



North Carolina Training
& Technical Assistance Center



WELCOME

Congratulations to Deeanna Hale-Holland on winning the Prevention Pioneer Award. This award honors the idea of moving upstream to stop substance use before it starts. This person works tirelessly to educate individuals and communities, enact prevention-based policies, and keeps the health of our community's youth at the forefront.

APNC had the distinct privilege of giving this award to Deeanna at Coastal Horizons' annual meeting in front of her colleagues. After the award, so many people said, "you can't talk about prevention in North Carolina without talking about Dee." And they're right.

One of APNC's staff members said that Deeanna is her go-to person for any prevention-related questions she has.

Thank you, Deeanna, for your work and to Coastal Horizons for letting us join the lunch to surprise her!



Deeanna Hale-Holland and Sara Howe



FROM THE DESK OF DMH/DD/SUS

Mark your calendars with these important dates as you plan for the new year!

- Synar Project Applications due December 15, 2023.

- SUPTRS Compliance Reports – Reports are due in January 2024. Please work with your LME/MCO contact person for report deadline dates. Reports should not be sent directly to DMH staff.
- FY 24' Audit Prep Session will be held on February 7, 2024 at 11am until 12pm. Each provider should have one representative attend. More information is coming soon!



A MESSAGE FROM WAKE FOREST

It was recently shared that breakout labels may be confusing when referring to parental or peer (non) use. These are being modified. But in the meantime, when you see *parental (non) use* that **rarely** means parents never or rarely consume substances, **sometimes** means that parents sometimes consume substances, and **frequently** means parents often or frequently consume substances. Similarly, when you see *peer (non) use*, **few** means none or few friends consume substances, **some** means some friends consume substances, and **most** means most or all friends consume substances.

Questions can be directed to Dr. Melinda Pankratz at mpankrat@wakehealth.edu.



UPCOMING TRAININGS & MEETINGS

Office Hours

Topic: Prioritizing Intervening Variables Needs Assessment TA

Join DHHS, Wake Forest, CINC and the NC TTA Center Staff during Office Hours! Technical Assistance for Block Grant providers and coalitions participating in the 3-part Needs Assessment series can receive technical assistance from the Wake Forest team.

The **Needs Assessment TA sessions have begun. Don't miss out on Tuesday and Thursday's until December 19, 2023.** You can join the TA sessions by [Clicking Here](#) each day at 2-3pm. You don't have to register, just drop in!

****There will be no office hours after December 19th and remember your completed Risk and Protective Factors template is due January 3, 2024****

For more information feel free to contact Dr. Melinda Pankratz at mpankrat@wakehealth.edu

Needs Assessment Workshop 3: Capacity and Strategy Selection

Virtual on **January 16** from **12:30 – 3:30 pm** or **January 17, 2024** from **9:30 am – 12:30 pm**

This workshop is the third in a three-part series in the fiscal year 2024 needs assessment process. Workshop 3 focuses on assessing community capacity to address identified high concern substances and priority intervening variables. This includes multiple dimensions of community

capacity, such as resources and expertise, as well as community readiness to address the problems identified. This will conclude with discussions about how to use the resulting assessment data to develop a comprehensive prevention strategy.

By the end of workshop 3 participants will:

1. Know how to assess community capacity to address select high concern substances and priority intervening variables.
2. Understand how to take assessment results to build a comprehensive prevention strategy.

[Click here to Register](#)

Ecco Basics 101 Training – January 22, 2024 @ 1 -2:30pm

Do you have new staff onboard who need training on the Ecco reporting system? Are you in need of a refresher for entering data into Ecco? Then this training is for you!

This session will highlight the basics of understanding and inner workings of ECCO. You will learn how to upload, edit, and manage your strategies. As well as learn to input hours, process data, and what will get your IP's approved or returned. We will review the process of submitting TA requests through ECCO and when you should contact your local ECCO TA person directly.

By the end of this training participants will have a basic understanding of:

- How to create an Implementation plans (IPs)
- How to upload support documents into the *Briefcase*
- Steps to adding process data into your approved strategies
- Importance of reviewing the comments section within each strategy
- Who to contact when requesting Technical Assistance

If you have questions about Ecco or this training, feel free to contact Robert Greer, NC TTA Center Prevention Support Coordinator at rgreer@apnc.org.

[Click here to Register](#)

Youth Prevention Education Training – February 5-6, 2024 (Virtual) from 9am – 1pm

North Carolina Foundations of Youth Prevention Education prepares direct service prevention providers to implement evidence-based and/or standards-based Youth Prevention Education (YPE) programs. *North Carolina Foundations of Youth Prevention Education* provides a basic understanding of the components and best practices related to implementing any YPE program. The training is broken up into self-paced pre-work and 2 days of content with engaging activities that allow participants to meet the previously stated objectives through direct application of the material using interactive breakout rooms and group discussions. This training will increase participants' knowledge and skills related to planning, managing, facilitating, evaluating, and monitoring a Youth Prevention Education program.

[Click here to Register](#)



F.Y.I. CORNER

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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.

February 6-8, 2024 - Atlanta, GA

June 2024 - Chicago, IL

August 2024 - Los Angeles, CA

Register Today

WK. Kellogg Foundation

8th annual National Day of Racial Healing

Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024

A time to connect, build relationships & bridge divides.

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EXPLORE & LEARN:

It's the time of year when many families spend more time around the dinner table together. Conversations on topics of the day are sure to come up and sometimes they get intense. One way to help cultivate a healing environment – especially around topics of race, identity, and racism, is through the principle of *Conocimiento*, a Spanish word that roughly translates as “get to know” or “gain knowledge.” *Conocimiento* helps groups of people create community and a sense of belonging, where everyone can bring their full selves to a conversation. Find out how to weave *Conocimiento* and racial healing into your interactions this season through our Racial Healing [Conversation Guide](#), available at www.DayofRacialHealing.org.

WATCH:

Our partners at Noticias Telemundo wrapped up their Spanish-language digital series, *Cambiando La Narrativa* with [Episode 4](#). In this episode, people from immigrant communities talk about the discrimination they faced in a variety of contexts when they arrived in the United States. They also share what they did to heal and help create a more equitable environment.

NBC News also released the [final episode](#) of Changing the Narrative. This episode centers the stories of two people who have never met but have one thing in common – they grew up in and around Boston, Massachusetts – a place with a history and legacy of racism. They share their experiences and how they are healing.

New Framework Released to Reduce Opioid Overdose

The HEALing Communities Initiative, the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and the NIH Helping to End Addiction Long-term (HEAL) Initiative® today launched the Opioid-Overdose Reduction Continuum of Care Approach (ORCCA): A Policymakers Guide to Implementing Evidence-Based Strategies that Address Opioid Overdose.

[Click here to learn more](#)

Webinar: Tobacco Product Regulation in the United States: An Update from FDA's Center for Tobacco Products

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

2:00-3:00 PM EST

The SSA-TA project invites you to attend an upcoming webinar on tobacco product regulation. Brian King, PhD, MPH, Director of the FDA's Center for Tobacco Products will provide updates on federal regulation of tobacco products in the United States. He will discuss the core activities of the Center, including updates on rulemaking to issue product standards, compliance and enforcement actions, tobacco product application review, and public health education campaigns. Dr. King will also discuss the Center's response to address recommendations in the Reagan-Udall Foundation operational evaluation report, including efforts to develop a new strategic plan. The webinar will be held on [Wednesday, February 14, 2024, from 2:00-3:00 PM EST.](#)

To attend the event, you must register using the link below.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RngR2MzIQtk8FeTyPOewOO

During the registration process, you will be provided the option to download the event in your web browser to place in your calendar, followed by a confirmation email.



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