



North Carolina Training
& Technical Assistance Center



WELCOME

Hello! Happy New Year to all! Looking forward to making this year better and moving towards healthier communities!

We hope your recovery efforts in wake of last year's hurricanes have continued to improve. Please keep in mind the following resources. We will continue to provide up-to-date resources as we receive them.

- [List of resources for people in affected areas of Western Carolina](#)
- [APNC Hurricane Helene Information and Resource Hub](#)
- [Helene Disaster Assistance Extension until 2/6/2025](#)

We're looking for Fellowship placement partners!

The TTA Center is excited to announce the second cohort of our Prevention Fellowship program! This program spans two semesters and is specifically tailored for students who are passionate about entering the substance use prevention field. Through this program, students get to attend engaging virtual workshops to develop essential general prevention skills, working hand-in-hand with communities to reduce substance use challenges. Fellows spend the second half of their time in the program placed with a community partner. In partnership with their placement supervisor, Fellows work to create a project based on SAMHSA's Prevention Core Competencies. Our team is looking for five new placement sites for this upcoming cohort. Students will begin in the Spring with an introduction to Prevention course conducted by the NC TTA Center and be placed with agencies from August - October 2025.

If you're interested in hosting a Fellow, please fill out the form below. Questions? Reach out to eknowles@apnc.org.

[Prevention Fellowship Placement Interest Form](#)



FROM THE DESK OF DMH/DD/SUS

The Annual Audit Prep Webinar will be held on February 19, 2025 from 1 - 2:30 pm. Join DMH/DD/SUS prevention staff to learn about the FY25 traditional prevention block grant direct service block grant audit. We'll discuss the audit timeframe, agencies to be included in this year's audit, strategies/programs to be audited, preparation tips and TA opportunities, and FY25 guidance. There will also be time to answer audit questions during the webinar. This webinar requires at least one person from the SUPTRS Block Grant to attend. Note only one person needs to attend if you serve multiple LMEs.

REMINDER: The FEMA designated counties impacted by Hurricane Helene will not be included in the FY25 audit. As such, providers serving those counties do not need to attend the webinar. If you have any questions, contact Dr. Angela Maxwell at angela.maxwell@dhhs.nc.gov.

[Register Here!](#)



ECCO UPDATES

General Updates for All Providers

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

- As of January 15, 2025, Ecco will close each month on the 15th!
- 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 Jessica Edwards at JEdwards@PIRE.org to request approval for the new approved or innovative 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.



UPCOMING SUPTRS MEETINGS, TRAININGS, & CONFERENCES

Youth Prevention Education (YPE) Training on January 27-28th 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. To receive the Prerequisite Course information and register [click here!](#)

NC TTA Center's New Learning Management System Webinar/Q&A Session on January 29th from 10am-11am

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 to host and store training and recordings provided by the NC TTA Center. Our Statewide partners, SUS BG providers, discretionary-funded providers, and LME/MCOs should have all received an introductory email from Tovuti and instructions on how to set up your account from [Robert Greer](#) by now.

As part of the setup for the NC TTA LMS, we would appreciate your help creating your account by completing your profile. This account will provide you with access to our self-study courses. You can access the courses anytime once you have created this account. Upon completion of a course, a certificate will be generated, and if applicable for the course, CEUs will be granted.

Note: Upon creating your account, general courses, such as Ecco Basics and Youth Engagement, are available to all providers. Future courses will be announced as they are uploaded.

If you did not receive an email from Tovuti dated November 14, 2024, let Robert Greer know by contacting him at rgreer@apnc.org.

Join us on January 29th to learn more about the new learning management system. Please feel free to come with your questions. We look forward to helping you explore and understand this new system!

[Register here!](#)

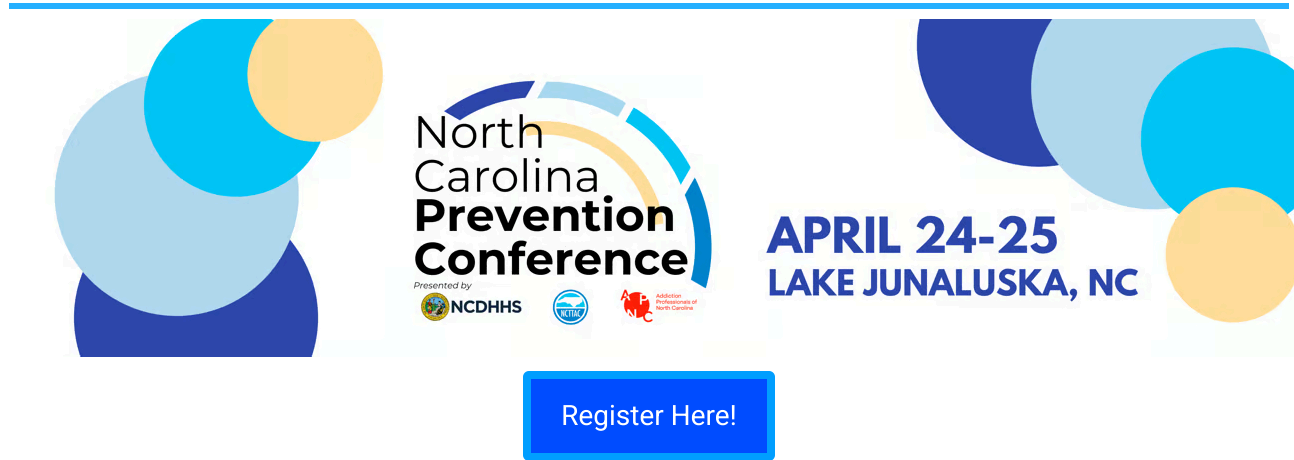
Substance Use and Misuse Prevention Skills Training (SUMPST) on February 10 & 12, 2025 from 9am-3pm

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.

All block grant providers who are new to the North Carolina Prevention System are required to complete all components of 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 include an interactive 2-day workshop, and homework activity.

Keep an eye out for the Prerequisite Course coming soon to our LMS. To register for the course, [click here!](#)

A promotional banner for the North Carolina Prevention Conference. The banner features a central logo with the text "North Carolina Prevention Conference" and "Presented by" followed by logos for NCDHHS, ECCO, and the Division of Prevention and Health Promotion. To the right of the logo, the dates "APRIL 24-25" and location "LAKE JUNALUSKA, NC" are displayed in large, bold, blue letters. The background is white with decorative blue and orange circles on the left and right sides. Below the banner is a blue button with the text "Register Here!".

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[Register Here!](#)

Courses recently released to the NC TTA Center LMS!

Note: Everyone will have access to the general courses upon creating an account. Other courses will be assigned to you upon registration.

ECCO Onboarding (general course)

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 Engagement (general course)

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!](#)

North Carolina Approved Communication Campaign Series

As an effort to bring awareness to the various North Carolina supported communication campaigns, a series of webinars will be held to highlight each. The webinars are open to all NC prevention providers, grantees, coalitions, etc., who are interested in or currently delivering either of the following:

“Lock Your Meds”

Lock Your Meds NC is a communication campaign designed to create positive behavior changes around medication storage and disposal. In this webinar, Holly Carter, Campaign Coordinator, will give us an overview of the strategies, assets, licensing agreements, and resources available to support the message in your community.

Talk It Up. Lock It Up!™: Changing Home Environments to Reduce Underage Access to Alcohol

Talk It Up. Lock It Up!™ is not intended as a "media campaign solely." It is better described as a multi-layered, comprehensive community change campaign to limit youth social access/availability to alcohol in the home by changing the physical environment around alcohol. Comprehensive approaches related to alcohol examine how the environment in which young people live impacts their decisions about alcohol, including, but not limited to, the messages they receive and the images they see, the norms of their communities, families, and social groups, and the availability of alcohol (both social and retail access). Join Mina Cook, Alcohol TTA Center Director, for an overview of the **Talk It Up. Lock It Up!™** campaign and toolkit, as well as a discussion on how to increase and measure your impact with **Talk It Up. Lock It Up!™** within your community.

The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

This webinar will provide an overview of *the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline*, previously known as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, which offers 24/7 call, text, and chat access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing suicidal, substance use, and/or mental health crises or any other kind of emotional distress. This training is to highlight the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

We Have the PROOF

This session will help participants understand the Proof Alliance NC prevention program and learn about the various types of media and marketing messages that they have developed over the years. Participants will be able to learn how to utilize some of these materials for their own community-based messaging efforts to promote the importance of alcohol-free pregnancies across our state.

To access the Communication Campaign webinar series [Register Here!](#)

Tobacco and Merchant Education Webinar Series

Synar Training

The Synar team hosted a statewide training on July 25, 2024 to discuss the implementation of new processes and tools as they continue to prioritize lowering the State's retailer violation rate (RVR). Topics covered in this recording will include: submission of a 2-year plan or less to reach 90% of the catchment area; catchment area saturation tracking; and retail list maintenance guidance.

Retail List Verification Training

This recording is of the July 31, 2024 training where providers were asked to assess their ECCO outlets list. Over time, outlets on the list have gone out of business or stopped selling tobacco products - two critical elements of Synar eligibility - making the list less accurate. NC DHHS aims

to discover ineligible outlets on the list that can be removed so they will not be selected for the Synar sample this year.

This training showed provider staff how to evaluate outlet eligibility through internet searches and phone calls. It provided detailed instructions and examples of how an Excel spreadsheet captures the eligibility information.

To access the Tobacco and Merchant Education webinar series [Log in here!](#)

Conducting Alcohol & Purchase Surveys in North Carolina Training

New Protocols for Conducting Alcohol and Tobacco Purchase Surveys in North Carolina will be introduced. Best practices according to national standards for conducting each type of survey will be shared to ensure consistency when sharing with policymakers, enforcement personnel, and the general public retailers. This training will provide you with sound business practices that prevent selling these age-restricted products to underaged youth. The benefits of conducting a “young adult alcohol and tobacco survey” will also be discussed.

Visit our website to watch the training recording [by Clicking Here!](#)

* If you experience any issues with your login or access to the courses, contact Robert Greer, the NC TTA Center Prevention Support Coordinator, at rgreer@apnc.org.

Other Training Offered by our Statewide Partners

Check out the following training supported by DHHS/DD/SUS:

- [Community Impact of North Carolina](#)
- [Southeast Prevention Technology Transfer Center](#)



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 Training and Conferences

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!

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!](#)

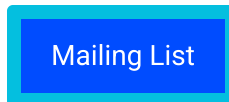
National AfterSchool Association Conference in Nashville, Tennessee on March 9-12, 2025. For more information [click here!](#)

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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