



North Carolina Training  
& Technical Assistance Center



# WELCOME

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced that the [National Prevention Week](#) is taking place from May 12-18, 2024!

National Prevention Week is "... a public education platform showcasing the work of communities and organizations across the country that are preventing substance use and promoting positive mental health." This year, SAMHSA is shifting National Prevention Week to promote year-round prevention initiatives and is launching an ongoing virtual series to elevate prevention efforts across the nation and throughout the year. SAMHSA has dedicated a webpage to National Prevention Week 2024 with additional resources, including the [2024 National Prevention Week Planning Toolkit](#).

Additional information on National Prevention Week can be found on SAMHSA's webpage, [here](#).

Learn how you can get involved and stay involved year round by [using this link](#).



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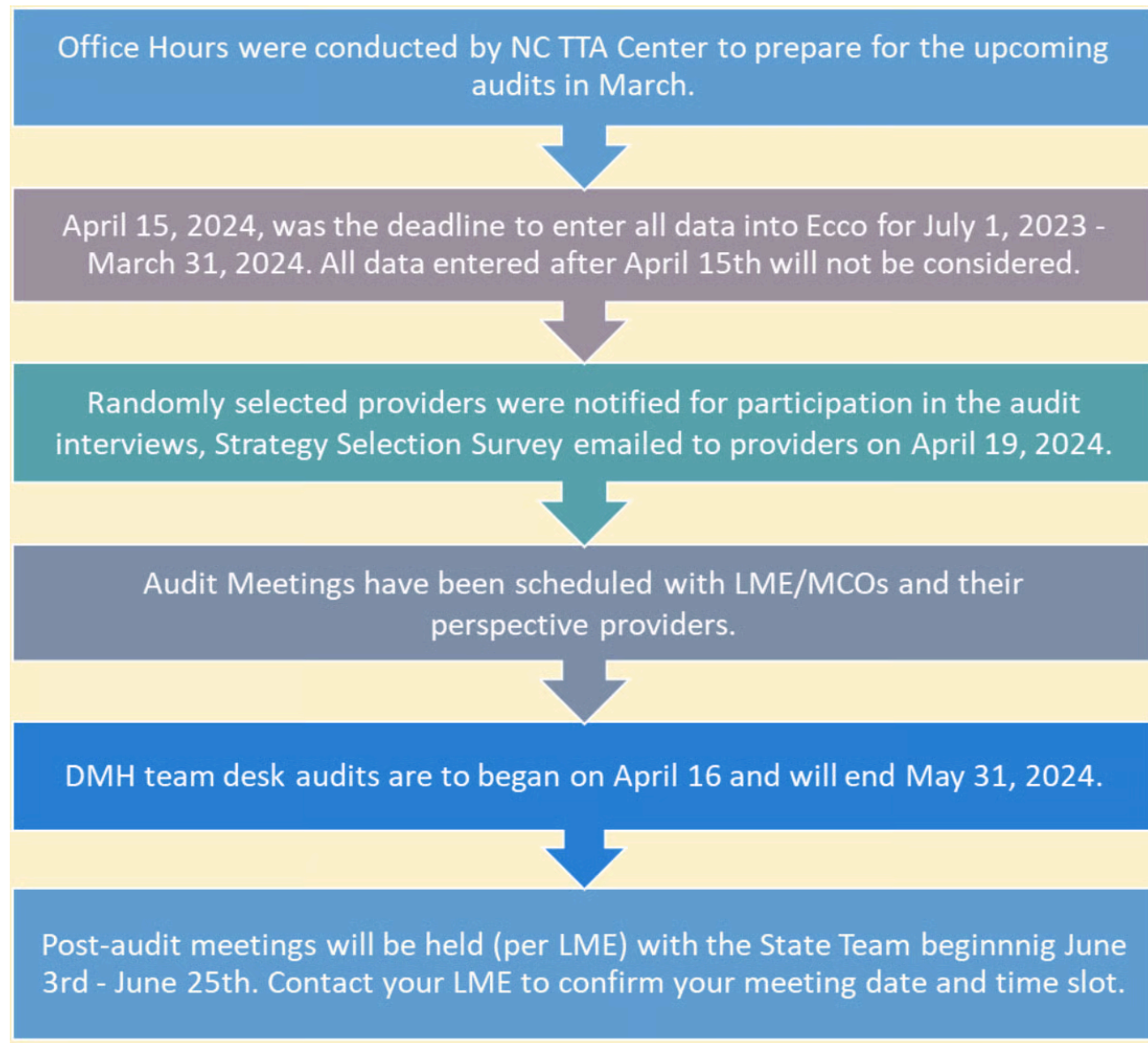
### **Reminder - Prevention System Updates Webinar!**

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, and much more – the state office, statewide partners, and YOU have been doing amazing work as we shift toward a results-based management system.

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

If you have not done so already, [click here](#) to register!

### Updated SUPTRS Annual Block Grant Audit Timeline!



For *general questions* regarding the audit, contact **Dr. Angela Maxwell**, at [angela.maxwell@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:angela.maxwell@dhhs.nc.gov).

For questions regarding *Synar* contact **David Haywood** at [david.haywood@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:david.haywood@dhhs.nc.gov).



**North Carolina Prevention Conference- June 10th & June 11th**

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 for more information and to register.](#)

Interested in sponsoring or exhibiting at this event?

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

Feel free to share the conference information with all your constituents!

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## **Community Impact North Carolina – Two Part Series**

### **The Business of Coalitions - May 16, 2024, from 11 am - 12 pm**

The Business of Coalitions offers an overview of a community impact business plan that will look at leadership with and from volunteers and staff, best meeting practices, by-laws, code of conduct, partnership development, and infrastructure. [Part 1 Registration Link](#)

### **Understanding Impact With Ripple Mapping Evaluation - May 29, 2024, from 11 am - 12 pm**

Evaluations are essential to see if the coalition is being effective or if it needs to change course. It is easy to overlook all the impacts coalitions make. The second part of this webinar allows participants to understand how the evaluation tool of Ripple Mapping can assist in evaluating efforts. [Part 2 Registration Link](#)

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## **Governor's Institute**

### **Inaugural Statewide Adolescent SUD Virtual Conference- June 6th, 2024 8AM-2PM**

The virtual conference will be held June 6, 2024. In the first year, the adolescent conference is a free opportunity and all professionals and community members who serve and care for adolescents are invited to attend.

Leading in-state experts will address Stigma, the Unique Characteristics of the Developing Brain, Evidence-Based Screening and Treatment, the Intersection of Child Trauma and Substance Use, Perinatal Care, and Myths and Facts about the drugs in our communities.

The conference is supported by the North Carolina Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services, with the goal of improving access to high quality prevention, treatment and recovery supports for children, adolescents and families.

[Click Here for Registration and Conference Schedule!](#)

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## **Prevention and Technology Transfer Center Network (PTTC)**

### **Summer 2024 PTTC Moderated Ethics Trainings**

The Prevention Technology Transfer Center Network is pleased to announce several new training dates for moderated ethics training.

This two-week, asynchronous moderated course, adapted from the original SAMHSA Center for Application of Prevention Technologies (CAPT) course, explores the six principles of the Prevention Code of Ethics, brought to life with realistic examples designed to enhance participant understanding. For more information, dates of the training, and to register [click here!](#)

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### **Struggles with Marijuana Policy: How Coalitions can Address the Increasing Availability of Marijuana in Your Community**

**Wednesday, May 15 | 3:30PM EST**

Is your coalition struggling to identify solid policies and other environmental strategies to combat the rising availability and low perception of harm of cannabis in your community? In this training, participants will learn from two presenters with hands-on experience both in prevention and shaping cannabis strategies and policies. Additionally, hear from other coalitions around the nation on how coalitions have successfully addressed policies and their effect on black, indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) communities.

#### **Learning Objectives:**

1. Articulate the current risk and protective factors associated with cannabis use.

2. Navigate the CADCA, SAMHSA, and CDC pages to identify evidence informed environmental strategies.

3. Understand what policies may or may not work in their community.

[Register Here](#)

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### **Strengthening Youth Mental Health by Targeting Wellness in Substance Use Prevention, Intervention & Recovery**

**May 16th- 12PM-1PM**

This training offered by Prevention Plus Wellness will examine the mental health effects of the Big 3 wellness-promoting lifestyle behaviors of regular physical activity, breakfast, nutrition, and sleep on youth. The facilitator will describe common models of wellness and how wellness relates to substance abuse, prevention, and mental health. This session will also explore a 4-step evidence-based model that holistically integrates substance use prevention, intervention, and recovery with wellness for enhancing the mental health of young people.

If you are interested in attending this training, [Register Here!](#)

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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. The Mendez Foundations' 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, High School, and Middle School for *Seeds of Nutrition* are available.

For more information on the **June 18-20, 2024** curriculum training **in Chicago, IL**, [click here!](#)

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### **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](mailto:gdrhodes@uga.edu) or (706) 248-8422.

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## **Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) Mid-Year Training Institute** **Chicago, IL July 14th-18th, 2024**

[Registration is now open!](#)

Join CADCA for the 23rd Annual Mid-Year Training Institute hosted at the Hilton Chicago from July 14-18, 2024! This is CADCA's biggest international event dedicated to connecting prevention professionals to each other to share community level solutions with world-wide applicability. Whether this is your first or twenty-third Mid-Year, there is always more to learn in this ever-evolving field, so take the opportunity to explore everything Mid-Year has to offer including:

- Training from federal agencies and top experts in the field

- Information, tools, and strategies to take your prevention work to the next level
- The latest science, news, and trends on substance misuse issues
- Networking with thousands of passionate prevention advocates
- Specialized youth leadership training

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## **National Prevention Network (NPN)**

**Phoenix, Arizona August 13th-15th, 2024**

[Registration is now open!](#)

The NPN Conference hosts federal, state, and local professionals from the substance abuse prevention field and related disciplines. By participating in the NPN conference, organizations will have access to a range of 700-1,000 participants who include prevention providers, school personnel, government agency representatives and directors, law enforcement personnel, policymakers, coalition leaders and members, counselors, health education specialists, and social workers.



## **FUNDING NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Coming This October: Major Improvements to Federal Rules for Nonprofit Grants**

Nonprofit Policy Update, April 12, 2024

Last week, the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) released its [major rewrite of the Uniform Guidance](#), the set of common rules governing most federal grantmaking to charitable nonprofits. The reforms correct longstanding challenges in the government grants process that have limited nonprofit effectiveness, discouraged qualified organizations from seeking and performing under federal grants, and wasted billions of dollars and countless hours in needlessly complex application and reporting requirements.

Of particular note, the revised Guidance raises the *de minimis* indirect cost rate that governments using federal funds must pay to every grantee to 15% (up from 10%), removes multiple barriers to accessing federal grant funding, mandates streamlining and simplifying of Notices of Funding Opportunities (requests for proposals), and raises the Single Audit threshold to \$1 million (from \$750,000). The changes go into effect on

October 1, 2024. For more details, check out the [helpful new resource](#) from the National Council of Nonprofits highlighting the key provisions affecting charitable nonprofits working with governments at all levels.

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## **NC DHHS website for funding opportunities**

Please check the following website regularly for updates on funding opportunities in North Carolina: <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/about/grant-opportunities/mental-health-developmental-disabilities-and-substance-abuse-services-grant-opportunities>

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