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Included in this Month's Newsletter

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WEBINAR:

OPIOIDS, FENTANYL, AND XYLAZINE:

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



March 25th Webinar: Opioids, Fentanyl, and Xylazine: What are they and what do prevention professionals need to know and do to prevent overdose?

Registration Required

Presented in collaboration with the NW Prevention Technology Transfer Center Network.

Description: The opioid misuse epidemic continues to affect youth and families throughout the Pacific Northwest region. As prevention practitioners, it is important to stay up to date on the latest research-based information related to this critical public health problem. The goal of this session is to provide prevention professionals with knowledge about opioids, fentanyl, and xylazine, including what are they and how they are similar and different. We will also focus on debunking common myths about occupational fentanyl exposure, naloxone safety, the use of medications for opioid use disorder in adolescents, and discuss the role prevention professionals can and should play in preventing drug overdose.

Learn more here

<u>April 17th Webinar:</u> Bringing Together Law Enforcement and

CLEARS Project

Registration Required

Description: This presentation will review the CLEARS Project that uses a "policy codesign" approach to bring together law enforcement, people with lived/living experience of drug use and legal involvement, and service providers to develop local solutions to drug use around Washington State.

Presenter: Mandy Owens, PhD: Dr. Owens is an Assistant Professor at the Addictions, Drug & Alcohol Institute in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Washington. Her work focuses on the intersection between substance use and the criminal legal system, including research and implementation efforts with law enforcement, jails, and prisons around Washington State. Dr. Owens also is a licensed and practicing psychologist working with people with substance use disorder.

Objectives: by the end of this webinar, participants should be able to:

- 1. Identify "policy codesign" as an evidence-based strategy to bring together diverse stakeholders.
- 2. Learn about the CLEARS (Community-Law Enforcement Aligning in Response to Substance Use) Project in three sites around Washington State: Clallam, Thurston, and Yakima Counties.
- 3. Describe local solutions to address crisis response to drug use with law enforcement in rural WA areas.

Learn more here



Learn to Facilitate Community Conversations!

The NW ROTAC team provides training to future facilitators on how to adapt and deliver SAMHSA's *Community Conversations About Mental Health*, a best practice toolkit that supports community collaboration for addressing mental health needs. This training will equip participants with the skills necessary to lead discussion and action planning on mental health, opioid use, and substance use. Participants will also gain skills in convening diverse partners to engage in challenging conversations.

Anyone interested in convening these conversations in their local communities is welcome to attend. This can include, but is not limited to, Extension, public health, behavioral health, or school-based professionals, representatives from community-based organizations, traditional health workers, or other community stakeholders.

To schedule a training with your team contact Abbey Martin

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MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAININGS

If your team would like to schedule a Mental Health First Aid Training, please contact us below



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UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES



- Looking for more TTA? View the <u>Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Network</u>
 Calendar
 - The MHTTC is hosting a webinar titled, "Partnering for Change: Seeking Field Instructors & Sites for Social Work Practicum". You can register for their upcoming webinar here.
- All previous monthly webinars are hosted on the NW ROTAC Website
- Upcoming webinars hosted by The University of Washington ADAI SOR Training
 Team
 - Using Extended-Release Injectable Buprenorphine for OUD, A complete course to help you bring this option to your patients. March 13 April 24 Every Other Week | 12-1pm PT
 - Register by emailing Ali Lenox, alilenox@uw.edu
 - Whole-Person Care: Skills to Support People with OUD. May 3, 2024 In-Person in Spokane, WA 9:00am-3:00pm PT
 - Register here.
 - Is This Depression or Opioid Use? Psychosis or Meth? May 29, 2024 In-Person in Seattle, WA 9:00am-3:00pm PT
 - Register here.

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