



North Carolina Training
& Technical Assistance Center



WELCOME

ATTENTION - Block Grant Providers, COVID-19 Supplemental Funded Grantees, and American Rescue Plan Act recipients who are currently delivering any type of Communications Campaign, including Lock Your Meds and Talk It Up, Lock It Up! Please take about a minute to answer this [quick survey](#) about the various distribution methods you use to get the word out about your campaign.

Your input is valuable and will help to streamline the Ecco Online Reporting System. Please complete the survey by April 10, 2024.

THANK YOU!

We are here to help with the upcoming DMH/DD/SUS Block Grant and C19 Audit!



Contact **Paige Salters**
(psalters@wakehealth.edu) if you
have questions regarding ECCO data
entry for C19 and/or ARPA Grants.



If you have any questions regarding
ECCO approvals, entering process
data, staff training for ECCO, or
understanding the guides associated

with ECCO -- contact **Robert Greer**
(rgreer@APNC.org).

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FROM THE DESK OF DMH/DD/SUS

Prevention System Updates - SAVE the DATE!

FY24 has been a robust year for the NC prevention system. From new funding opportunities, expanded Synar efforts, increased training and technical assistance opportunities, needs assessments, evaluation projects, Ecco system updates to much, much more – the state office, statewide partners and YOU have been doing amazing work as we shift towards a results-based management system.

The DMH/DD/SUS Prevention Team invites you to join us for a webinar on May 13, 2:00pm-3:00pm OR May 14, 11:00am-12:00pm as we share prevention system updates and FY25 priorities.

Registration information coming soon!

Note: Changes to the SUPTRS Annual Block Grant Audit Timeline are Highlighted Below:

March 2024
Preparation Support and Technical Assistance Available by NC TTA Center
(see below re: Office Hours)

April 15, 2024
Deadline to enter all data into Ecco
for July 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024 timeframe

by April 19, 2024
Randomly selected providers will be notified for participation in the audit
interviews, Strategy Selection Survey emailed to providers

April 19, 2024
NC TTA will Coordinate Audit Meeting Schedule with LME/MCO Contacts

April 16 - May 31, 2024
DMH team desk audits will be conducted

June 3-7; June 17-21 and June 24 & 25, 2024
Post-Audit meetings will be held (per LME) with State Team

For general questions regarding the audit, contact **Dr. Angela Maxwell**, at angela.maxwell@dhhs.nc.gov.

For questions regarding *Synar* contact **David Haywood** at david.haywood@dhhs.nc.gov.



A MESSAGE FROM WAKE FOREST

Dear Prevention Community,

We are currently working on needs assessment reviews. As we work through these reviews, we see wonderful evidence of how well you know your communities and understand the importance of aligning risk and protective factors, context, and strategies to address the most concerning problems in your communities.

Unfortunately, during this process, we also identified unanticipated challenges in creating a comprehensive prevention approach that necessitated meeting with the state and other statewide partners to decide what constitutes a comprehensive prevention approach. Those challenges are resolved, and we anticipate that most models will meet

comprehensiveness requirements, either as is or with a connection to a strategy you have included in another model. (i.e. other funding or collaboration with community partners).

What is next? We are finalizing reviews and will share recommendations with the state within the next two weeks and then with prevention providers and coalitions approximately two weeks later.

Thank you for your thoughtful work on your community needs assessment.

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A NOTE FROM PIRE

The ADDRESS for MAILING PAPER YPE PRE/POST SURVEYS TO PIRE FOR SCANNING AND ANALYSIS has been UPDATED!!

Please use the updated address below when you have YPE pre- and post-surveys ready to send to PIRE for scanning and analysis. The new address is:

Jessica Edwards

Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation

PIRE Chapel Hill Center

101 Conner Drive, Suite 200

Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Please let Jessica Edwards know when you mail the surveys so PIRE knows to expect them. Reach out to her with any questions at 919-265-2636 or jedwards@pire.org



UPCOMING TRAININGS, MEETINGS, & CONFERENCES

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training - In Person on May 7th, 8:45am - 5pm

Location: Poe Center for Health Education, 224 Sunnybrook Rd, Raleigh, NC

The Youth Mental Health First Aid Training is a program designed for adults to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, neighbors and other caring citizens how to help an adolescent (ages 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or substance use challenge or crisis. The course introduces common mental health challenges for youth, reviews typical adolescent development, along a 5-step action plan.

NOTE: This event will be conducted in-person with a limit of 30 registrants. Register early to get your seat! This training, offered by the Poe Center for Health Education, is funded in whole by the SAMHSA Mental Health Awareness Training Grant and made available at no cost to participants.

[Click here to Register](#)

North Carolina Prevention Conference Registration is Open Now!



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NCDHHS



North Carolina Tobacco Use Prevention Program



Addiction Professionals of North Carolina

**JUNE 10 - 11,
2024**

**McKimmon Center
Raleigh, NC**

The North Carolina Prevention Conference is the ONLY annual North Carolina conference provided specifically to support those engaged with primary prevention strategies within North Carolina whether through prevention providers, coalition work or education & public health. This is an opportunity for those who are passionate about substance use prevention to learn & collaborate on the latest trends, topics, best practices, & community strategies.

Early Bird registration ends on April 15!

[Click here for more Information & to Register](#)

Interested in sponsoring this event? Click here to view the sponsorship prospectus!

[Click here to view the Sponsorship & Exhibitor Prospectus](#)



F.Y.I. CORNER

Information shared in the "FYI Corner" is not endorsed by the NCTTA Center or DMH/DD/SUS and may have associated costs.

[Other Training Opportunities](#)

[The Rise of Online Gaming and Sports Betting: How it is Affecting Youth and Young Adults and What Communities Can Do to Raise Awareness](#)

CINC is excited to partner with the North Carolina Problem Gambling Program to bring you a webinar on April 16, 2024, at 11:00 am.

Online sports betting went live in North Carolina in March during March Madness and Problem Gambling Awareness Month, raising even more concern, specifically with youth and young adults. College campuses are being inundated with sports betting advertisements on social media reinforcing gambling myths and giving bettors a sense of control. This creates an uptick in those young adults reaching out for treatment services. The North Carolina Problem Gambling Program offers youth prevention education grants, resources, consultation, and technical support to assist organizations in moving forward with individual and environmental prevention strategies. In addition, the prevention program has shifted to include partnerships with those who have lived experience and can educate college students and assist college and university campuses with awareness activities. This one-hour workshop will provide information on

the online sports betting landscape, youth and young adult gambling behaviors, and ways to impact your community.

To register [click here](#).

Prevention and Technology Transfer Center Network

PTTC, funded by [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#), is a part of a larger network of 10 domestic regional centers and a Network coordinating office offering services to improve implementation and delivery of effective substance use prevention interventions, and provide training and technical assistance services to the substance misuse prevention field.

Each month the Southeast PTTC Center (North Carolina's regional office) provides a variety of free prevention trainings and webinars which can be accessed through the link below:

[FREE trainings for April 2024: Training and Events Calendar](#)

Too Good Curriculum Trainings

Too Good Curriculum Trainings combine evidence-based prevention strategies and proven best practices to give you the skills, knowledge base, and confidence to deliver *Too Good* effectively and with results. Our professional trainers bring extensive, real-world classroom experience to the training sessions so you can get the most out of your *Too Good* implementation.

Single day sessions at each development level for *Too Good for Drugs* and *Too Good for Violence*, for Elementary, Middle School, and High School and Middle School for *Seeds of Nutrition* are available.

June 18-20, 2024 - Chicago, IL

August 2024 - Los Angeles, CA

Register Today

Strong African American Families Program Training

As you know, **Strong families** help make strong kids who can persist through difficult circumstances and make wise choices. That's intuitive, and sure enough, our research has proven it. Research conducted at the Center for Family Research at the University of Georgia has identified vital characteristics of strong Black families in particular and put

them into two programs that encourage their development: [the Strong African American Families \(SAAF\) and Strong African American Families-Teen \(SAAF-T\) programs](#).

- The **Strong African American Families (SAAF)** Program is a 7-session program designed for youth aged 10–14 and their caregivers. The goal of SAAF is to build on the strengths of African American families and support parents and youth during the transition from early adolescence to the teen years with a specific emphasis on helping young people avoid risky and dangerous behaviors (e.g., substance use). [Learn more](#).
- The **Strong African American Families – Teen Program (SAAF-T)** is a 5-session program designed for teens aged 14 – 16 and their caregivers. The goal of SAAF-T is to build on the strengths of African American families in order promote positive development throughout the teenage years. SAAF-T focuses on reducing risks that can get in the way of positive development, with a focus on reducing substance abuse and sexual risk-taking that can lead to HIV and other STIs. [Learn more](#).

The Center is offering training of facilitators (TOF) for each of the SAAF Programs in Athens, GA this summer. **The SAAF training will be held June 25 – June 27, 2024, and the SAAF-Teen training will be held July 10-12, 2024.**

These training opportunities will be open to new organizations that are interested in adopting the program to meet the needs of families in their communities.

For more information on these training opportunities, please contact Gregory Rhodes @ gdrhodes@uga.edu or (706)248-8422.

Funding Opportunities

Drug-Free Communities Support Program – Notice of Funding Opportunity Announcement

The DFC Program is the nation’s leading effort to prevent youth substance use. Coalitions receive \$125,000 for up to 10 years to promote prevention strategies at the local level. Please see our new [video](#)! You can also visit our [website](#) for more information and this [page](#) to learn about eligibility requirements.

The application is due April 17, 2024, at 11:59 PM ET.

Below is a list of resources that can assist you in applying to the DFC Program.

DFC Notice of Funding Opportunities:

- Year 1 coalitions: grants.gov/search-results-detail/349584
- Year 6 coalitions: grants.gov/search-results-detail/349585

DFC Training website: <https://dfc.cmpinc.net/>

- Recorded NOFO workshops & slides
- FAQs

DFC Overview Video

- <https://youtu.be/bN93KIYHmgA>

If you have any questions, please email us at DFC_NOFO@cdc.gov. CDC looks forward to receiving your applications!

Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking Act Grants Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

Application Due Date: Friday, May 03, 2024

The purpose of this program is to prevent and reduce alcohol use among youth and young adults ages 12 to 20 in communities throughout the United States. Award recipients will be expected to implement activities that support capacity building such as implementing evidence-based community approaches, enhancing collaboration, cooperation and coordination among communities, federal, state, and local and tribal governments, and convening Town Halls.

To find out if your organization is eligible to apply visit [SAMHSA's Grant Dashboard using this link](#).

Information You Can Use

News from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration

Find out why the [FDA filed complaints against 20 retailers for selling unauthorized Elf Bar E-cigarettes here](#).

You can access a listing of retailers who received [civil money penalties \(CMPs\) against 20 brick and mortar retailers](#) for the sale of unauthorized Elf Bar e-cigarettes by using the link provided.

The [2023 National Youth Tobacco Survey](#) indicates that the Elf Bar was the most commonly used brand among U.S. youth e-cigarette users. More than half of the middle and high school students who reported using e-cigarettes in the past 30 days, reported using Elf Bar products during that period.

[Drug Abuse Warning Network \(DAWN\) Short Report: Alcohol-related ED Visits Now Available](#)

The Drug Abuse Warning Network (**DAWN**) Short Report: Alcohol-related ED Visits focuses on estimates of alcohol-related ED visits from January 2021 through September 2023. The report highlights over 8 million ED visits related to alcohol and identifies alcohol as the most prevalent substance involved in substance-related ED visits noting it is twice the number of visits compared to opioids or cannabis. The short report additionally identifies a higher rate of alcohol-related ED visits among males compared to females, as well as data on regional rates of alcohol-related ED visits. You can access the report by clicking the link below.

[Read The Report Here](#)



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