



September 2023 Newsletter

Explore new training and resources from HHRC and our partners!

National Recovery Month

National Recovery Month is a national observance held every September to promote and support new evidence-based treatment and recovery practices, the nation's strong and proud recovery community, and the dedication of service providers and communities who make recovery in all its forms possible.

With the right treatment, support, and resources, recovery is possible for everyone. Use this [toolkit](#) to learn more about what SAMHSA is doing to support people in recovery and how to share this information with your audiences. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of those in or seeking recovery from mental and substance use disorders.



Suicide Prevention Month



September also marks National Suicide Prevention Month – a month to remember the lives lost to suicide, the millions of people who have struggled with suicidal ideation, and acknowledge the individuals, families, and communities that have been impacted. It is also a time to raise awareness about suicide prevention and share messages of hope.

How You Can Help

Educate yourself and others about suicide prevention: Learn the [warning signs](#) and [risk factors](#) for suicide, how to [support](#) someone considering suicide, and familiarize yourself with the [988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline](#).

Visit the [Suicide Prevention Resource Center \(SPRC\)](#): Each year, the SPRC creates a resource full of ways to get involved in Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Here is the [resource for 2023!](#)

Read and share SPRC's new resource: [Mental Health Promotion and Suicide Prevention for LGBTQIA2S+ Youth: A Resource Guide for Professionals, Families and Communities](#).

Peer Integration Resources



PEER RECOVERY

CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

We received excellent questions during our recent [webinar](#) on integrating peer support in homeless services! As a follow-up, we want to highlight one of our partners, the [SAMHSA Peer Recovery Center of Excellence](#), which provides free training and technical assistance to build and elevate an equitable peer workforce to deliver peer recovery support services.

They accomplish this through supporting peer integration, Recovery Community Organization capacity building, peer workforce development, evidence-based practice dissemination, and diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Peer Recovery Center of Excellence resources:

- [Newsletter Sign Up](#)
- [Events](#)
- [Technical Assistance](#)
- [Products](#)

Related resources from HHRC:

- Toolkit: [Expanding Peer Support Roles in Homeless Services Delivery: A Toolkit for Service Providers](#)
- Webinar Recording: [The Peer Support Experience: In Our Own Words](#)
- Webinar Recording: [Employing Peer Workers: An Organization's Perspective](#)

Partner Resources and Opportunities

Request for Information

SAMHSA: Potential Changes to its Evidence-Based Practices Resource Center

SAMHSA [seeks input](#) from members of the public on potential changes to its [Evidence-Based Practices Resource Center](#) (EBPRC), specifically regarding the possible introduction of three new domains for the EBPRC website. In addition to addressing four general questions about the EBPRC overall, SAMHSA encourages members of the public to comment on several questions pertaining to each of the domains described. SAMHSA believes that public and expert input on the new domains will help make the EBPRC more responsive to the needs of the public and the behavioral health field.

Comments on this notice must be received by October 13th, 2023.

Please submit all responses via email to EBPRC@samhsa.hhs.gov as a Word document, PDF file, or in the body of the email message. Please include “Request for Information: Changes to SAMHSA’s EBPRC” in the subject line of the message.

New Resources

SAMHSA: Engaging Community Coalitions to Decrease Opioid Overdose Deaths Practice Guide 2023

This [guide](#) exists to help communities decrease opioid overdose deaths; it includes tools and real-world examples that can be used to build and strengthen community coalitions that work to reduce opioid overdose deaths.

SAMHSA: Opioid-Overdose Reduction Continuum of Care Approach (ORCCA) Practice Guide 2023

This [guide](#) was drawn from HEALing Communities Study (HCS) learnings to date and expert insights to provide guidance regarding implementation of ORCCA menu strategies.

SAMHSA: Maintaining Fidelity to ACT: Current Issues and Innovations in Implementation

This [practical guide](#) reviews the principles of Assertive Community Treatment (ACT), presents key considerations for adapting ACT across various treatment settings, populations, and related domain areas, and provides practical guidance for navigating cross-cutting issues.

Together TakeMeHome (TTMH)

[Together TakeMeHome \(TTMH\)](#) is a national direct-to-consumer HIV self-testing program with a goal of distributing up to one million free HIV self-tests to disproportionately affected populations including gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men, particularly Black/African American and Hispanic/Latino gay and bisexual men, Black/African American cisgender women, and transgender women of all races and ethnicities in the next five years.

Partner Webinars and Events

- Webinar: [Suicide Prevention and the Aging Population](#)
September 21, 10:00am ET. SAMHSA Addiction Technology Transfer Center Network
- Webinar: [Talks Saves Lives - An Introduction to Suicide Prevention](#)
September 26, 12:00pm ET. NTTAC For Children, Youth, & Family Mental Health
- Webinar: [Enhancing Care for People with Developmental Disabilities and Substance Use Disorders](#)
September 26, 1:00pm ET. SAMHSA Addiction Technology Transfer Center Network
- Webinar: [Community Conversations: Homelessness and Immigration](#)
September 29, 2:00pm ET. National Healthcare for the Homeless Council
- Webinar: [Calculating Change: The Continuing Conversation on Homelessness Data Reform](#)
October 11, 1:00pm ET. National Alliance to End Homelessness
- Webinar: [Understanding the Steps to Completing SOAR-Assisted SSI/SSDI Applications](#)
October 17, 3:00pm ET. SAMHSA SOAR TA Center
- [34th Annual Conference: Advancing Social Justice, Equity, and Inclusion for Families and their Children](#)
November 9-11, Chicago, IL. National Federation of Families

Please direct questions or concerns about HHRC training events

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