



North Carolina Training
& Technical Assistance Center



WELCOME

What's new at the NC TTA Center?

Training Policies

The NCTTA Center has adopted new training policies to ensure the success and the quality of not only the training being delivered but the whole training experience received by our registered guests. This listing of training policies will be included with all training registration confirmations from the NC TTA Center and always available by [clicking here](#) or contacting Felicia Roberson, NC TTA Center Director at NCTTA@apnc.org.

Learning Management System

On occasion, when you register for a training, you may be required to complete pre-work or if you request to view a recording of a past training, you will be directed to sign up for an account with our new LMS.

Once your name is entered into the LMS you will receive a Welcome email from apnc@memberclicks-mail.net requesting that you set up an account. After your account has been set-up, you will be granted access to the pre-work, handout materials, quizzes, etc.

If you experience issues with registration or accessing our new Learning Management System (LMS), contact the Prevention Support Coordinator, Robert Greer at rgreer@apnc.org.

NC TTA Center Survey

The NCTTA Center has launched a [second survey](#) that will help us to provide you with training and technical assistance that is relevant and timely to what you may need. Your

opinions are invaluable and will help North Carolina’s Training and Technical Assistance Center better support current and future prevention partners.

This new [NC TTA Survey](#) should take about 10-15 minutes to complete. Your responses will be combined with the responses of other individuals working in prevention. The survey is confidential, and your name will not be associated with your responses. Just [click here](#) to participate in the survey. Be sure to share the survey link with other SU preventionist. We can’t wait to share the findings from both surveys with DMH and our statewide partners and offer services that truly meet the needs of the Substance Use Prevention workforce.

Thank you in advance for taking the [NC TTA Survey](#)!



FROM THE DESK OF DMH/DD/SUS

SPF-PFS Grant Announcement

Effective February 5, 2024, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services began soliciting applications from organizations (public and/or private non-profit) to assist with the delivery of primary substance use prevention and mental health promotion programming through the North Carolina Strategic Prevention Framework – Partnerships for Success 2023-2028 project (NC SPF-PFS). This project, funded through the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), will be awarding 6 communities in Eastern North Carolina \$125,000 per year from now until September 2028 to prevent the onset and reduce the progression of high-risk drinking behaviors, underage alcohol use, prescription medication misuse, cannabis products use, and their related consequences. It also includes the enhancement of quality mental health promotion, social-emotional health, and resilience for youth and young adults ages 12-25. The application due date is 5 pm on March 22, 2024.

Eligible counties include:

Bertie	Hertford	Robeson
Bladen	Hoke	Sampson
Duplin	Lenoir	Scotland
Edgecombe	Martin	Tyrrell
Greene	Nash	Washington
Halifax	Northampton	Wayne

The informational webinar was held on February 16, 2024, in collaboration with Addiction Professionals of North Carolina (APNC) to discuss the Invitation to Apply and funding opportunity. You can access a recording of the webinar by using the link below and passcode.

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/yqaoDQ-lhoS9TVt88qwZlhZf9_RsDOjgv6fWcs00gZmNVBfteH6vUAsosGL5a592.Y28OejbJwRGAAnHSN?startTime=1708106541000

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Please share this opportunity with your networks, list-servs and those agencies, community groups and non-profit entities you think would be interested.

If you have questions about the application process, please don't hesitate to reach out to **Amy Cutler** at amy.cutler@dhhs.nc.gov.

If you need a copy of the invitation to apply and budget template, feel free to contact **Gretchen Summerville** at gsummerville@apnc.org.

SUPTRS Annual Block Grant Audit Timeline

Please keep the following in mind as you prepare for the annual audit:

- All providers are to enter all data (for work from July 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024) into Ecco by April 15th.

Note: Data entered after April 15th will be noted and not included in audit meetings.

- Randomly selected providers will be notified for participation in the audit interviews by April 19th
- Strategy selection will begin April 16th via Survey
- Audit Interview dates will be set by the LME for their perspective agencies
- DMH team desk audits will be conducted from mid-April through May
- Post Audit meeting dates will be set by the LME for their respective agencies.

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 16, 2024
NC TTA will Coordinate Audit Meeting Schedule with LME/MCO Contacts

April 16 - May 17, 2024
DMH team desk audits will be conducted

May 20 - June 21, 2024
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



UPCOMING TRAININGS, MEETINGS, & CONFERENCES

Office Hours: Strategy Specific Ecco Support

To prepare you for the upcoming SUPTRS Block Grant Audit, office hours will be held as follows:

- March 7 - Reporting Environmental Strategies into Ecco

- March 14 - Reporting Community-based Processes into Ecco
- March 28 - General Ecco TA

[Click here](#) to join each session at 2 - 3pm!

For more information about Office Hours contact **Felicia Roberson, NC TTA Director** at froberson@apnc.org or **Robert Greer, Prevention Support Coordinator** for Ecco specific questions at rgreer@apnc.org

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders: The Impact of Alcohol-Exposed Pregnancies and the Need for Prevention and Support - April 2, 2024 at 10am-12pm

Location: Virtual

This interactive session will help participants understand the impact of alcohol on the developing fetal brain, define fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD) and recognize how this disorder presents across the lifespan. Participants will also explore the importance of preventing alcohol exposed pregnancies as well as strategies for support across the various systems of care. NC ASPPB hours provided.

[Click here to Register](#)

Youth Prevention Education Training – April 8th- 9th, 9AM-1PM each day

Location: Virtual (Limit of 25 participants)

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](#)

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

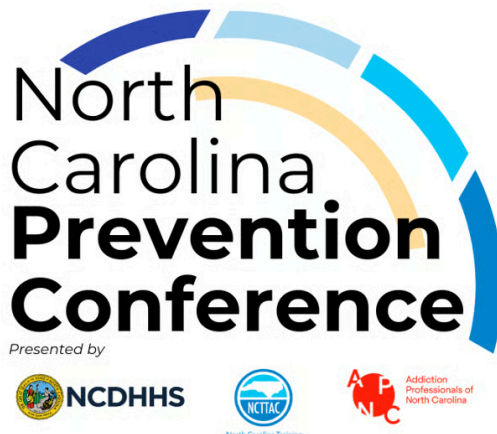
Location: Poe Center for Health Education, 224 Sunnybrook Rd, Raleigh, NC

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!



**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.

[Click here to Register](#)

Interested in sponsoring this event? [Click here to view the sponsorship prospectus!](#)



OTHER TRAININGS OFFERED BY OUR PARTNERS

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 March 2024: Training and Events Calendar](#)



F.Y.I. CORNER

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

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](#).

Bringing Youth Back to the Top of Our Nation's Substance Use Joint Meeting

The [National Center on Youth Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery](https://youthrecoveryanswers.org) (youthrecoveryanswers.org), in partnership with SAMHSA, the Bureau of Indian Affairs/Office of Justice Services, and Indian Health Services, Behavioral Health Division, will be hosting the national Joint Meeting on Youth Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery March 18-20, 2024 in conjunction with the third annual Pathways to Wellness Forum March 20-21, 2024. Join us for these events in-person in Baltimore, MD or virtually on the virtual Whova platform. This conference brings together practice, research, and policy to address the top public health problem facing our nation's youth: alcohol and other drugs.

To learn more click here: youthrecoveryanswers.org/national-conference/

Please note: The room block was guaranteed the room rate until February 23, 2024! This is where rooms can be booked, while supplies last:

book.passkey.com/event/50637383/owner/3649/home

Register Here

Protecting the Next Generation on North Carolinians Webinar Series

The North Carolina Department of Justice (NC DOJ) is working hard to keep kids safe. Youth today face a variety of challenges – some that may be familiar to parents and many that simply did not exist in generations past, before fentanyl, cell phones, and social media. To help support parents, caregivers, and people who work with children and youth, NCDNJ launched a webinar series: [Protecting the Next Generation of North Carolinians](#).

View the Series Here

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.

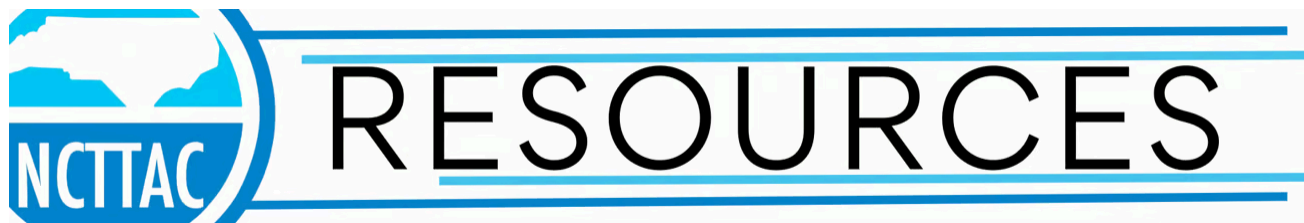
For more information on these training opportunities, please contact Gregory Rhodes @ gdrhodes@uga.edu or (706)248-8422.

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.



FDA Launches Spanish-Language Vaping Prevention and Education Resource Center

To help advance health equity and facilitate the reduction of tobacco-related health disparities for all people, FDA recently launched a [Spanish-language version of the Vaping Prevention and Education Resource Center](#). This resource center is an online hub with free science-based, standards-mapped lesson plans and materials teachers can use to help students understand the dangers associated with e-cigarette use and nicotine addiction.

[View the Materials in Spanish](#)



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