

# **Summary of discussion regarding PTTC network response to COVID-19**

Recently the PTTC NCO convened a number of conversations regarding the response to and needs surrounding the impact of the COVID-19 epidemic. A COVID-19 coordination was formed on April 22nd, and an Ad Hoc discussion was held with the PTTC SAMSHA project officer who stressed the importance of being nimble in response to COVID-19 and provided guidance around workplan flexibility. Below is a compilation of themes identified in these discussions.

**Priority response areas:**

* Youth and family engagement strategies during isolation
* Bringing prevention virtual
  + Disparities: technology access/alternatives
  + Support for converting to virtual conferences
  + Identifying and addressing the increasing risk factors that are occurring. (lack of supervision, access to substances, trauma & ACEs, increase in exposure)
* Transitionyouth back to school, and opportunities for engagement
* Supporting adaptions of Evidence Based Interventions. Nudge developers, and advocate for workforce

**Existing efforts tailored for COVID-19:**

* Workforce development and certification
* Supporting community coalitions in adapting, and community activation
* Role of prevention during/post pandemic. Multi-level prevention advocacy

**Additional items:**

* Guidance for remaining compliant with SYNAR
* Continued development of national infrastructure of prevention programs serving Hispanix/Latinx communities, and multilinguale certification materials and testing
* Improving trauma-informed approach to prevention programming
* Need to communicate resources for adequately supporting and scaling up workplans, especially regarding modified activities related to COVID-19 response.