sharing about the educational and technical assistance needs of Maine's workforce. Objectives Identify training needs for the behavioral health field Increase coordination between the centers and Maine's workforce Build cross collaboration across the spectrum of behavioral health

**Link:** <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/new-england-pttc/event/webinar-new-england-technology-transfer-centers-what-can-they-offer>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- The NE PTTC will develop and provide distance learning and trainings in New England states in topic areas identified in the prevention workforce assessment and/or in response to requests from the field.

### **Webinar - Prevention in Action: Positive Ripple Effect of Restorative School Policy**

**Description:** Program Description: Registration is open! The New England PTTC Prevention in Action webinar series features successful prevention programs throughout New England. In this webinar, So-Po Unite will describe their efforts to create a restorative substance use policy. The South Portland School Department revised the substance use policy from out of school suspension to restorative response in May 2018. The ripple effect has been outstanding! Students are held accountable and underlying causes of substance use are addressed. Students complete an assessment and meet with the social worker, staff and parents to create a response plan: academic support, prevention education and community service. At the re-entry meeting, students have the opportunity to repair the harm they may have caused and plan for moving forward. Over 40 school staff took a 37.5 hour course in restorative mindset and a full-time coordinator works with students. An alcohol and drug counselor provides clinical assessments. Our athletic code is now restorative; athletes are not kicked off the team and can still attend practices. Our policy has informed Maine's Department of Education and is now the model policy for all schools!

**Link:** <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/new-england-pttc/event/webinar-prevention-action-positive-ripple-effect-restorative-school>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- The NE PTTC will develop and provide distance learning and trainings in New England states in topic areas identified in the prevention workforce assessment and/or in response to requests from the field.

## **New England Prevention Workforce Needs Assessment**

**Description:** The outbreak of COVID 19, and the resulting need for social distancing and remote work, has significantly impacted the country and our everyday routines. Many schools and businesses have shut down and implemented home schooling or work from home accommodation. Also significantly affected are those professionals who require direct contact with clients or individuals as a component of their primary duties and how to adopt new ways in which we must interact with others in a more digital manner, this includes those working in the prevention field, where human connection and interaction plays a central role in the work. The New England Prevention Technology Transfer Center (PTTC) has recognized the immediate need to provide information, training and resources to meet the challenges prevention professionals face as they need to, for now, transition practices and operations. Given this the New England created and deployed a short survey to the field to gather these training and resource needs. The survey was deployed in late March and remains in the field. As of March 27th, 130 individuals completed the survey. Data will continue to be collected into the first part of April. The New England PTTC will use the data to inform the planning of digital learning opportunities, and resource development, to support the workforce in these challenging and transitional times.

**Link:** <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/new-england-pttc/news/prevention-workforce-emergency-needs-survey>

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- The NE PTTC will analyze and disseminate the assessment of the NE Prevention workforce conducted in Year 1; with a focus on identifying training and technical assistance gaps & needs.

## Northeast and Caribbean PTTC Highlights from February - March 2020

### Developing an Evaluation Toolkit

**Description:** The NeC PTTC developed a toolkit for the prevention field focused on evaluation and working with evaluators, titled “Working with an Evaluator: Keeping the Spark Alive.” This toolkit is a follow-up product to the webinar series on evaluation that took place in October 2019. These tools explore different aspects of partnering with an evaluator that communities/organizations should consider to enhance the process. We will disseminate this toolkit widely and anticipate it will help the prevention workforce especially as grant writing season picks up.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Identify needed topics and develop content

### PTTC Training Events

**Description:** The NeC PTTC conducted several notable training events during this time. First, we conducted a region-specific virtual training (webinar) entitled, Effective Responses to Emerging Substance Use Issues: Applying Lessons Learned to New Prevention Priorities Preventing Substance Misuse, for an audience of state-, jurisdiction- and community-level prevention practitioners across the region. The webinar described current data trends associated with emerging substances in the U.S. and a framework for understanding prevention’s role at different stages of a drug epidemic. The webinar also explored how to find sources of local, state/jurisdiction, and national data to inform new prevention priorities and to use a data-informed planning process to select appropriate prevention strategies through the lens of addressing electronic vapor product use. Second, we participated in an all-day, in-person event in New York City, facilitated by New York Office of Addiction Services and Support, which was focused on Environmental Strategies. Our session was entitled, Community Organizing: Developing Leaders and Leveraging Relationships to Create Policy Change. This presentation described the evolving field of community organizing, with a particular focus on the current state of broad-based community organizing processes and outcomes. Lessons learned from community organizing may help prevention practitioners to more effectively create policy change. The presentation also discussed leadership development, relationship building, the ways in which relationships can be leveraged to create policy and systems change, as well as the influences of community organizing on psychological and relational changes among the people and groups who participate.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Conduct technology transfer activities through TTA services to R2

## Pop Up Learning Session and Resources to Respond to COVID-19

**Description:** The NeC PTTC quickly planned and delivered a peer learning event entitled, A Pop-Up Event! Keeping Our Prevention Efforts Going Amid Social Distancing. After over 400 people registered for this event, we reformatting it since a traditional peer-learning session wouldn't work with so many people. We built in virtual polling so that participants were able to share what they have been doing in light of COVID-19 and working virtually, how prevention folks are keeping in touch with members and key stakeholders, and the challenges they are facing so far. We gathered some rich ways the prevention field is adapting virtually and we will share a document to share the collective wisdom with all participants. We are also working to develop a resource focused on topics to consider during this time including evidence-base practices, fidelity, engaging with youth and communities virtually, and use of social media.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Develop and conduct peer learning sessions

## Northeast and Caribbean PTTC Highlights for April - May 2020

### TTC conference planning for the Caribbean

**Description:** The NeC PTTC began to work with the NeC ATTC and MHTTC a few months ago and will continue these planning efforts focused on a TTC Behavioral Health Conference, to be held first in the U.S. Virgin Islands and then in Puerto Rico. The three TTCs have developed an all-day, in-person conference proposal, which includes sessions from each of the TTCs. Topics include psychological first aid; substance misuse prevention 101; suicide prevention; SBIRT; and how to develop an epidemiological profile for prevention strategic planning. The next phase of conference planning will be to meet with stakeholders in USVI to gather feedback on the proposed events; start to work on logistics; and determine stakeholders that will help recruit participants. Due to COVID-19, the event originally planned for early summer will likely be pushed to the Fall 2020. However, the NeC PTTC will continue to work with our TTC colleagues to plan these events.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Plan, meet with Stakeholders and Facilitate Conferences in the USVI and PR

### Trainings in Response to COVID-19

**Description:** Over the next 2 months, the NeC PTTC will be developing and holding additional web-based trainings that address topics and concerns related to substance misuse prevention

work in the COVID-19 environment. Topics will be derived from attendee input provided during our recent session “A Pop-Up Event! Keeping Our Prevention Efforts Going Amid Social Distancing”. This includes workshops on using technology, using of social media, how to avoid normalizing substance use in this time and many aspects of mental health, self-care, and their intersection with prevention

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Develop and conduct peer learning sessions

### **Revisiting and Reassessing**

**Description:** Over the next 2 months, the Nec PTTC will review the training and events schedules for the current and upcoming periods to identify and address changes necessitated by the COV-19 pandemic and associated travel and gathering restrictions.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:** None



## Central East PTTC Highlights from February - March 2020

### Advisory Board Meeting

**Description:** On February 20th, the Central East PTTC held its first advisory board meeting in the new contract year. Reviewed last year's accomplishments/annual report, the work plan for the current year, updated regional needs by each state and DC within Region 3 via membership participation, reviewed a draft one-page product on "What is Prevention" and received approval to finalize with recommendations from the committee. The meeting was very interactive and the board requested to create a companion document for "What is Prevention in a Primary Care Setting". Next meeting is scheduled for Sept. with all the TTCs (MH, Addiction, and Prevention) housed at The Danya Institute. The goal is to share the activities going on in each of the TTCs and to collaborate to across the behavioral health continuum (from promotion to recovery) to minimize duplication and maximize resources.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:** None

### Created a one-page/Infographic document on "What is Prevention"

**Description:** A one-pager infographic was created to support the prevention workforce that describes what is prevention; shares an image and description of the prevention framework (Universal, Selective, and Indicated); explains why prevention is needed; provides an example of how prevention saves money; and provides examples of prevention strategies/approaches. The initial feedback was that the document had too much information and therefore it was slightly paired down. The document was created as a result of the strategic planning meeting held with the NPNs who shared that there was a lot of new staff entering the workforce that may not have a clear understanding of what prevention is. The intent was to have the one-pager available to share with new prevention staff entering the workforce. The one-pager/infographic was reviewed and approved by the NPNs and the PTTC advisory board. The document will be posted on our website.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Partner with Carnevale Associates, Development and production of a infographic, create and disseminate infographic, Post infographic on website

### Hosted/Facilitated a Prevention Strategic Meeting with the MAPP - MD Association of Prevention Professionals and Advocates

**Description:** Facilitated a one-day strategic planning meeting with approximately 40 MD prevention professionals and advocates to create an action plan/roadmap to collaborate across

the prevention and mental health/treatment workforce through identifying common goals and messaging across the behavioral health prevention and treatment workforce. The outcome of the planning meeting was a logic model that will guide their work/activities over their fiscal year.

**Link:**

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

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Collaborate with HHS Region 3 NPNs to identify need for technical assistance, Partner with Carnevale Associates, Provide up to 6 technical assistance events, as requested

## Central East PTTC Highlights for April - May 2020

### **Building the Prevention Workforce Skill-Based In-person Training on the SPF Framework and Related Topics**

**Description:** This one-day training will support and build the capacity of the prevention workforce. The training will build upon the six-part Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) webinar series currently being offered. The in-person training will detail the steps to implement a comprehensive, evidence-based approach to prevention using the five stages of the SPF. The training will summarize the webinars' content, provide additional information and opportunities for questions, and contain group exercises for participants to practice the skills required to use the SPF effectively. These exercises will include: Practicing data prioritization techniques on a sample data set; identifying potential collaborative partners and creating an outreach elevator pitch; developing a theory of change for addressing a sample priority problem; completing sample action plans; and identifying evaluation questions and potential data sources for an evaluation plan. Three states have requested the training: 1) Delaware in June 2) West Virginia TBD 3) Pennsylvania in Sept The learning objectives include: Explain the importance of an evidence-based approach to prevention Discuss the five stages of the Strategic Prevention Framework Examine how to apply te SPF to implement evidence-based prevention interventions Practice the skills to implement the SPF

**Link:**

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

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Development and production of up to 6 in-person events upon request, Partner with Carnevale Associates

### **Six-Part Webinar Series on the Strategic Prevention Framework**

**Description:** March will conclude the six-part webinar series that ( began in February) was aimed to support and build the capacity of the prevention workforce. The series is a skill-building training that will detail the steps to implementing a comprehensive, evidence-based approach to prevention using the five stages of SAMHSA's Strategic Prevention Framework: 1) Needs Assessment, 2) Building Capacity, 3) Planning, 4) Implementation, and 5) Evaluation. The series will explain the importance of each stage and what aspects of the strategic planning process they cover, techniques for completing each stage, and strategies for overcoming

obstacles. This series will also discuss other relevant topics, such as: ethical approaches to prevention, how to prioritize data, and how to modify programs, among others. The six-part webinar series includes the following: Part 1: Overview of the Strategic Prevention Framework and the Importance of Ethics in Prevention (February - completed) Part 2: How to Conduct a Needs Assessment Step 1 of the Strategic Prevention Framework (February - completed) Part 3: How to Build Capacity Step 2 of the Strategic Prevention Framework (February - completed) Part 4: How to Plan for Prevention Interventions Step 3 of the Strategic Prevention Framework (February - completed) Part 5: How to Select and Implement Prevention Interventions Step 4 of the Strategic Prevention Framework (March 16th) Part 6: How to Evaluate and Adjust Prevention Efforts Step 5 of the Strategic Prevention Framework (March 26th)

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** The Opioid Epidemic

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Development and production of 6 webinars, Posting the recording of the 6 webinars, Partner with Carnevale Associates

### **Conduct a Lit Review on Substance Use and Risk of Suicide**

**Description:** The literature review will examine the link between opioid and/or alcohol use with the risk of suicide. The information gained from the literature review will be used to educate the prevention workforce via a webinar on the risk factors these substances have on suicidal behaviors. The intent of the lit review and the webinar is to use the knowledge gained to build prevention strategies/approaches to reduce suicide attempts and the number of individuals who died by suicide as the result of substance misuse overdoses.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** The Opioid Epidemic

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Partner with Carnevale Associates, Publish and disseminate the literature review

## Southeast PTTC Highlights from February - March 2020

### Webinar: The Brain Science of Substance Misuse

**Description:** This presentation described the key brain regions affected by drug misuse and how experimental paradigms model prevention strategies. 166 attendees

**Link:** <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/southeast-pttc/event/webinar-brain-science-substance-misuse>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Provide general prevention-focused webinar series

### Year 3 Planning Retreat

**Description:** Hosted our Year 3 planning retreat as a virtual meeting (in response to COVID19 physical distancing recommendations). In this meeting, we started to outline: lessons learned from Year 2, and innovative strategies we want to implement in Year 3.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:** None

### Webinar: Best Practices for Prevention Media Campaigns

**Description:** This presentation provided an overview of communication campaigns aimed at youth prevention, including guidance for the development and implementation of a communication campaign. 263 attendees (our highest attendance rate thus far).

**Link:** <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/southeast-pttc/event/webinar-best-practices-prevention-media-campaigns>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Provide youth-focused webinar series

## Southeast PTTC Highlights for April - May 2020

### **Webinar: Community Engagement Strategies - Best Practices for Preventing Substance Misuse at the Grassroots Level**

**Description:** This presentation will share how coalitions or collaborations in any size community can enhance their outreach, engagement and prevention efforts, with a focus on hard-to-reach audiences. These strategies and tactics will help them grow their presence in both digital (online) and grassroots (off-line) spheres to educate communities and to mobilize partners and stakeholders, increasing both impact and effectiveness of their opioid prevention and reduction efforts.

**Link:** <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/southeast-pttc/event/webinar-community-engagement-strategies-best-practices-preventing>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Provide general prevention-focused webinar series

### **Region IV PTTC Co-Director's Reflection - April 2020**

**Description:** Co-Director Mark Wolfson, Ph.D. created a reflection piece focused on the prevention media campaigns webinar presented by Parissa Ballard, Ph.D. This webinar was our highest attended webinar and seems to be a topic of high interest in the field.

**Link:** <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/southeast-pttc/product/region-iv-pttc-co-directors-reflection-april-2020>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:** None

### **NPN/PTTC Roundtable Discussion**

**Description:** Hosting an impromptu virtual meeting with the NPNs in our region to discuss how the prevention workforce is affected by COVID19. The goal is to provide responsive TA/Training to meet workforce needs.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Strengthen NPN Relationships

## Great Lakes PTTC Highlights from February - March 2020

### **Substance Use Disorder Services In The Days Of A Pandemic: You're Going To Need A Bigger Boat!**

**Description:** Substance Use Disorder Services In The Days Of A Pandemic: You're Going To Need A Bigger Boat! Friday, March 20, 2020 1:00pm ET, 12:00pmCT 11:00am MT, 10:00amPT Providing SUD services during a pandemic requires a mix of disaster preparedness, safety precautions, telehealth, and ethics. During her tenure as a leader in SUD treatment, Sheila Weix has been involved with emergencies related to the HIV epidemic, 9/11, and the 2008 economic collapse. She is currently applying this experience in an outpatient treatment service that includes medication-assisted treatment in rural Wisconsin during the COVID19 pandemic. Webinar participants will learn about: Safety precautions How to move all services to telehealth Reimbursement contingencies Leadership actions underway to address this rapidly changing situation

**Link:** <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/great-lakes-pttc/event/substance-use-disorder-services-days-pandemic-youre-going-need>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:** None

### **Sustaining Your Positive Prevention Outcomes - Detroit**

**Description:** Sustaining the positive prevention outcomes and the processes used to reach them takes planning. This day-long, in-person training offers participants a unique opportunity to engage first-hand in a comprehensive sustainability planning process. Participants will learn the rationale for sustaining prevention processes and outcomes, the core components of sustainability planning, and receive tools and resources to create their own sustainability plan. Speaker: Certified Senior Prevention Specialist (CSPS), Master of Public Affairs (MPAff), Great Lakes PTTC Prevention Manager

**Link:** <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/great-lakes-pttc/event/sustaining-your-positive-prevention-outcomes-detroit>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Regional Workshops or Trainings

### **Alcohol Policy Series: Restrictions on Advertising and Community Events**

**Description:** Lawmakers have developed, enacted, and applied a variety of policy strategies that target society- and community-level influences to reduce underage drinking and its associated consequences. This webinar will highlight two evidence-based policies: Restrictions at community events designed to reduce commercial availability of alcohol to underage youth Restrictions on advertising aimed reducing youth exposure to pro-alcohol messages Join us for

Part 2: April 9, 2020 Alcohol Policy Series: Social Host Liability Laws Presenters Chuck Klevgaard delivers training and technical assistance to support substance misuse prevention throughout the Midwest. Klevgaard has supported communities and health agencies as they adopt evidence-based alcohol, opioid, and other substance misuse programs or policies. Klevgaard also serves as a prevention manager for the Great Lakes Prevention Technology Transfer Center. Klevgaard earned his BSW from Minnesota State University Moorhead. He is a Certified Senior Prevention Specialist through the Illinois Certification Board, Inc. Kellie Henrichs is the Program Manager for the Alcohol Policy Resource Center at Prevention First. Kellie brings over two decades of successful experience in substance misuse prevention and policy work. A subject matter expert in youth prevention education, communication campaigns, strategic planning, and community coalitions, Kellie regularly provides training and technical assistance to providers throughout Illinois. Kellie works with communities to reduce underage drinking by analyzing data, identifying contributing factors, implementing policy efforts, and engaging law enforcement. A strong believer that communities have the power to create change, Kellie works to empower key stakeholders, community leaders, and coalitions to work together to address underage drinking.

**Link:** <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/great-lakes-pttc/event/alcohol-policy-series-restrictions-advertising-and-community-events>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Virtual Learning Events

## Great Lakes PTTC Highlights for April - May 2020

### Recovery Coaching A Harm Reduction Pathway

**Description:** Due to concerns about COVID-19 this in person event has been cancelled. Sessions will now be offered virtually. Please contact Kris Kelly (kris.kelly@wisc.edu) with any questions. Thank you for your understanding Recovery Coaching a Harm Reduction Pathway is a training curriculum developed to address a fundamental gap of knowledge, skills and competencies essential for addressing populations affected by substance use. RCHRP does not provide harm reduction training techniques, rather, it focuses on informing peer-based recovery support service staff about working with those who are often overlooked between the silos of care within the behavioral and primary health continuum. Intended Audience: Active or prospective peer recovery coaches; Recovery Community Organization personnel; recovery housing service providers; substance use disorder treatment providers; medical and psychiatric services providers; peers and family members in recovery. \* Completion of a recognized 30-46-hour recovery coaching fundamentals training, such as MRC Recovery Coach Academy or CCAR Recovery Coach Academy, is strongly suggested.

**Link:** <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/great-lakes-pttc/event/recovery-coaching-harm-reduction-pathway>

**Related Topics:** The Opioid Epidemic

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Regional Workshops or Trainings

## **Recovery Coaching A Harm Reduction Pathway Training of Trainers**

**Description:** Recovery Coaching a Harm Reduction Pathway is a training curriculum developed to address a fundamental gap of knowledge, skills and competencies essential for addressing populations affected by substance use. RCHRP does not provide harm reduction training techniques, rather, it focuses on informing peer-based recovery support service staff about working with those who are often overlooked between the silos of care within the behavioral and primary health continuum. Intended Audience: Active or prospective peer recovery coaches; Recovery Community Organization personnel; recovery housing service providers; substance use disorder treatment providers; medical and psychiatric services providers; peers and family members in recovery. \* Completion of a recognized 30-46-hour recovery coaching fundamentals training, such as MRC Recovery Coach Academy or CCAR Recovery Coach Academy, is strongly suggested.

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**Related Topics:** The Opioid Epidemic

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Regional Workshops or Trainings

## **Two-Part Primer: Foundations in Prevention: Opportunities for Building Individual and Community Resilience**

**Description:** The first hour will introduce prevention approaches for building resilience with individuals and across communities. In addition to the typical roles for clinicians in building support for recovery, participants learn strategies for strengthening inclusive communities that foster a sense of belonging for everyone. The second hour will address how to leverage relationships between clinicians, the women they serve, and their children. This overview will introduce the current evidence for healthy families through a developmental lens. Taking this perspective allows clinicians to be more deliberate in fostering understanding, building strength, and increasing resilience. Co-sponsored by Wayside Recovery Center. Trainer: Chuck Klevgaard delivers training and technical assistance to support substance misuse prevention throughout the Midwest. Klevgaard has supported communities and health agencies as they adopt evidence-based alcohol, opioid, and other substance misuse programs or policies. Klevgaard also serves as a prevention manager to the Great Lakes Prevention Technology Transfer Center.

**Link:** <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/great-lakes-pttc/event/two-part-primer-foundations-prevention-opportunities-building>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Regional Workshops or Trainings



## **South Southwest PTTC Highlights from February - March 2020**

### **Decolonizing Data, for Indigenous People, By Indigenous People**

**Description:** On January 23, 2020, the South Southwest Prevention Technology Transfer Center (SSW PTTC), in collaboration with the Genomics and Ethics (GEN) Program for Native Students at the University of Oklahoma hosted the training "Decolonizing Data, for Indigenous People, By Indigenous People" with Abigail Echo-Hawk, Chief Research Officer at the Seattle Indian Health Board and Director of the Urban Indian Health Institute in Norman, OK. The session focused on data techniques that center indigenous needs so that tribal programs can develop and implement interventions grounded in indigenous values. Participants, which included students, prevention practitioners, and tribal community members, learned how to use data to identify and assess strength-based activities and protective factors and how to describe disparities in health outcomes, behaviors, and risk factors in a way that benefits tribal communities.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Work with expert in decolonizing data to develop training materials and deliver the content.

### **Assessment: Making the Steps of the Strategic Prevention Framework Work for You**

**Description:** On February 23, 2020, SSW TA Consultant, Kyle Barrington delivered the webinar "Assessment: Making the Steps of the Strategic Prevention Framework Work for You". During the webinar, participants were introduced to the SPF and explored how to identify the needs of the community using data.

**Link:** <https://sswpttc.adobeconnect.com/dec/>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Develop and deliver a webinar series focused on planning using the SPF.

### **Building Community Capacity to Address Adverse Childhood Experiences**

**Description:** On February 19, 2020, Director Marie Cox delivered the in-person training "Building Community Capacity to Address Adverse Childhood Experiences" in Wayne, OK. The training overviews the research on adverse childhood experiences and how toxic stress during childhood can create risk for problems later in life. Participants explored the implications and potential application of the science to their current work and will discuss what they can do as a community to shift the trajectory of health for future generations.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- PTTC will develop and deliver workshop on the link between ACEs and substance misuse.

<b>South Southwest PTTC Highlights for April - May 2020</b>
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**Capacity: Making the Steps of the Strategic Prevention Framework Work for You**

**Description:** On March 24, 2020, SSW TA Consultant, Carlton Hall will deliver the webinar "Capacity: Making the Steps of the Strategic Prevention Framework Work for You" he will guide participants through the process of improving community readiness and increasing the resources available to address prevention efforts.

**Link:** <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/south-southwest-pttc/event/webinar-series-pfs-academy-2020-making-steps-strategic>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Develop and deliver a webinar series focused on planning using the SPF.

**Planning: Making the Steps of the Strategic Prevention Framework Work for You**

**Description:** On April 21, SSW TA Consultant Korene Stamotakoes will deliver the webinar "Planning: Making the Steps of the Strategic Prevention Framework Work for You". This webinar will prepare participants to plan to address identified needs planning, will prepare participants to plan to address identified needs.

**Link:** <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/south-southwest-pttc/event/webinar-series-pfs-academy-2020-making-steps-strategic>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Develop and deliver a webinar series focused on planning using the SPF.

**Opioid Overdose Prevention and Infectious Disease Control: Opportunities for Collaboration**

**Description:** During the month of March, the SSW in partnership with the NCO will release the online course "Opioid Overdose Prevention and Infectious Disease Control: Opportunities for Collaboration" in Healthy Knowledge. The major focus of this online course will be to discuss how opioid misuse and overdose prevention strategies can be coordinated with efforts around infectious disease control in order to improve data collection, align resources, increase access

to focus populations, and address shared risk and protective factors. Objectives for this course:  
1) Describe the relationship between the opioid epidemic and the rise in infectious disease. 2) Discuss what is currently being done to systematically address both substance use and infectious disease. 3) Describe how prevention practitioners can best support community partner efforts.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** The Opioid Epidemic

**Related Workplan Activities:** None

## Mid-America PTTC Highlights from February - March 2020

### Part 2 of 7: Capacity Building, Partnerships for Success (PFS) Academy 2020: Making the Steps of the Strategic Prevention Frame

**Description:** Please join us for part two, Capacity Building of the seven-part series covering the steps of the Strategic Prevention Framework. Learn more and register for the entire series here: <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/south-southwest-pttc/event/webinar-series-pfs-academy-2020-making-steps-strategic> Determine how to engage diverse community stakeholders Describe how to develop and strengthen a prevention team Identify opportunities to raise community awareness about the issues Prevention contact hours available to those who register and complete this webinar. Carlton Hallis the President and CEO of Carlton Hall Consulting LLC (CHC) , a multi-faceted, full-service consulting firm designed to provide customized solutions and enable measurable change for communities, organizations, families and individuals. Carlton Hall has been providing intensive substance abuse prevention focused and community problem solving services to the nation for the last 25 years. His responsibilities, unique set of skills and experience have made him one of the most highly sought after instructors and guides for community problem solving in every state and territory in the nation as well as internationally, with successful achievements in South Africa, Ghana, Bermuda, Kenya and others. Carlton spent twelve years with the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) serving in several leadership positions and including most recently, Acting Vice President, Training Operations, and Acting Director for CADCA's National Coalition Institute. In this role, Carlton provided critical leadership supporting the successful design, and delivery of the community outreach component of the Drug Enforcement Administration's DEA 360 Strategy in priority cities across the country. Carlton is one of the primary architects of CADCA's National Coalition Academy. The Academy, a year-long coalition development program, is designed to increase the effectiveness of communities in drug demand reduction producing population level outcomes. Currently, Carlton and the CHC team provide executive training and technical assistance support to the Southeast PTTC (Region 4). Learn more about Carlton at <http://carltonhallconsulting.com/about.html>

**Link:** <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/south-southwest-pttc/event/part-2-7-capacity-building-partnerships-success-pfs-academy-2020>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- R7 PTTC will develop and deliver a series of resources and tools directed at supporting communities and tribes in the start-up phase of new prevention efforts, including PFS grantees.

### Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Development Academy - Orientation

**Description:** Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Development Academy The Mid-America PTTC and National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children are pleased to announce the DEC Development Academy: Building Community Capacity to Address the Needs of Drug Endangered Children. The purpose of this academy is to support local communities in building

their local alliance for drug endangered children by providing targeted and intensive technical assistance to a select group of community partners.

**Link:** <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/mid-america-pttc/event/drug-endangered-children-dec-development-academy-orientation>

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- R7 PTTC will develop and deliver a series of resources and tools directed at supporting communities and tribes in the start-up phase of establishing an alliance for drug endangered children

### **The Link Between Adverse Childhood Experiences and Substance Misuse**

**Description:** The Link Between Adverse Childhood Experiences and Substance Misuse.

**Link:** <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/mid-america-pttc/event/link-between-adverse-childhood-experiences-and-substance-misuse>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:** None

## **Mid-America PTTC Highlights for April - May 2020**

### **Identifying Drug Endangered Children: A Collaborative Approach**

**Description:** Who Should Attend: Child Welfare, Law Enforcement, District Attorneys, Probation/Parole, Treatment, Ongoing Service Providers, Education, Fire, EMS, Judges, Community members, and other First Responders who have a job which impacts children and families. You will gain awareness about drug endangered children and the risks they face and understand the many opportunities (often missed) to identify children living in dangerous drug environments. Learn the benefits of intervention at the earliest possible point to reduce physical and psychological harm to children. Learn what a multidisciplinary collaborative response looks like and how it incorporates the unique resources within a community and applies them in a manner that provides better care for drug endangered children. Objectives: Describe the history and evolution of drug endangered children's response strategies. Recognize why a collaborative, multidisciplinary response is necessary to ensure safety for drug endangered children. Be able to identify children who are drug endangered. Identify the role law enforcement, child welfare, medical and other professionals play in the multidisciplinary response. Trainers: Stacey Read, Director of DEC Network Development Stacey has spent nearly 20 years working in the child welfare field, gaining insight and experience on a variety of key child welfare issues. Before working for National DEC, Stacey's previous positions included the Associate Ombudsman position with the Office of Colorado's Child Protection Ombudsman and the Child Protection Safety Specialist for the Colorado Department of Human Services and Child Abuse and Neglect Investigator. Stacey participated in the Fatality Review Team and was a key member of the Substance Exposed Newborns Steering Committee, the Rural Law

Enforcement Meth Initiative, the CDHS Child Fatality Review Team, and the CDHS Prone Restraint Workgroup. Stacey started working for National DEC in November 2011 as the Director of DEC Network Development. She is responsible for the development and oversight of State and Tribal DEC Alliances, and she provides technical assistance to the National DEC network. Stacey is also an integral member of the training team and has participated in curriculum, online training, and publication development. Stacey received her Master's in Social Work from the University of Illinois focusing on Mental Health and Administration in 2002 and her Bachelor's in Psychology from the University of Iowa with an emphasis on abnormal psychology and dependency behaviors in 1997. Stacey is an adjunct professor at Metro State University in Denver, Colorado where she teaches in the Master's Social Work Program. Eric Nation, Director of Training and Development Lieutenant Eric Nation began his career in law enforcement in 1995 where he has held numerous positions, including Correctional Officer, Police Officer, Deputy Sheriff, Lieutenant Deputy Sheriff, as was as 6 years in an undercover narcotics unit and then as Commander of that unit for 5 years. Nation helped start and develop the Jasper County Drug Endangered Children Alliance, is a member of the National DEC Criminal Justice Working Group. Nation is a Certified Core DEC Instructor that has been involved in the training of thousands of professionals across the United States as a Trainer for the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children. Nation's efforts towards Drug Endangered Children in Jasper County earned him the 2009 "Ongoing Victims Service Award," the 2011 National Drug Endangered Children Collaborative Leadership Award, participant in the Defending Childhood Initiative and Working Group Meeting on Law Enforcement and Children's Exposure to Violence – United States Attorney General Eric Holder – Washington D.C., and participated in in the development of IACP's Enhancing Law Enforcement Response to Children Exposed to Violence project tools and deliverables as a Children Exposed to Violence Advisory Working Group member in Alexandria, VA.

**Link:** <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/mid-america-pttc/event/identifying-drug-endangered-children-collaborative-approach>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- R7 PTTC will provide Core DEC training to participants in each R7 state.

#### **Part 4 of 7: Implementation, Partnerships for Success (PFS) Academy 2020: Making the Steps of the Strategic Prevention Framework**

**Description:** Please join us for part four, Implementation of the seven-part series covering the steps of the Strategic Prevention Framework. Learn more and register for the entire series here: <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/south-southwest-pttc/event/webinar-series-pfs-academy-2020-making-steps-strategic> Learning Objectives for Part 4: Implementation: Describe why high-quality implementation is important Explain how to balance fidelity and adaptation Prevention contact hours available to those who register and complete this webinar. Korene Alaimo has more than 15 years of experience providing substance misuse prevention training and technical assistance at the local, state, and national levels. She develops and delivers T/TA that builds grantee capacity to assess needs, create data-driven plans, implement evidence-based interventions, and evaluate initiatives. She has also facilitated peer-networking opportunities, which enabled collaboration among diverse agencies to increase their impact on substance abuse prevention. Her work includes developing training, providing consultation and technical assistance services, writing original materials including case studies related to effective

prevention practices, conducting literature searches, and reviewing and summarizing research literature on best practices. Korene received her MPH from Boston University.

**Link:** <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/south-southwest-pttc/event/part-4-7-implementation-partnerships-success-pfs-academy-2020>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- R7 PTTC will develop and deliver a series of resources and tools directed at supporting communities and tribes in the start-up phase of new prevention efforts, including PFS grantees.

### **Part 3 of 7: Planning, Partnerships for Success (PFS) Academy 2020: Making the Steps of the Strategic Prevention Framework Work**

**Description:** Please join us for part three, Planning of the seven-part series covering the steps of the Strategic Prevention Framework. Learn more and register for the entire series here: <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/south-southwest-pttc/event/webinar-series-pfs-academy-2020-making-steps-strategic> Identify ways to prioritize risk and protective factors associated with the substance misuse problems that have been identified in Step 1: Assessment Describe how to select appropriate interventions to address each priority factor Identify how to ensure a comprehensive prevention approach Explain the components of a logic model that can be shared with stakeholders. Prevention contact hours available to those who register and complete this webinar. Dr. Hayden D. Center, Jr. was most recently on faculty at Auburn University at Montgomery in the Department of Psychology, where he taught for ten years. He has taught at several universities over the past thirty years. He has also been a licensed professional counselor (LPC) specializing in addiction issues for over 30 years. Dr. Center has worked as a consultant in alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse prevention since 1987. He has worked in the field of prevention for more than 30 years. He served as the director of a US Department of Education (USDOE) grant while at Auburn University. He served the State of Alabama Department of Education as the coordinator of the state Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program. He was a consultant to the Alabama Governor's Office of Drug Abuse Policy for ten years and has worked with numerous state and local agencies in the state of Alabama. He served as the evaluator for the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention's (CSAP) Southeast Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies (SECAPT) and the Border Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies (BCAPT). He has provided over 300 trainings and workshops on the topics of "science-based prevention," "evaluation," "risk and protective factors", and "sustainability." He has worked with numerous agencies and organizations at the national, state, and local levels as an evaluator, including three Drug-Free Community grants. His experience includes working with several projects to develop data bases, collect and interpret data, and produce data dissemination products and materials. Most recently Dr. Center has conducted training on implementation science, the psychopharmacology of marijuana, opioid use disorder, the opioid epidemic, and prevention of opioid overdose death. He is also working on the development of a sustainability toolkit that was released in the Fall of 2019. He and three colleagues presented an overview of the toolkit at the National Prevention Network (NPN) Conference in Chicago in 2019.

**Link:** <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/south-southwest-pttc/event/part-3-7-planning-partnerships-success-pfs-academy-2020-making>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- R7 PTTC will develop and deliver a series of resources and tools directed at supporting communities and tribes in the start-up phase of new prevention efforts, including PFS grantees.



## PTTC: Mountain Plains

### Mountain Plains PTTC Highlights from February - March 2020

#### V-TECH Meet the Experts: Emerging Issues Around Vaping - Webinar

**Description:** Our expert moderator and panelists answered questions and had a discussion about the following topics: Current research findings from the Division of Respiratory, Critical Care & Pulmonary, University of Utah on vaping-associated lung injury as well as an update on future studies. Vaping prevention risk/protective factors, existing evidence-based or promising vaping prevention programs for youth and young adults (18-25) and other vaping research and resources. Policies/laws around e-cigarettes/vaping at the federal level as well as within HHS Region 8 states (CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, WY). Additionally, the experts discussed what communities, community coalitions, and schools can do, in regards to policies/laws, to combat vaping. Some strategies being implemented in rural communities were highlighted. Moderated By: Dr. Jason Burrow-Sánchez, Professor/Department Chair, Department of Educational Psychology, University of Utah. Panelists: Sean Callahan, M.D., Internal Medicine Physician and Assistant Professor, Division of Respiratory, Critical Care & Pulmonary, University of Utah. Susannah Burt, Prevention Program Administrator, Utah Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health. Braden Ainsworth, MPH, CPM, Program Manager, Tobacco Prevention and Control Program, Utah Department of Health. \*V-TECH (Visual Training and Educational Clinics for Healthcare) is designed to provide training and technical assistance on evidence-based practices by promoting ongoing skill development that includes coaching and feedback using interactive videoconference technology. OUTCOMES: 125 Participants; 91 Evaluations (GPRAs) complete.

**Link:** <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/mountain-plains-pttc/product/v-tech-meet-experts-emerging-issues-around-vaping>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Instruct pre-professionals and professionals in the use of hub/spoke telehealth clinic (V-TECH)

#### Grow Your Knowledge: Cannabis Prevention, Policy, and Pharmacology (3-Part Webinar Series): Cannabis Prevention Campaign

**Description:** Cannabis Prevention Campaign: Planning and Implementation. Participants learned how the city of Denver, CO planned for and implemented its “High Cost” Marijuana Prevention Campaign. Specifically; How the city of Denver determined a campaign was needed, How the campaign is funded Process by which the campaign was created and implemented, Lessons learned from when the campaign started until present day. Overview of the “High Costs” campaign website, social media, etc. Presenter: Eric Escudero OUTCOMES: 119 Participants; 93 Evaluations (GPRAs) Completed

**Link:** <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/mountain-plains-pttc/product/grow-your-knowledge-cannabis-prevention-policy-and>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Develop & administer webinars on specialty topics

## **Grow Your Knowledge: Cannabis Prevention, Policy, and Pharmacology (3-Part Webinar Series): Cannabis Laws/Policies: Federal and**

**Description:** Cannabis Laws/Policies: Federal and Regional Update and Using SPF and Prevention Science to Inform Policy. Participants learned about the current state of cannabis policies across the six Mountain Plains States (Region 8); about the importance of public policy that is data driven and informed by public health and prevention science. Additionally, participants learned how to use the Strategic Prevention Framework and prevention strategies to address intervening variables and contributing factors in their states and/or communities as well as the importance of training. Presenter: Scott M. Gagnon, MPP, PS-C OUTCOMES: 98 Participants; 63 Evaluations (GPRAs) Completed

**Link:** <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/mountain-plains-pttc/recorded-webinars>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Develop & administer webinars on specialty topics

## **Mountain Plains PTTC Highlights for April - May 2020**

### **Suicide Assessment and Response for K-12 Populations**

**Description:** This is a collaboration between the Mountain Plains Mental Health TTC and the Mountain Plains PTTC. This is a six-part webinar series, Suicide Prevention Across the Educational Continuum. This series will provide participants with information related to suicide prevention and intervention for youth, young adults, and college students. Suicide Prevention Across the Educational Continuum (6-Part Webinar Series): Session 1: Suicide Assessment and Response for K-12 Populations. Presenter: Erin Briley, MS, NCSP Date: April 8th, 2020 @ 11:00 am MT (10:00 PT/12:00 CT/1:00 ET) Responding to mental health crisis and risk of suicide in a school setting presents unique challenges and considerations for mental health practitioners, educators, and parents. Participants in this sessions will learn recommended best practices for assessing children and adolescents for suicide and initiating appropriate response to youth experiencing thoughts of suicide in a K-12 school setting. Special attention will be given to common screening and assessment tools used in school settings, best practices for utilizing an interdisciplinary team approach to respond to youth experiencing thoughts of suicide in a school setting, and ways to identify risk and protective factors for youth and adolescents at risk of suicide.

**Link:** <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/mountain-plains-pttc/event/suicide-prevention-across-educational-continuum-6-part-webinar>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Collaborate with MP-MHTTC to Develop and Administer a Webinar Focusing on Suicide Prevention

## **World Class Resources to Discover Genetic Risks for Suicide Death**

**Description:** This is a collaboration between the Mountain Plains Mental Health TTC and the Mountain Plains PTTC. This is a six-part webinar series, Suicide Prevention Across the Educational Continuum. This series will provide participants with information related to suicide prevention and intervention for youth, young adults, and college students Suicide Prevention Across the Educational Continuum (6-Part Webinar Series): Session 2: World Class Resources to Discover Genetic Risks for Suicide Death Presenter: Hilary Coon, PhD Date: April 15th, 2020 @ 11:00 am MT (10:00 PT/12:00 CT/1:00 ET) Suicide leads to over 47,000 preventable deaths annually in the U.S. alone. In addition, suicide has increased by 33% in the U.S. in the last two decades. While environment plays a critical role, suicide has a strong genetic component. With the unique resources available to the Utah Suicide Research Program, we have the opportunity to make significant contributions to the understanding of this genetic aspect of suicide risk, with the ultimate goal of development of personalized interventions. This presentation will give an update on research progress and how results may impact the future of prevention and treatment.

**Link:** <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/mountain-plains-pttc/event/suicide-prevention-across-educational-continuum-6-part-webinar-0>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Collaborate with MP-MHTTC to Develop and Administer a Webinar Focusing on Suicide Prevention

## **School-Based Suicide Prevention Interventions for K-12 Population**

**Description:** This is a collaboration between the Mountain Plains Mental Health TTC and the Mountain Plains PTTC. This is a six-part webinar series, Suicide Prevention Across the Educational Continuum. This series will provide participants with information related to suicide prevention and intervention for youth, young adults, and college students Suicide Prevention Across the Educational Continuum (6-Part Webinar Series): Session 3: School-Based Suicide Prevention Interventions for K-12 Population Presenter: Aaron Fischer, PhD Date: April 22nd, 2020 @11:00 am MT (10:00 PT/12:00 CT/1:00 ET) Participants in this webinar will learn the youth suicide prevalence nationally and the implications to schools. They will also be able to familiarize themselves with multi-tiered systems of positive behavior and social emotional learning. In addition, how the multi-tiered systems support the prevention of suicide. Finally, the webinar will discuss ways to build capacity and sustainability of these services in K-12 schools.

**Link:** <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/mountain-plains-pttc/event/suicide-prevention-across-educational-continuum-6-part-webinar-1>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Collaborate with MP-MHTTC to Develop and Administer a Webinar Focusing on Suicide Prevention

## Pacific Southwest PTTC Highlights from February - March 2020

### Selecting Evidence-Based Interventions: Finding the Best Fit - Hawaii

**Description:** On February 20, 2020, Pacific Southwest PTTC Director Alyssa O'Hair and Coalition for a Drug-Free Hawaii Project Director Michelle Park delivered the in-person workshop "Selecting Evidence-Based Interventions: Finding the Best Fit" in Honolulu, Hawaii. Through participation in this full day, in-person workshop, attendees learned to identify and critically examine interventions that are not just effective but that closely align with their unique community conditions and organizational strengths, with minimal or no adaptations needed. By the end of this training, participants were able to: identify multiple sources to locate evidence-based interventions; differentiate between interventions that are a strong versus poor fit for their community; and describe the continuum of evidence of effectiveness. This workshop was developed using SAMHSA's guidance document, "Selecting Best-fit Programs and Practices: Guidance for Substance Misuse Prevention Practitioners." The Hawaii workshop was offered in partnership with the Coalition for a Drug-Free Hawaii, Hawaii Department of Health Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division, and Hawaii HIDTA.

**Link:** <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/pacific-southwest-pttc/event/selecting-evidence-based-interventions-finding-best-fit-hawaii>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- PTTC staff will deliver pilot training curriculum in an additional 3 communities

### Enhanced Prevention Learning Series: Prevention Ethics

**Description:** This Enhanced Prevention Learning Series (EPLS) on Prevention Ethics took place over four live sessions. This distance learning series offers a unique, interactive experience that explores the six principles of the Prevention Code of Ethics using realistic examples designed to strengthen participants' abilities to manage challenging situations in their work. The learning series is structured to also provide online consultation, skill-based learning and practice, group and individual activities, individual readings, and group discussion on topics essential to application of an ethical decision-making process. During this webinar participants: defined ethics and related terms; described the six principles in the Prevention Code of Ethics; and used an ethical decision-making process to apply the Prevention Code of Ethics.

**Link:** <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/pacific-southwest-pttc/event/epls-prevention-ethics-0>

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- PTTC staff and consultants will develop and deliver EPLS on Prevention Basics, Prevention Ethics, Effective Coalitions, and Sustainability (or other topics as needed).

## **Webinar - The Positive Exists: Framing Communications Using Hope and Concern**

**Description:** On March 25, the Pacific Southwest PTTC and the Northwest PTTC partnered to offer the webinar "The Positive Exists: Framing Communications Using Hope and Concern." This webinar focused on improving communications around substance misuse prevention in communities using the Science of the Positive, a framework that promotes protective factors, increases healthy norms, and positively transforms community cultures. This webinar provided attendees with a new communication skill that can be used immediately to address the very challenging issues of substance misuse prevention.

**Link:** <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/pacific-southwest-pttc/event/webinar-positive-exists-framing-communications-using-hope-and>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- PTTC staff will market media resources via Pacific Southwest PTTC website, listserv, and social media monthly.

## **Pacific Southwest PTTC Highlights for April - May 2020**

### **Evidence-Based Practices to Address Substance Misuse Among Young Adults: SAMHSA's Resource**

**Description:** On April 15, the Pacific Southwest PTTC will deliver the webinar "Evidence-Based Practices to Prevent Substance Misuse Among Young Adults: SAMHSA's Resource Guide." On this webinar, participants will learn about the findings and resources available in the recently released SAMHSA resource guide "Substance Misuse Prevention for Young Adults." Dr. Kim Dash, who co-authored the guide, will describe relevant research findings; examine emerging and best practices; discuss knowledge gaps and implementation challenges; and offer resources. By the end of the webinar, participants will: 1. Identify the recent data on young adults and substance misuse. 2. Understand the guidebook content and how it was developed. 3. Identify evidence-based practices that will make a difference for young adults.

**Link:** <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/pacific-southwest-pttc/event/webinar-selecting-and-implementing-evidence-based-practices>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- PTTC staff will market media resources via Pacific Southwest PTTC website, listserv, and social media monthly.

### **Pacific Southwest PTTC Advisory Board Meeting**

**Description:** In May, the Pacific Southwest PTTC will convene via video conference an Advisory Board meeting. During this meeting, Advisory Board members will discuss how to

select participants for the regional Prevention Academy (originally scheduled for April, postponed until September due to coronavirus concerns); hear key updates on other aspects of our work plan; and provide input into prioritizing Year 3 activities and topic areas. The SAMHSA Region 9 Regional Administrator will also share relevant SAMHSA/CSAP updates and Advisory Board members will engage in peer-sharing focused on their priorities established a year ago at an in-person Advisory Board meeting.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- The Project Director will co-facilitate, along with the AB Co-Chairs, two meetings by video-conference

### **Enhanced Prevention Learning Series: Organizational Elements of Effective Coalitions**

**Description:** Beginning on March 31 and meeting weekly through May 12, the Pacific Southwest PTTC will facilitate the Enhanced Prevention Learning Series (EPLS) "Organizational Elements of Effective Coalitions." This 7-week series offers a unique, interactive experience that provides an overview of the key organizational elements that assist coalitions of all types to operate efficiently and effectively. This series will have a special focus on coalitions that promote healthy youth development to reduce substance misuse and other related problem behaviors. Participants will explore a variety of organizational principles that will assist them in the overall development of their coalition by learning more about how to engage and sustain involvement of key stakeholders and members over time, how to utilize dynamic group-development strategies, and how their efforts can connect with other coalition efforts in their area. The learning series is structured to provide online consultation, skill-based learning and practice, group and self-study activities, individual readings, and group discussion on topics essential to an effective community coalition structure when focusing on primary prevention. Participants will have the opportunity during the course to discuss specific "next steps" questions.

**Link:** <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/pacific-southwest-pttc/event/epls-organizational-elements-effective-coalitions>

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- PTTC staff and consultants will develop and deliver EPLS on Prevention Basics, Prevention Ethics, Effective Coalitions, and Sustainability (or other topics as needed).

## **Northwest PTTC Highlights from February - March 2020**

### **Webinar - The Positive Exists: Framing Communications Using Hope and Concern**

**Description:** On March 25, The Northwest and Pacific Southwest PTTCs delivered the cross-regional webinar, "The Positive Exists: Framing Communications Using Hope and Concern." 162 community and state-level prevention practitioners, allied health partners, and community members who work to prevent substance misuse attended the event. This webinar helped prevention practitioners improve communications around substance use prevention in their communities with the Science of the Positive, a framework that promotes protective factors, increases healthy norms, and positively transforms community cultures. This webinar provided attendees with a new communication skill that can be used immediately to address the very challenging issues of substance misuse prevention. After completion of the webinar, participants were given tools to identify ways to use the Positive Community Norms Approach to correct misperceptions and impact behavior; and determine how to balance both hope and concern in communications. The webinar presenter, Dr. Jeffrey Linkenbach is the Founding Director and Research Scientist at The Montana Institute, who has developed national award-winning science-based programs to change norms. He is one of the co-developers of Healthy Outcomes from Positive Experiences (HOPE) and serves as a Co-Investigator at the HOPE Center in the Tufts University Medical School. Jeff is an affiliate faculty member with the University of Montana – Mansfield Center and a Fellow with UM-Mansfield Academy for Global Leadership. He is recognized for his pioneering development of the Science of the Positive Framework and the Positive Community Norms Approach which are being utilized by tribal, federal, state, and local organizations to achieve positive change and transformation around challenging issues such as child maltreatment, substance abuse, suicide, traffic safety, and community-engaged leadership.

**Link:** <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/northwest-pttc/event/webinar-positive-exists-framing-communications-using-hope-and-concern>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Develop and Implement monthly media series based on assessed needs

### **EPLS: Building Protection Using the Social Development Strategy (SDS)**

**Description:** March 7- April 30, Fifteen individuals participated in the Northwest PTTC Enhanced Prevention Learning Series: Building Protection Using the Social Development Strategy (SDS). This 7-session distance, learning series offered an interactive forum for participants to explore how to build protection in communities, schools, and families using the Social Development Strategy (SDS). This learning series built participants' understanding of shared protective factors and how the Social Development Strategy organizes protection into a strategy for action. Participants practiced using the SDS and its components to design activities that build protection in families, schools, coalitions, and communities.

**Link:** <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/northwest-pttc/event/epls-building-protection-using-social-development-strategy-sds-0>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Deliver 8 total EPLS, piloting 1 new EPLS in year 2.

### **State Listening Sessions**

**Description:** The outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID 19) has significantly impacted the country and our everyday routines. Many schools and businesses have shut down and implemented homeschooling or work from home accommodation. The Northwest Prevention Technology Transfer Center (PTTC) convened Listening Sessions with substance misuse prevention champions, working to keep community partnerships, coalitions, and families strong during these challenging times. The Northwest PTTC opened an online space to listen and lean into the collective wisdom in order to honor both the emerging strengths and needs of the substance misuse prevention workforce throughout HHS Region 10 states. Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington listening sessions occurred April 1st through April 3rd. Participants will receive a summary of the sessions and follow-up resources within the next 7-10 business day.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Convene a listening sessions with prevention practitioners from each of the states, summarize results and make available.

## **Northwest PTTC Highlights for April - May 2020**

### **Webinar: Exploring HOPE - Healthy Outcomes from Positive Experiences**

**Description:** On April 29, 2:00-3:30 pm PT, The Northwest will convene the webinar Exploring HOPE - Healthy Outcomes from Positive Experiences. The Science of the Positive framework is based upon the realization that 'The Positive' exists in ourselves, our communities and our cultures. The new language of HOPE – Healthy Outcomes from Positive Experiences, utilizes The Cycle of Transformation which includes domains of Spirit – Science – Action -Return. In this webinar, participants will begin by honoring the Spirit that motivates all of us in all of our work. Through science, participants will explore the powerful lifelong effects of positive childhood experiences even in the midst of adversity. Presenters will explain how the building blocks of HOPE emerged through careful review of evidence. This session will conclude by providing attendees with flexible building blocks to apply HOPE at the individual, family, community and societal levels to prevent adversity, support resilience and promote healing and health equity-based upon positive childhood experiences (PCEs). Presenters: Robert Sege, MD, PhD is a pediatrician at the Floating Hospital for Children at Tufts Medical Center and a Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine at Tufts University School of Medicine, where he directs the new Center for Community-engaged Medicine. Dr. Sege is a Senior Fellow at the Center for the



Study of Social Policy in Washington, is part of the Leadership Action Team for Massachusetts Essentials for Childhood Team, and serves on the boards of the Massachusetts Children's Trust and Prevent Child Abuse America. He received the 2019 Ray E. Helfer award from the Alliance of Children's Trusts and the American Academy of Pediatrics. He has served on national committees for the American Academy of Pediatrics and has been lead author on several important AAP policies. His extensive speaking and publication list include contributions to the prevention and treatment of child maltreatment and youth violence. Dina Burstein, MD, MPH, FAAP is the Healthy Outcomes for Positive Experiences (HOPE) Project Director at the Center for Community-Engaged Medicine. Dr. Burstein is an experienced physician, healthcare project designer, and leader with over twenty years of success in scientific research, grant writing, analysis, training, and clinical practice. Previously, Dr. Burstein was an Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, directing injury prevention focused community outreach programming and community-based research projects, as well as teaching and mentoring undergraduate, graduate, and medical students. Her aim is to enhance the well-being of individuals and the community by presenting and promoting programs while leveraging proficiency in research, care management, injury prevention and clinical effectiveness. Jeffrey Linkenbach, EdD, MA is the Founding Director & Research Scientist at The Montana Institute, who has developed national award-winning science-based programs to change norms. He is one of the co-developers of HOPE – Healthy Outcomes from Positive Experiences, and serves as a Co-Investigator at the HOPE Center in the Tufts University Medical School. He is recognized for his pioneering development of the Science of the Positive Framework and the Positive Community Norms Approach which are being utilized by tribal, federal, state and local organizations to achieve positive change and transformation around challenging issues such as child maltreatment, substance abuse, suicide, traffic safety, and community-engaged leadership.

**Link:** <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/northwest-pttc/event/webinar-exploring-hope-healthy-outcomes-positive-experiences>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Develop and Implement monthly media series based on assessed needs

## **EPLS: Getting Ready for Sustainability Planning**

**Description:** Enhanced Prevention Learning Series Getting Ready for Sustainability Planning Overview This 7-week distance learning series offers participants a unique, interactive experience to explore how to develop a sustainability plan. Sustainability planning is an intentional process of looking critically at your current prevention infrastructure, processes, and strategies to develop the necessary resources to sustain meaningful prevention outcomes beyond current funding. Sustainability planning involves a series of concrete tasks to create feasible, ongoing support for essential components of your prevention work. Elements of sustainability planning include examining the impact of strategic planning processes, such as SAMSHA's Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) and interventions, priority setting, resource and feasibility analysis, communication planning, and resource and grant development. This learning series incorporates online consultation, skill-based learning and practice, self-study and reading assignments, group activities, and discussion designed to guide participants through each of the five critical components of sustainability planning. Trainers will demonstrate how to use a set of tools to facilitate a sustainability process with community partners and will coach

participants to set actionable steps and timelines to complete a plan over the next year. Session Dates Session 1 - April 7, 2020 Session 2 - April 14, 2020 Session 3 - April 21, 2020 Session 4 - April 28, 2020 Session 5 - May 12, 2020 Session 6 - May 19, 2020 Session 7 - May 26, 2020 Session Times 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm Alaska 01:00 pm – 2:30 pm Pacific 02:00 pm – 3:30 pm Mountain Trainers Jill Parker, BS, has been working in the field of public health for over twenty years. She is currently the Executive Director of the Utah Association of Local Health Departments and Utah Association of Local Boards of Health. In this role, she coordinates with and supports the 13 local health departments across the state, serves as a legislative liaison, and works to spread the message on the essential role of public health in communities. She also serves on the Executive Board of the Utah Coalition for Opioid Overdose Prevention and the Utah Poison Control Center Advisory Board. Michelle Frye-Spray MS CPS, is a Project Manager at the University of Reno, CASAT. She is currently the Coordinator for the Northwest Prevention Technology Transfer Center. Michelle leverages her knowledge of prevention science with over 25 years of prevention-related experience to design and deliver engaging and impactful training and technical assistance. Her skills include coaching prevention practitioners to integrate prevention science into practice and apply data-informed planning to establish prevention practices and interventions worth sustaining. Continuing Education In order to receive 16 continuing education hours, participants are expected to view the 20-minute video tutorial, attend the live technology training, be prepared for and join each session and actively engage in discussions. Due to limited enrollment, if you cannot commit to the full participant requirements, please defer this registration opportunity to others Register here: <https://www.pttclearning.org/courses/getting-ready-for-sustainability-planning-r10/> Space is limited to 15 participants Cost is Free! Questions? Contact Matt Minten (mminten@casat.org) for any questions or difficulty in registering.

**Link:** <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/northwest-pttc/event/epls-getting-ready-sustainability-planning>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Deliver 8 total EPLS, piloting 1 new EPLS in year 2.

## **Systems Change in Substance Misuse Prevention**

**Description:** June 3-July 8, the Northwest will offer an Enhanced Prevention Learning Series on Systems Change in Substance Misuse Prevention. This six-week distance learning series offers an interactive experience for participants to explore the role of systems change in substance misuse prevention. Participants will examine capacities shown to enable evidence-based interventions to achieve and sustain expected results and learn how to incorporate these into their work. Trainers will share examples from their own systems change experiences and will highlight how leveraging leadership, communications, funding, and data can help participants to achieve their prevention goals. The distance learning series will include skill-based learning opportunities, individual and group activities, reading assignments, and group discussion.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Deliver 8 total EPLS, piloting 1 new EPLS in year 2.

## PTTC: National American Indian and Alaska Native

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

#### Ongoing webinars and virtual trainings

**Description:** 1. Understanding Historical Trauma in Native American Communities held on 02/25/2020 2. Addressing Implicit Bias and Stigma Towards Drug Users held on 03/25/2020

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- The PTTC will develop and support educational trainings related to substance use prevention and other behavioral health concerns related to substance use in Native American communities including at health summits, webinars, to provide comprehensive T/TA (including prevention skills trainings) to federally recognized tribes and AI/AN communities including professionals/pre-professionals, organizations, and others in the prevention community seeking to address substance use prevention.

#### Participants for Community Health Campaigns TA Project Selected

**Description:** Three pilot sites have been chosen to participate in the project. What we are offering: Learning collaborative opportunities focusing on the following topics: Assistance in identifying key stakeholders Identifying barriers to health promotion Engaging local programs and agencies Cultural considerations Community engagement opportunities Utilization of media Face-to-face trainings Tentative schedule: Due ongoing changes in the communities selected during the COVID-19 pandemic, initial session rescheduled for May 2020

**Link:** <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/national-american-indian-alaska-native-pttc/news/now-recruiting-participants-community>

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Continue intensive Technical assistance and trainings assisting SU workforce serving AI/AN populations to develop and implement tools for prevention planning and sustainability (including enhancing technology of dissemination)

#### T.A request from Southern Plains Indian Health Board

**Description:** Southern Plains Indian Health Board reached out to our center with T.A requests, one of which is a for a train the trainers on Naloxone utilization. our center is working on ways to deliver this training either virtually or face to face when we are able to

**Link:**

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

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Continue intensive Technical assistance and trainings assisting SU workforce serving AI/AN populations to develop and implement tools for prevention planning and sustainability (including enhancing technology of dissemination)

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**Virtual Q & A sessions**

**Description:** During the COVID-19 Epidemic, various tribes and urban Indian communities are facing behavioral health challenges and reminders of historical trauma. Our center is focused on listening and supporting our native communities and prevention specialist working in urban Indian and Tribal communities during this times. With that in mind, We are initiating a virtual Q & A session to address some of the behavioral health challenges our communities may face while practicing social distancing. This is an overview of some of the topics that have sparked some interest and will be discussed during the sessions 1. Ways prevention specialists can connect to their communities while social distancing (how to connect when you are not supposed to connect physically), public service announcements etc 2. Self care for individuals and families while social distancing, including Ideas for family bonding, meditation, cultural practices, how to handle loneliness, cravings etc 3. Strategies to preventing relapse and substance use while social distancing 4. Community crisis management while social distancing 5. How to host virtual AA meetings 6. Supporting the vulnerable populations ( elderly / youth/ Supporting domestic violence victims / LGBTQ etc)

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:** None

**"Culture is Prevention" collaboration with the National Hispanic and Latino Prevention Technology Transfer Center.**

**Description:** Our center is collaborating with the National Hispanic and Latino Prevention Technology Transfer Center on four "Culture is Prevention" virtual sessions to begin in May

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:** None

## **Culture Card: Engaging Tribal Leaders and other tribal stakeholders**

**Description:** Our center is currently working on the next culture card "Connecting Prevention Specialists to Native Communities" and will be focused on how to engage tribal leaders and other stakeholders for prevention efforts in Native communities

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Continue developing and maintaining a “best practices” repository of information, materials, and resources on the promotion of SU prevention evidence-based practices in Native communities including for populations such as Veterans, adolescents/transitional age youth, elders, pregnant women

## PTTC: National Hispanic and Latino

### National Hispanic and Latino PTTC Highlights from February - March 2020

#### Domestic violence Webinar Series

**Description:** In collaboration with our sister center, the National Hispanic and Latino Addiction Technology Transfer Center, we offered a two-part webinar series on Domestic violence, to honor that February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. Our first session took place on February 18, 2020 and it addressed the following: Understanding teen dating violence, statistics of teen dating violence among Latino teens, warning signs of abuse, the relationship between TDV and substance use. We had 151 attendees. The second Webinar took place on February 25th, and the presentation title was the Intersection of Domestic Violence or Intimate Partner Violence and Addiction. Mrs. Glory McDaniel, MA, LAC, LPCC, NCC, a Bilingual Spanish/English Counselor was our presenter. We had 181 participants.

**Link:** [https://zoom.us/recording/detail?meeting\\_id=NE%2BqmlDaQfeBUYDUB56XA%3D%3D](https://zoom.us/recording/detail?meeting_id=NE%2BqmlDaQfeBUYDUB56XA%3D%3D)

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- During Year -Two we plan to deliver six In-Person training sessions, eight Webinars, and eight Technical Assistant and four Virtual Learning Communities focused on prevention. We will format the topic, provide the necessary training materials, the online training platform (Zoom), the trainers, date, time, promotion of the events, registration, and evaluation tools. Services will be provided in Spanish and English and Portuguese

#### ACEs Webinar

**Description:** On March 19, 2020, our center provided the Webinar “Preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) in the Hispanic and Latinx communities.” This presentation offered an overview of Adverse Childhood Experiences and its impact on population health with the emphasis on the prevention of ACEs in the Hispanic and Latinx communities by fostering resilience and self-healing building communities. Participants were able to understand what ACEs are and how toxic stress can affect cognitive development. The session also addressed how ACEs relate to physical/mental health and substance use issues, adversity about immigration, historical trauma, and what is resilience. It discussed protective factors, critical variables for preventing ACEs and improving relational and community context for the promotion of wellbeing in Hispanic and Latinx communities. Fabricia Prado, LCSW, presented a fantastic workshop with a total of 567 attendees.

**Link:** [https://zoom.us/recording/detail?meeting\\_id=NntJDAOUTKu5UO%2FJjU2BXq%3D%3D](https://zoom.us/recording/detail?meeting_id=NntJDAOUTKu5UO%2FJjU2BXq%3D%3D)

**Related Topics:** None

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platform (Zoom), the trainers, date, time, promotion of the events, registration, and evaluation tools. Services will be provided in Spanish and English and Portuguese

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

**Description:** The National Hispanic and Latino Addiction Technology Transfer Center and the National Hispanic and Latino Prevention Technology Transfer Center are proud to announce the launch of the inaugural National Hispanic and Latino Executive Leadership Fellowship Program. The goal of this leadership academy is to increase the participants' leadership skills to become competent and transformational leaders. Also, to build upon strengths and talents to further their leadership capacity to pursue executive-level leadership positions in behavioral health and integrated health settings. For this program, we selected ten outstanding Latino Leaders from different states to participate in the academy. The first session was held on March 27, 2020.

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

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- The PTTC will develop a recruitment and engagement procedure to identify and select the participants. Individuals will participate in a structured curriculum during the year that will provide them with leadership skills to represent Latino behavioral health in different sectors and at different levels. Participants will meet at regular intervals during the year at pre-determine times virtually, in person or both.

## **National Hispanic and Latino PTTC Highlights for April - May 2020**

### **EBP/ EBT Webinar**

**Description:** Our center is planning a webinar on Evidenced Based Practices and Evidence-Based Treatment in collaboration with our sister center, the National Hispanic and Latino Addiction Technology Transfer Center. This webinar will address what constitutes an “evidence-based treatment (EBT)” and an “evidence-based practice (EBP) and the difference between efficacy and effectiveness, and what we need to know about them to make more informed decisions in selecting EBTs and EBPs that are best suited to our agencies or clinics. The webinar will describe alternative approaches to EBTs/EBPs, such as those grounded on practice-based evidence and community-based evidence or those considered “promising practices,” and alternative concepts to external validity (generalizability), such as ecological validity and social validity. This webinar will take place on April 29, 2020, from 2:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Eastern Time. Our guest speaker for this webinar is Luis A. Vargas, Ph.D. from the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry of New Mexico School of Medicine.

**Link:** [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_PhZsltOLS0eLS\\_yH916QYq](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PhZsltOLS0eLS_yH916QYq)

**Related Topics:** None

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**Prevention: Mobilizing the Hispano/Latino Faith Community in Substance Abuse Webinar.**

**Description:** On May 14th, 2020, from 2:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Eastern Time, our center will host a webinar to provide a clear understanding of the disproportionate impact substance abuse has on Hispano/Latino populations and the role the faith community has to play is an integral part of a successful prevention program in a community. Harry B. Montoya. MA a Prevention Professional from New Mexico will be our presenter.

**Link:** <https://zoom.us/webinar/607975021>

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

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**Virtual Learning Sessions (VLS).**

**Description:** The Hispanic and Latino Prevention Technology Transfer Center invited The National American Indian and Alaskan Prevention Technology Transfer Center to collaborate in the planning and implementation of 4 Virtual Learning Sessions. The topic is Culture is Prevention. The timeframe for the implementation is from May-August 2020.

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

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

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## PTTC: Network Coordinating Office

### PTTC Network Coordinating Office Highlights from February - March 2020

#### PTTC Regional 1:1 sessions

**Description:** The PTTC Project Coordinator facilitated introductory meetings with seven out of ten regional centers, and will complete the remaining in April. Discussion included a review of regional staff experience, expertise, and roles, inquiry around how the NCO can best support regional centers and what improvements could be made, sharing of partnerships within their HHS regions and between the regional centers, and finally, scheduling brief monthly check-ins. As the COVID-19 situation evolved, discussion also included brainstorming how our work could adapt to meet the emerging needs of the prevention workforce. A thematic summary of these conversations will be shared at the April 8th PTTC Steering Committee Meeting.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Develop PTTC Steering Committee group norms & processes

#### The Substance Abuse Prevention Skills Training (SAPST) Trainer Learning Community

**Description:** The Substance Abuse Prevention Skills Training (SAPST) Trainer Learning Community and Materials Portal is live. Initiated by the PTTC Prevention Training Coordination Group, the NCO is providing logistical and maintenance support. This learning community is a space for SAPST Trainers and Training Coordinators who arrange for the delivery of the SAPST four day face-to-face training to access updated SAPST materials, upcoming SAPST and SAPST ToT events, training tips from SAPST Master Trainers, and connect with other SAPST Trainers from across the U.S. to share ideas and resources. At the end of March 31st, there were 62 registrants for this learning community.

**Link:** <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/mid-america-pttc/learning-communities>

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Develop inventory of resources to support prevention workforce development

#### International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC) Endorsement and Collaboration

**Description:** The PTTC NCO is collaborating with the IC&RC for endorsement of all PTTC Network Prevention Online courses on the HealthyKnowledge website. All prevention online courses have been endorsed by the IC&RC. In addition, the PTTC NCO welcomes two members of the IC&RC Board of Directors (BOD) to the PTTC NCO Advisory Board. This is an

enhancement to our national advisory board and part of the PTTC NCOs concentrated effort to work in years 2 and 3 on prevention workforce development activities

**Link:** <https://healthknowledge.org/course/index.php?categoryid=89>

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Address workforce development gaps in PTTC Network Strategic Encounters

## **PTTC Network Coordinating Office Highlights for April - May 2020**

### **PTTC Network Orientation modules**

**Description:** The PTTC NCO is developing and launching several self-paced orientation modules for the PTTC Network and one general orientation module for the TTCs. These modules will be self-paced pre-recorded sessions that can be used for onboarding new staff. The modules will cover topics such as an overview of the projects and services provided by the PTTC NCO, overview of the technology transfer model and the technical assistance framework in addition to other relevant topics.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Facilitate PTTC Network working groups to enact Network-wide plan

### **National Prevention Week (NPW)**

**Description:** The PTTC NCO is collaborating through our grants project officer with dissemination of SAMHSA's National Prevention Week (NPW) 2020 Webinar Series and other monthly events. We will cross promote the webinar schedule on the PTTC Network website and through the Regional and National Centers. In addition, the NPW group will cross promote the PTTC Network during NPW May 10 thru 16, 2020.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** None

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Identify cross SAMHSA TTC projects to highlight in e-publication

### **PTTC NCO National Webinar series**

**Description:** The PTTC NCO have been coordinating and facilitating the PTTC workgroups national webinar series for the PTTC Network working groups and other national collaborators. Currently the Evidence-based Interventions (EBI) workgroup, the Community Coalitions and Collaborators, Opioid Education and the Marijuana Risk Workgroup are planning national

webinars to address their topic areas starting April, 2020. In addition the PTTC NCO is collaborating with the Society for Prevention Research (SPR) to host a webinar on collaborating with prevention researchers and the PTTC Network.

**Link:**

**Related Topics:** Intensive Technical Assistance

**Related Workplan Activities:**

- Disseminate TT strategies to PTTC Network