



North Carolina Training & Technical Assistance Center



WELCOME

Hello! We've quickly arrived in February. Love is in the air and so is the beginning of great partnerships!

We're looking for Fellowship placement partners!

The TTA Center is excited to announce the second cohort of our Prevention Fellowship program! This program spans two semesters and is specifically tailored for students who are passionate about entering the substance use prevention field. Through this program, students get to attend engaging virtual workshops to develop essential general prevention skills, working hand-in-hand with communities to reduce substance use challenges. Fellows spend the second half of their time in the program placed with a community partner. In partnership with their placement supervisor, Fellows work to create a project based on SAMHSA's Prevention Core Competencies. Our team is looking for five new placement sites for this upcoming cohort. Students will begin in the Spring with an introduction to Prevention course conducted by the NC TTA Center and be placed with agencies from August - October 2025.

If you're interested in hosting a Fellow, please fill out the form below. Questions? Reach out to eknowles@apnc.org.

[Prevention Fellowship Placement Interest Form](#)

Be Part of a Growing Network of Internship Opportunities!

We're building an ever-growing list of substance use prevention agencies interested in hosting student interns. This list will be shared with professors in public health, social work, and related disciplines, giving your agency visibility as a potential partner for internship placements.

By participating, your agency will:

- Gain exposure to professors seeking internship sites
- Welcome fresh perspectives from passionate students
- Boost your capacity for innovative prevention projects

Ready to join?

Complete our [Interest Form](#) today! While final placements are determined by professors and students, this is your chance to showcase your agency and make valuable connections!

[Have questions? Contact us at jgarza@apnc.org.](mailto:jgarza@apnc.org)



FROM THE DESK OF DMH/DD/SUS

Greetings!

The NCDHHS DMH Synar team is pleased to announce key changes that have been made to two state approved and required merchant education materials:

1. The Window Decal has been updated to reflect a change in the [federal T21 law](#) that requires retailers to check the ID of everyone under the age of 30 who attempts to purchase tobacco products.
2. The retailer training cards have been updated to include a QR code to the appropriate training website.

As a reminder, these items are free and can be obtained by placing an order on the [Alpha Graphics website](#). If you have any questions or concerns, please contact David Haywood at David.haywood@dhhs.nc.gov.

The Annual Audit Prep Webinar will be held on February 19, 2025 from 1 - 2:30 pm.

Join DMH/DD/SUS prevention staff to learn about the FY25 traditional prevention block grant direct service block grant audit. We'll discuss the audit timeframe, agencies to be included in this year's audit, strategies/programs to be audited, preparation tips and TA opportunities, and FY25 guidance. There will also be time to answer audit questions during the webinar. This webinar requires at least one person from the SUPTRS Block Grant to attend. Note only one person needs to attend if you serve multiple LMEs.

REMINDER: *The FEMA designated counties impacted by Hurricane Helene will not be included in the FY25 audit. As such, providers serving those counties do not need to attend the webinar.* If you have any questions, contact Dr. Angela Maxwell at angela.maxwell@dhhs.nc.gov.

[To register for the audit prep webinar click here!](#)



GENERAL UPDATES

Attention All Ecco Users!

Keep the following in mind as you Plan, Implement, and Evaluate your SUPTRS services this year!

- As of January 15, 2025, Ecco will close each month on the 15th!
- If you experience any **issues with Ecco reporting in regards to your implementation plans (IPs)**, contact Robert Greer, the NC TTA Center Prevention Support Coordinator, at rgreer@apnc.org or through the *Help* feature in Ecco.
- If you experience any **technical difficulties while using Ecco or account access issues**, please contact Marcus Bouligny by using the *Help* feature in Ecco.
- If you would like access to the most recent recording of the ECCO Updates or Training, contact rgreer@apnc.org.

Disaster Recovery Updates

We hope your recovery efforts in wake of last year's hurricanes have continued to improve. Please keep in mind the following resources. We will continue to provide up-to-date resources as we receive them.

- [List of resources for people in affected areas of Western Carolina](#)
- [APNC Hurricane Helene Information and Resource Hub](#)
- [Helene Disaster Assistance Extension until 2/6/2025](#)



Live Virtual Training offered by the NC TTA Center

Substance Use and Misuse Prevention Skills Training (SUMPST) on February 10 & 12, 2025 from 9am-3pm

SUMPST (Substance Use and Misuse Prevention Skills Training) prepares direct service providers to implement evidence-based Substance Abuse Prevention Programs and learn about the Prevention System in North Carolina. SUMPST provides a basic understanding of the components and best practices related to effective prevention practice.

All block grant providers who are new to the North Carolina Prevention System are required to complete all components of this training at least once. Block grant providers will receive priority registration. If space is available, other groups will be allowed to register. The training will occur via independent study and include an interactive 2-day workshop, and homework activity.

Keep an eye out for the Prerequisite Course coming soon to our LMS.

To register for the course, [click here!](#)

Office Hours: Strategy-Specific Tips for Entering Your Data into Ecco

Office Hours to prepare you for the upcoming SUPTRS Block Grant Audit will be held beginning February 27th. Providers will be given tips for entering strategy-specific data into Ecco, the online reporting system. Each week will focus on a different topic as follows:

- February 27 – Reporting Youth and Parent Prevention Education Strategies into Ecco [Join by clicking here!](#)
- March 6 – Reporting Environmental Strategies into Ecco [Join by clicking here!](#)
- March 13 – What’s in your Ecco Briefcase? [Join by clicking here!](#)
- March 20 – Pulling Reports in Ecco [Join by clicking here!](#)
- March 27 – General Ecco and SYNAR Data Reporting [Join by clicking here!](#)

Use the topic-specific link to join the 2 - 3 pm weekly discussion. If you miss an Office Hours, don't fret the recording will be made available on our LMS as a general course.

Synergy in Action: The Art of Campus-Community Collaboration on May 20, 2025 from 1 - 2pm

The relationship between colleges or universities and their surrounding communities offers a unique and powerful opportunity to address substance misuse among young adults. This session will explore how prevention coalitions and campuses can collaborate effectively, leveraging each other's strengths to support young adults and create a positive ripple effect on the broader community. Attendees will gain insights into building and maintaining these partnerships, along with tangible resources, templates, and North Carolina-specific examples to inspire creative and impactful prevention initiatives. By the end of the session, participants will be equipped with strategies to foster collective impact and strengthen community-campus collaborations for substance use prevention.

Registration will open soon!

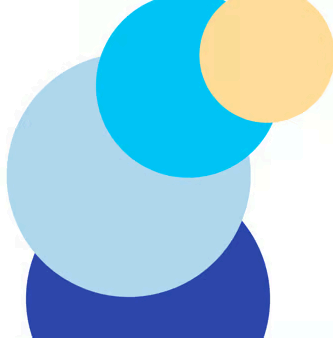
Courses Currently Available in the NC TTA Center LMS!

General Courses available

- **ECCO Onboarding**
- **North Carolina Youth Engagement Training**
- **North Carolina Approved Communication Campaigns and Awareness Initiatives Overview Recordings**
- **Tobacco and Merchant Education Related Webinar Series**
- **Innovative Prevention**

Note: Everyone will have access to the general courses upon creating an account. Other courses will be assigned to you upon registration. To access the general courses log into your account by [clicking here!](#)

Registration for the North Carolina Prevention Conference is now open!



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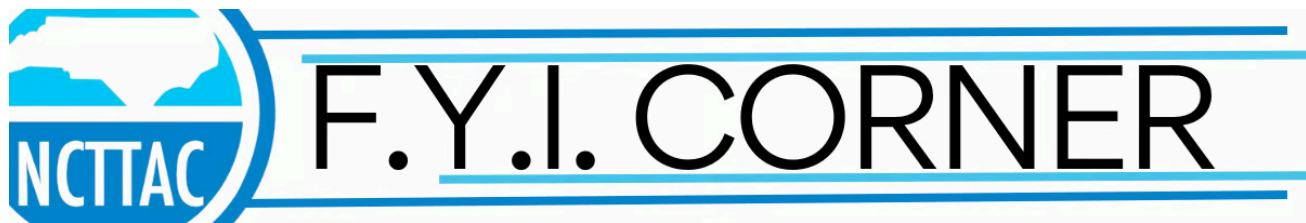


[Register Here!](#)

Other Training Offered by our Statewide Partners

Check out the following training supported by DHHS/DD/SUS:

- [Community Impact of North Carolina](#)
- [Southeast Prevention Technology Transfer Center](#)



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

CADCA’s 24th Mid-Year Training Institute: event will take place at the Gaylord Opryland, located in Nashville, TN from July 20–24, 2025. [Click here](#) for more information!

Beyond School Hours: The Premier National Education Conference in Orlando, Florida on February 14-16, 2025. For more information [click here!](#)

National AfterSchool Association Conference in Nashville, Tennessee on March 9-12, 2025. For more information [click here!](#)

Mental Health First Aid Training

For more information on how you can get trained in Adult or Youth Mental Health First Aid visit this [website and register today!](#)

2025 RIZE Conference Visionaries United a Prevention Conference in Charlotte, NC on April 16-19, 2025. [Click here](#) for more information!

Mental Health First Aid Summit on May 4, 2025 in Philadelphia, PA. [Click here](#) for more information

NatCon25 a Mental Health and Substance Use conference on May 5-7, 2025 in Philadelphia, PA. For more information [click here!](#)

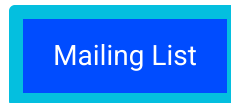
National Prevention Network Conference in Washington, DC on August 11-13, 2025. [Updated information coming soon!](#)

Nonprofit Learning Lab

The Nonprofit Learning Lab is a national nonprofit that trains leaders in the nonprofit sector. They offer daily online nonprofit training on training, facilitation, fundraising, strategic planning, communications, volunteer management, and [free resources to help you lead your organization!](#) Check out their website for more information!

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