



North Carolina Training
& Technical Assistance Center



WELCOME

Hello! We hope your recovery efforts in wake of hurricane Helene have been bountiful and significant. Links for aid and other resources will be attached to this newsletter until they are expired or no longer available! The NC TTA Center at APNC will continue to send DMH/DD/SUS and other pertinent communications and resources as we receive them. Below are links to resources to help those affected by Helene.

- [List of resources for people in affected areas of Western Carolina](#)
- [Disaster Unemployment Assistance Available in 25 Counties Following Hurricane Helene](#)
- [APNC Hurricane Helene Information and Resource Hub](#)
- [Applying for FEMA aid in NC](#)

You and anyone affected by the storm are still in our thoughts.
Thank you and be safe!



FROM THE DESK OF DMH/DD/SUS

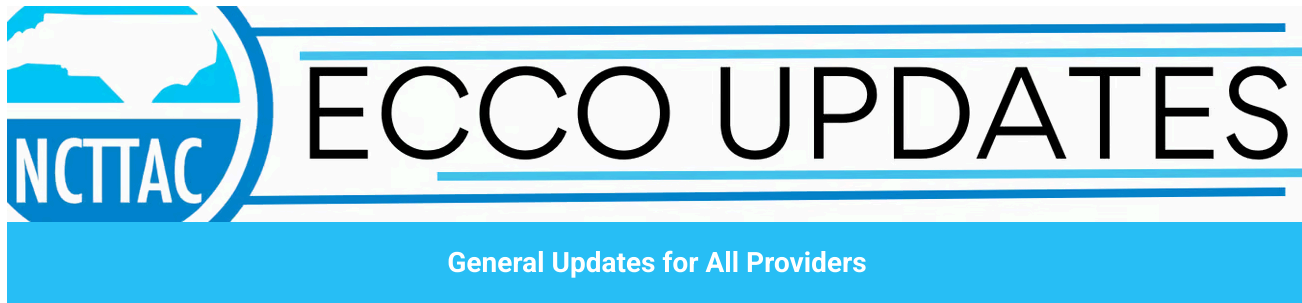
Helene Flexibilities Webinar on November 20th from 1-2:30pm & 22nd from 10:30am-12pm

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services (DMH/DD/SUS) continues to recognize the devastation caused by Hurricane Helene and the potential long-term impact that the storm has on SUPTRS Block Grant Prevention Providers to serve their local communities. Our goal is to support providers as you transition through the challenges of Hurricane Helene. This includes offering program and reporting flexibilities as well as financial assistance to organizations in need through June 30, 2025.

Please choose one of the following days to attend. On the day of the webinar click the link to join.

- [November 20th Zoom Link](#)
- [November 22nd Zoom Link](#)

If you have questions regarding the webinar, please contact Dr. Angela Maxwell at angela.maxwell@dhhs.nc.gov.



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

- As of October 15th, Ecco will close each month on the 15th! To request a strategy to be reopened, contact Robert Greer.
- If your IP's have not been approved consider the following:
 - The strategy may not have been submitted into Ecco. Check to make sure all of our strategies are listed and submitted in Ecco. If there is a strategy currently listed that you will not be implementing and it contains NO data, it can be deleted by you.
 - The strategy has not been received and reviewed by Wake Forest in the strategy selection process. Note: You should have received a logic model with possible recommendations by now. If not, contact Dr. Melinda Pankratz at mpankrat@wakehealth.edu regarding your strategy selections.
 - The strategy is a new YPE or Communication Campaign which has not received approval by the state. Contact Dr. Angela Maxwell at angela.maxwell@dhhs.nc.gov to request approval for the new YPE or Communication Campaign strategy.
- If you experience any questions about the Ecco reporting, 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, 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 Training, contact rgreer@apnc.org



The New NC TTA Center Learning Management System is Almost Ready!

We, at the NC TTA Center, would like to introduce our new LMS system: powered by TOVUTI. Tovuti is a learning management system (LMS) that we will use going forward to host and store training and

recordings provided by the NC TTA Center.

Our Statewide partners, SUS BG providers, discretionary-funded and LME/MCO's should have all received an introductory email from Tovuti and instructions to set-up your account from Robert Greer by now. As a part of the set-up for the NC TTA LMS, we need your help to finish creating your account by completing your profile. This account will provide you with access to our self-study courses. You will be able to access the courses at any time once you have created this account. Upon completion of a course, a certificate will be generated, if applicable for the course CEU's will be granted.

Note: General courses, such as Ecco Basics and Youth Engagement, will be available to all providers upon creating your account.

As future courses are uploaded, they will be announced and made available upon request. If you did not receive an email from Tovuti dated November 14, 2024, let Robert Greer know by contacting him at rgreer@apnc.org.

ECCO Onboarding (general course - available now)

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 online course 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.

[Log in here!](#)

Youth Culture in Engagement Strategies will be available soon via the NC TTA LMS

An essential component of successful prevention efforts is engaging the focus population in prevention planning and implementation of approaches. This training builds on the Youth Engagement Training by providing participants with essential information on Youth Culture. Participants will learn how youth are changing and specific profiles on generations Y and Z and how to incorporate this information into their youth engagement efforts. Use the registration link below to gain access to the recording.

Keep an eye out for the Prerequisite Course coming soon to our LMS by [clicking here!](#)

Youth Engagement (general course - available now)

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services is expanding opportunities for prevention providers to engage youth in their prevention work through the Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services ("Block Grant"). These changes are meant to broaden the opportunities to engage youth in planning, tailoring, implementing, and/or evaluating prevention programming to increase prevention's responsiveness to the needs of young people across NC and improve its reach and effectiveness.

[Log in here!](#)

Youth Prevention Education (YPE) Training on January 27th and 28th 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 for implementing any YPE program. This training will increase participants' knowledge and skills in planning, managing, facilitating, evaluating, and monitoring a Youth Prevention Education program. The training is divided into self-paced pre-work and two days of content

with engaging activities that allow participants to meet the previously stated objectives by directly applying the material. The training will be interactive, with breakout rooms and group discussions.

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Substance Use Misuse Prevention Skills Training (SUMPST) Date: 2025 TBD

SUMPST (Substance Use and Misuse Prevention Skills Training) is a 14-hour training designed to prepare prevention professionals who have been in the field for two (2) years or less to implement evidence-based substance use prevention strategies and learn about the Substance Use Prevention System in North Carolina.

SUMPST provides a basic understanding of the components and best practices related to effective prevention practice.

This training is based on the national SAPST training offered by the Prevention Technology Transfer Center, funded by SAMHSA. It has been adapted to incorporate North Carolina-specific information.

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If you experience any issues with your logging in or accessing the courses, contact Robert Greer, the NC TTA Center Prevention Support Coordinator, at rgreer@apnc.org.



F.Y.I. CORNER

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.

Upcoming Trainings

Upcoming Trainings from 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!

Upcoming Conferences

CADCA's 35th Annual National Leadership Forum: SAMHSA's 21st Prevention Day will be held in National Harbor, MD on February 3-6, 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!](#)

2025 RIZE Conference Visionaries United a Prevention Conference in Charlotte, NC on April 16-19, 2025

[Click here](#) for more information!

National Prevention Network Conference in Washington, DC on August 11-13, 2025

[Updated information coming soon!](#)

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