

Strategic Prevention Technical Assistance Center (SPTAC)

Using a grantee-specific, regional, and cohort-specific approach, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services (SAMHSA) Strategic Prevention Technical Assistance Center (SPTAC) provides training and technical assistance (T/TA) specifically to SAMHSA's Center for the Substance Abuse Prevention grants. The SPTAC will deliver limited quantities of in-person substance misuse T/TA, using customized consultations, an array of virtual and blended services, including but not limited to, interactive webinars, facilitated and self-paced online courses, online classrooms, virtual communities of practice and virtual coaching, facilitated peer sharing teleconferences, and virtual regional technical expert panel meetings.

The SPTAC has ten resource teams, managed by five regional offices, within the ten Department of Health and Human Services regions, to provide T/TA and develop ongoing liaison relationships with the following stakeholders:

- SAMHSA's prevention grantees – listed below
- Single State Authority (SSA)
- National Prevention Network (NPN)
- SAMHSA's Regional Administrators

Additionally, the SPTAC will collaborate and coordinate with the Prevention Technology Transfer Centers (PTTCs) National Coordinating Office, and the regionally based PTTCs to learn about their existing relationships with stakeholders, as appropriate, and T/TA provided to minimize redundancy, share best practices, and maximize resources.

SAMHSA/CSAP Grants Serviced by SPTAC

Block Grant State Program: The Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant Program and the Synar Program.

Grants to Support Community-Based Prevention Efforts: Comprises T/TA for discretionary grant funding to state and local governments, community-based organizations, and Native American and Alaska Native tribal organizations to implement substance misuse prevention and health promotion efforts through a portfolio of discretionary grant programs. These programs include:

- Strategic Prevention Framework – Partnerships for Success (SPF-PFS) Grant Program
- HIV/AIDS Initiatives: The Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI)
- Sober Truth on Preventing (STOP) Underage Drinking Act Grant Program
- Opioid Misuse Prevention Related Grant Programs
 - First Responders—Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (FR-CARA)
 - Prevent Prescription Drug/Opioid Overdose-Related Deaths (PDO)
 - Strategic Prevention Framework for Prescription Drugs (SPF Rx)
 - Improving Access to Overdose Treatment (OD Tx)

Prevention Technology Transfer Center (PTTC) Network

The Prevention Technology Transfer Center (PTTC) Network is the leader in providing accessible comprehensive training and technical assistance (T/TA) to the substance use prevention field nationally, irrespective of a requirement for a federal funding source. The purpose of the PTTC Network is to provide T/TA to the substance use prevention field across US States, Territories, and Jurisdictions. The PTTCs work directly with SAMHSA and across the PTTC Network on activities aimed at improving implementation and delivery of effective substance abuse prevention interventions. PTTCs provide

prevention skills T/TA services that are: tailored to meet the needs of recipients and the prevention field; based in prevention science and use evidence-based and promising practices; and leverage the expertise and resources available through the alliances formed within and across the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) regions and the PTTC network.

Since 2019, the PTTC has achieved a stellar track record of providing T/TA resources to individuals, communities, non-profits, universities, federal grantees, state agencies, etc. The PTTC Network includes 10 Regional Centers, which align with the ten HHS regions, a National American Indian and Alaska Native Center, a National Hispanic and Latino Center, and a Network Coordinating Office.

PTTC Activities, Focus Areas, and Target Audiences

Activities

- Learning Events (in-person trainings, conferences webinars, training-of-the-trainers)
- Virtual Learning Communities
- Technical Assistance (virtual and in-person)
- Online Courses
- Product Development (assessment tools, curriculum, multi-media resources, slide sets, videos, podcast, etc.)

Focus Areas

- Community Coalitions & Collaborators (primary care, health systems, and communities at large. Harm Reduction)
- Implementation Science
- Data-Informed Prevention Planning and Strategy
- Cannabis Prevention
- Building Health Equity & Social Justice
- Prevention Workforce Support
- Prevention Science, including evaluation of prevention programming, manualized prevention interventions, data science, environmental scans, GIS mapping, epidemiological data, and regional needs assessments.

Target Audiences

- Prevention Professionals and Pre-professionals
- Community Coalitions
- Faith-based Organizations
- Prevention Organizations
- States
- Peers, Consumers, and Family Members