

# **SAMHSA Training and Technical Assistance Resources for Your Grantees**

## **SAMHSA Practitioner Training (SAMSHA website)**

SAMHSA's practitioner training offers tools, training, and technical assistance to practitioners in the fields of mental health and substance use disorders. For more information, please visit: <https://www.samhsa.gov/practitioner-training>

## **Opioid Response Network-ORN- (STR-TA/SOR-TA)**

The Opioid Response Network has local consultants in all 50 states and nine territories to respond to local needs by providing free educational resources and training to states, communities and individuals in the prevention, treatment and recovery of opioid use disorders and stimulant use. By accessing this website you are able to submit a request to the ORN point of contact in your State and they will respond to you in a very short time frame and they will help you with what you need. This network provides local training and education free of charge for specific needs at a community level to address this health crisis. The Opioid Response Network team stands ready to assist you.

Contact: <https://opioidresponsenetwork.org/>

Email: [orn@aaap.org](mailto:orn@aaap.org) or call 401-270-5900

## **Technology Transfer Centers Network (TTC)**

The purpose of the Technology Transfer Centers Network (TTC) program is to develop and strengthen the specialized behavioral healthcare and primary healthcare workforce that provides substance use disorder (SUD) and mental health prevention, treatment and recovery support services. The TTC Network is comprised of the Addiction Technology Transfer Centers (ATTC), the Mental Health Technology Transfer Centers (MHTTC) and the Prevention Technology Transfer Centers (PTTC).

- **Addiction Technology Transfer Centers (ATTC):**

The ATTCs support national and regional activities focused on preparing tools needed by practitioners to improve the quality of service delivery and to providing intensive technical assistance to provider organizations to improve their processes and practices in the delivery of effective SUD treatment and recovery services.

Contact: <https://attcnetwork.org/>

- **Mental Health Technology Transfer Centers (MHTTC):**

The MHTTCs will work with organizations and treatment practitioners involved in the delivery of mental health services to strengthen their capacity to deliver effective evidence-based practices to individuals, including the full continuum of services spanning mental illness prevention, treatment, and recovery support.

Contact: <https://mhttcnetwork.org/>

- **Prevention Technology Transfer Centers (PTTC):**

The PTTCs will develop and disseminate tools and strategies needed to improve the quality of substance abuse prevention efforts; provide intensive technical assistance and learning resources to prevention professionals in order to improve their understanding of prevention science, how to use epidemiological data to guide prevention planning, and selection and implementation of evidence-based and promising prevention practices; and develop tools and resources to engage the next generation of prevention professionals.

Contact: <https://pttcnetwork.org/>

## **Clinical Support System for Serious Mental Illness (CSS-SMI) – SMI-Adviser**

SMI Adviser's mission is to advance the use of a person-centered approach to care for people who have serious mental illness (SMI). This center is administered by the American Psychiatric Association (APA). The APA works closely on this project with a team of experts from 30 other mental health organizations. This team includes individuals, families, clinical experts, peers, and policy makers – all working to create access to the best resources on serious mental illness (SMI).

Contact: <https://smiadviser.org/>

## **Providers' Clinical Support System for Medication Assisted Treatment (PCSS-MAT)**

PCSS-MAT is a national training and clinical mentoring project developed in response to the prescription opioid misuse epidemic and the availability of pharmacotherapies to treat opioid use disorder. PCSS- MAT trains health professionals to provide effective, evidence-based, medication-assisted treatments to patients with opioid use disorder in primary care, psychiatric care, substance use disorder treatment, and pain management settings.

Contact: <https://pcssnow.org/>

## **Center of Excellence for Protected Health Information (CoE-PHI)**

This Center's mission is to develop and disseminate training, technical assistance, and educational resources for healthcare practitioners, families, individuals, states, and communities on various privacy laws and regulations as they relate to information about mental and substance use disorders. These include: the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and 42 CFR Part 2. This Center of Excellence addresses the intersection of these laws and regulations with other privacy laws such as the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Contact: <http://coephi.org/>

## **National Center of Excellence for Eating Disorders (NCEED)**

NCEED is the nation's first center of excellence dedicated to eating disorders. Founded in 2018 by SAMHSA, their mission is to advance education and training of healthcare providers and to promote public awareness of eating disorders and eating disorder treatment. Based at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NCEED includes clinicians, researchers, and advocates who specialize in eating disorder care. NCEED's goal is to ensure that all individuals with eating disorders are identified, treated, and supported in recovery.

Contact: <https://www.nceedus.org/>

## **National Peer Run Training and TA Center for Addiction Recovery Peer Support (APR-CoE)**

This center will provide training and TA to recovery community organizations (RCOs), as well as peer support networks. The main goals are: increase the number of clinical and other settings that integrate peer support workers into care delivery (specifically those that have not traditionally used peers); enhance professionalization of the peer support workforce; increase the number of RCOs with strong organizational capacity to provide sustainable services to the communities in which they are located; and improve the dissemination of peer recovery support evidenced-base practices and practice-based evidence.

Contact: <https://www.peerrecoverynow.org/>

## Family Support Technical Assistance Ctr. - Fam-CoE

The National Family Support Technical Assistance Center (NFSTAC) is committed to providing training and technical assistance using a lifespan approach that focuses on serious emotional disturbances, serious mental illness and substance use disorders. This approach is anchored by the underlying principles that families play a vital role in supporting their loved ones and are the experts regarding their family support needs.

Contact: <https://www.nfstac.org/>

## Homeless and Housing Resource Center – HHRC

The purpose of this program is to provide training and technical assistance (TTA) to the general public and persons working with individuals who are at risk for, or are experiencing, homelessness. The grant recipient Policy Research Associates will expand the availability of high-quality virtual and in-person trainings in evidence-based housing and treatment models for adults, children, and families who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and have serious mental illness (SMI), serious emotional disturbance (SED), substance use disorders (SUD), and/or co-occurring substance use and mental disorders (COD).

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## Centers of Excellence for Behavioral Health Disparities

The purpose of this program is to establish three Centers of Excellence (CoE) to develop and disseminate training and technical assistance for healthcare practitioners on issues related to addressing behavioral health disparities. It is expected that the recipients will implement training and technical assistance for practitioners to address the disparities in behavioral healthcare in three key populations: African Americans, LGBTQ, and the aging population

- **Center of Excellence for Black/ African American Behavioral Health Disparities**

The Center of Excellence (CoE) for Behavioral Health Disparities - African Americans will use innovative, evidence-based, culturally aligned systems-change, workforce development, technology transfer, and collaborative national partnerships to eliminate disparities and promote behavioral health and health equity for African-Americans.

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- **The Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health Disparities in Aging**

This CoE will measurably advance workforce capacity expansion through innovative practitioner training, with a specific focus on community based providers' implementation of evidence-based practices and programs (EBPs) for vulnerable older adults who experience the greatest behavioral and physical health disparities.

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- **Center for Excellence on Behavioral Health Disparities Impacting the LGBTQ Community (CoE BHD LGBTQ)**

The CoE BHD LGBTQ will provide training and technical assistance (TTA) to effectively implement change strategies within mental health (MH) and substance use (SU) disorder treatment systems to address disparities. The target audience for TTA is health care practitioners in clinical care settings as well as the broader public. Disparities research shows that LGBTQ people are at greater risk for MH diagnoses with increased likelihood to attempt and complete suicide, experience depression and anxiety, engage in substance misuse, and experience hospitalization for emotional reasons. Behavioral health (BH) disparities for the LGBTQ community have been connected to pervasive misperceptions held by the MH and SU workforce as well as a lack of culturally responsive BEPBs.

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