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January 13th Webinar: The Future of Opioid Treatment Programs in Rural Communities: A panel discussion with State Opioid Treatment Authorities

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SAMHSA Practical Guide: SAMHSA has issued a new Practical Guide: *Advising People on Using 988 Versus 911: Practical Approaches for Healthcare Providers* [988 Versus 911](#)

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Upcoming Webinar



WEBINAR:

THE FUTURE OF OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAMS IN RURAL COMMUNITIES

NW ROTAC is funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).



MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025
12:00 PM PT
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join us for an engaging webinar that explores the evolving landscape of Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) and their role in addressing opioid use disorder in rural communities. This session begins with a brief introduction to OTPs, followed by a panel discussion with Region 10 State Opioid Treatment Authorities: Elana Habib (Alaska); Brandi Clark, MSW (Idaho); John McIlveen PhD, LMHC (Oregon); and Jessica Blose, SUDP, LMHC, NCC, CCMHC (Washington). We will discuss OTP federal rule changes, innovations in service delivery, and efforts to reduce stigma. Whether you're a provider, policymaker, or community advocate, this webinar will help you better understand the challenges and opportunities for OTPs in rural settings.

Objectives:

By the end of this webinar, participants will be able to:

- Describe challenges faced by Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) in rural communities, including geographic and stigma.
- Summarize key updates in federal regulations and cultural changes impacting OTPs.

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models.

Presenters:

Region 10 State Opioid Treatment Authorities Elana Habib; Brandi Clark, MSW; John McIlveen PhD, LMHC; and Jessica Blose, SUDP, LMHC, NCC, CCMHC

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You can earn NAADAC CE credits from this webinar by watching the full live webinar and/or by watching the recording at a time that is convenient for you – instructions are provided [here](#).

If you are working towards certification as a Nationally Certified Addiction Counselor or a Master Addiction Counselor, be sure to take advantage of our partnership with NAADAC. You can now earn NAADAC CE credits by watching our on-demand trainings as well as live trainings.



Advising People on Using 988 Versus 911: Practical Approaches for Healthcare Providers



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People, including healthcare providers, have experienced confusion in deciding whether 988 or 911 is appropriate across a range of situations. Understanding the differences between 988 and 911 and being able to communicate these differences to people in ways that address their needs and concerns and respect their desired outcomes can help support effective crisis management.

This practical guide encourages and supports healthcare providers to integrate

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providers can assess people more holistically and educate them and their trusted networks about available crisis care options.

To support these conversations in daily practice, this guide provides practical steps and real-world scenarios. Both are grounded in research emphasizing the importance of early intervention and clear communication in improving crisis outcomes and reducing reliance on emergency response systems. The guide includes sample crisis intervention scripts, grounding exercises, and deep breathing techniques to support crisis de-escalation.

View this Resource [here](#)

Summaries of project-related research findings are available on our website. Our newest research brief summarizes barriers and needs of opioid prevention, treatment, and recovery providers and is available [here](#).



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