



North Carolina Training  
& Technical Assistance Center



# WELCOME

**QUICK REMINDER!** There's still time for you to join the NC TTA Center email list. Don't miss out on updates from DHHS, upcoming training and meeting announcements and possibly funding opportunities.

As we work to make communications effective and efficient, we have created a short survey for you to fill out so we can ensure you receive the updates that are most relevant to you and your work.

**Please take a moment to [complete the survey](#) and forward it to anyone in your organization who may also need to complete it.**

*If you are still having issues with receiving emails from the TTA Center, please contact Morgan Coyner at [mcoyner@apnc.org](mailto:mcoyner@apnc.org).*



## FROM THE DESK OF DMH/DD/SUS

### **LME-MCO/Provider Meeting**

The annual LME-MCO/Provider meetings have been scheduled. Each meeting will be held virtually from 10am until 4pm each day including a lunch break. The meeting agenda will be sent prior to the meetings.

On the day of your assigned LME/Provider meeting only click on the link reserved for your LME above! The dates are as follows:

**Vaya** – October 11  
[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

**Alliance** – October 16  
[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

**Partners** – October 12  
[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

**Eastpointe** - October 17  
[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

**Trillium** – October 13  
[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

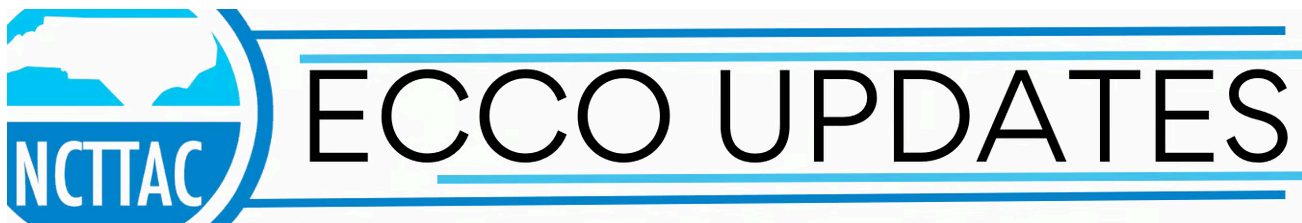
**Sandhills** – October 18  
[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

## Communication Campaigns Approval Process

DHHS has come up with an effective plan to approve New, Updated or Packaged Communication Campaigns. The information below will provide you with guidance as you begin to plan or implement your campaigns this FY. Keep in mind the following guidelines:

- If you are creating a Social Norms Communications Campaign from scratch... You will need to have *prior approval* from DHHS.
- If you are delivering a packaged campaign (i.e Talk It Up, Lock It Up or Lock Your Meds) and you have changed the graphics or message in some way... You will *need approval* from DHHS.
- If you are currently implementing a campaign from years prior to 2022... You will need approval to continue.
- If you are continuing a campaign, with no changes to the material, messages or target population and received approval from DHHS within the last 2 years... You *do not need approval* from DHHS.

Contact Dr. Angela Maxwell for the Communication Campaign Approval Form or if you have any questions regarding the approval process at [angela.maxwell@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:angela.maxwell@dhhs.nc.gov).



Traditional SUPTRS Providers – Look for the Updated FY24 NC Prevention Provider Audit Guide and the Education and Environmental Strategy Intervention Guidance Document in your inbox soon!

### **The Ecco timeline is almost complete!**

☑ **July 16th – August 5th:** Ecco was down for updates and testing

☑ **August 7th – August 31st:** All Traditional SUPBG and C19 Interventions need to be created and submitted in Ecco

☑ **September 30th:** July and August Data Entry into Ecco Due

**October 15th:** September 2023 Data Entry into Ecco Due

\*Process data entered by the **15th** of each month, thereafter **for all programs**

As you enter your process data, before October 15th, take notice of any comments that are in the strategy before entering your process data. The NC TTA Center has been tasked with making sure that Part's A-D are completed to standards as set by DHHS.

- Due to a system wide glitch with Ecco, Part A was not saved. You may notice a comment requesting that you complete Part A. Please do so and save! If it still appears not to save, let us know...Robert Greer at [rgreer@apnc.org](mailto:rgreer@apnc.org) or because this may be a technical issue notify Marcus through the help desk.
- When entering Part D, if the location is unknown, at least complete the responsible parties and projected start/end dates.

Requests to reopen your strategies to enter past process data after the 15th of each month should also be directed to Robert Greer at [rgreer@apnc.org](mailto:rgreer@apnc.org).

When entering your process data. Don't forget to hit the SAVE button. The system does an auto-hold but auto-holding does not save your data once you close out Ecco.

You can now edit the tags in the briefcase or add tags to documents already uploaded to multiple strategy action steps. Try it out the next time you upload a document to the briefcase!

Look for more Ecco reminders and updates next month!



**Workshop 2: Prioritizing Intervening Variables – November 1 in Asheville and November 3 in Morrisville from 10 am – 4 pm**

This workshop is the second in a three-part series in the fiscal year 2024, needs assessment process for SUPTRS Block Grant Providers and Coalitions. Workshop 2 focuses on identifying high priority intervening variables. Instruction highlights processes for identifying intervening variables that are most highly correlated with substance use. It also discusses when and how to determine if unique intervening variables should be addressed for disparately impacted populations. This also includes tools and templates to make it easier to make data driven prevention decisions.

\*There is a virtual option offered. However, at least one person is required to attend in-person.

Please register for the location for which your agency was assigned!

**To register for Asheville** click here <https://apnc.memberclicks.net/wrkshp2-a>

**To register for Raleigh** click here <https://apnc.memberclicks.net/wrkshp2-r>

**SUMPST Training – November 7-8 (Virtual) from 9 am – 3 pm each day**

All block grant providers who are new to the North Carolina Prevention System are required to attend 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 an interactive 2-day workshop. 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.

To register click here <https://apnc.memberclicks.net/SUMPSTtraining>

## **Office Hours**

**Topic:** Prioritizing Substance Use Behaviors and Problems 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 during DHHS Office Hours. **Needs Assessment TA sessions are being held every Tuesday and Thursday until October 17, 2023**. You can join the TA sessions by [Clicking Here](#) each day at 2-3pm. Same link each day for most TA sessions. You don't have to register, just drop in!

**\*See dates noted below which have a different link.**

**\*Join the Oct 12 TA meeting by clicking here.**

<https://wakehealth.webex.com/wakehealth/j.php?MTID=m7d3e0a7c77f7654a7684ae7a817aa0fe>

Thursday, October 12, 2023 2:00 PM | 1 hour | (UTC-04:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

Meeting number: 2439 752 0664

Password: rJfs7HfWU23

Join by video system

Dial 24397520664@wakehealth.webex.com

You can also dial 173.243.2.68 and enter your meeting number.

Join by phone

+1-415-655-0001 US Toll

Access code: 243 975 20664

**\*Join the Oct 17 TA meeting by clicking here.**

<https://wakehealth.webex.com/wakehealth/j.php?MTID=m08a3e323428ed75512938e478404cb6c>

Tuesday, October 17, 2023 2:00 PM | 1 hour | (UTC-04:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

Meeting number: 2437 416 3348

Password: mEGhb6GjG52

Join by video system

Dial 24374163348@wakehealth.webex.com

You can also dial 173.243.2.68 and enter your meeting number.

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As a reminder, of each TA Day, you may want to download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/ztUfsu2trTkrHNKMUuphWcgDD7jbJ6L9xdwn/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGprzluH9eXsR-BRpwcBYr4LO\\_ztnpcgo12sSrwEyhkYQTSErVIMJgpPIHI](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/ztUfsu2trTkrHNKMUuphWcgDD7jbJ6L9xdwn/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGprzluH9eXsR-BRpwcBYr4LO_ztnpcgo12sSrwEyhkYQTSErVIMJgpPIHI)

**\*\* Correction to the office hours calendar...there will be no office hours on November 7th\*\***

### **Have Lunch with the Ecco Team - November 10 at 11:30 am until 1 pm**

Let's have lunch together! Come meet with the Prospectus Group, LLC and chat with Marcus Bouligny and the crew behind the scenes working with Ecco. This will be an opportunity to hear what's going on with Ecco and let the experts hear your issues from setting up the IPs to entering your process data and pulling reports. Be ready to share your ideas of how the Ecco online reporting system can be better and don't forget to bring your lunch or snacks!

Simply join by [clicking here](#) when the meeting starts on November 10th!!

If you have questions about Ecco, feel free to contact Robert Greer, NC TTA Center Prevention Support Coordinator at [rgreer@apnc.org](mailto: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 cost associated with the event.

### **Community Anti-Drug Coalition Annual National Leadership Forum**

The CADCA National Leadership Forum is an event offered annually for prevention professionals, community leaders, advocates, and experts to convene, share insights, and collaborate on innovative strategies to drive lasting and impactful community change.

Washington, DC

January 29 - February 1, 2024

### **Mendez Foundation - 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**

## **New Report from the Partnership to End Addiction**

[\*Youth Protection Provisions within Marijuana Liberalization Laws: Evidence-Based Recommendations for Policymakers\*](#) is the new report shared by the Partnership to End Addiction to help inform policymakers – and the public – about the most effective ways to protect youth in the context of state (and potentially federal) marijuana drug law reforms.

The evidence-based legal and regulatory provision recommendations presented are derived from:

- an extensive review of the marijuana, tobacco/nicotine, and alcohol research literatures to determine which provisions would be most effective for protecting minors in the context of liberalized marijuana laws; and
- a landscape review of relevant provisions in states that have laws permitting the sale of marijuana for adult nonmedical use.

The recommendations cover the key areas of regulatory oversight, including:

- Product composition
- Packaging and labeling
- Advertising and marketing
- Manufacture and sale
- Locations of marijuana use, and
- Sale and distribution to youth.

The report also includes topline findings from a nationally representative survey of 1,502 registered voters in the United States that explores adults' attitudes and perceptions regarding marijuana legalization and commercialization, especially in relation to their effects on youth, and their degree of support for the specific policy recommendations presented in this report.

***As the nation moves toward wide scale legalization of marijuana, and possibly other psychoactive and potentially addictive substances, it is important to ensure that the regulatory environment around such legalization makes protecting young people a priority.***

Please review the report at your convenience (link below and PDF attached) and feel free to share it broadly with your colleagues and networks in the policy, research, and advocacy fields. We welcome any collaborative opportunities to help put these recommendations into action.

Click here to [Download the full report](#)



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