



North Carolina Training
& Technical Assistance Center



WELCOME

Who do you email when you need training and technical assistance on substance use prevention? Who do you call upon when you need assistance with Ecco? What about when you feel the urge to share your knowledge of the prevention field or you need a helping hand on a SUS prevention project for a college semester? Who do you contact?

You've probably heard this before, but the NCTTA Center/Workforce Development Team are always on standby to respond to your requests for assistance. Feel free to reach out to us when you need a required SUPTRS training or a helping hand. Our Contact information is below:

What you might need or have a question about...

Who do you contact?

- Upcoming Training for SUS Block Grant providers?
- What is SPF? How do Implement the SPF?
- Not sure where to begin with delivery of a strategy.
- Anything to help provide program support.

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- You forgot to add a step in the YPE Strategy, and the strategy must be reopened in Ecco.
- How do I enter proceed data into Ecco?
- How to prepare for the Annual SUPTRS audit?
- How staff need training on everything related to Ecco?

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- Interested in the Workforce Development Fellow program?
- Your local college or university has an MSW program and they're looking to add substance

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- You need resources on what prevention strategies can be implemented on a college/university campus?



FROM THE DESK OF DMH/DD/SUS

DMH/DD/SUS staff will have a new address beginning December 4, 2023! The new address is

Anderson Building (on the DHHS Dorothea Dix Campus)
695 Palmer Drive
Raleigh, NC 27603

Feel free to contact the following staff persons at the new address:

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A MESSAGE FROM WAKE FOREST

We enjoyed meeting and discussing risk and protective factor prioritization with you last week. Based upon the discussion, we have revised the high priority risk and protective prioritization template so that communities can first eliminate risk and protective factors that are not developmentally relevant, that are in the not in expected direction of relationship in your community, and that you do not have the capacity to address (nor the ability to get the capacity to address). These criteria were already considered “must haves” and therefore their absence automatically eliminated any given risk and protective factor from consideration. This reordering is intended to provide additional options for communities to assess, while retaining a data driven prioritization process.

Also based upon discussion, we are in the process of aligning substance specific risk and protective factors up with their unique substance use behavior when possible. This means that for alcohol use behaviors, cigarette smoking, nicotine vaping, marijuana, and prescription medications where we have substance specific risk and protective factors we will use these as individual items, rather than scales, to assess the strength and direction of relationship between risk and protective factors and substance use. For example, alcohol perceived risk of harm will be related to alcohol use behaviors. For substances without substance specific risk and protective factors, such as poly substance use or Delta products, we would continue to use scales to look at the strength and direction of relationship between substance specific risk and protective factors and substance use behaviors. For example, perceived risk of harms for alcohol, cigarette smoking, nicotine vaping, marijuana use, AND prescription medication misuse will be related to poly substance use. We believe this is an important update and are working to update it as expeditiously as possible. We will send an update as soon as this is complete.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts and experiences.

Because of my personal/professional schedule, you may receive emails from me outside of typical business hours. Please feel free to respond according to your own schedule.

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UPCOMING TRAININGS & MEETINGS

Lunch with the Ecco Team - November 15 at 11:30 am until 1 pm

Note: Mark your calendars, the date has changed to November 15th

Let's have lunch together! Come meet with the Prospectus Group, LLC and chat with Marcus Bouigny 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 at 11:30am!

If you have questions about Ecco, feel free to contact Robert Greer, the NC TTA Center Prevention Support Coordinator at rgreer@apnc.org.

Office Hours - November 9, 2023 until December 19, 2023

Topic: Prioritizing Intervening Variables 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.

The next round of **Needs Assessment TA sessions will be held on Tuesday and Thursdays until December 19, 2023**. You can join the TA sessions by [Clicking Here](#) each day at 2-3pm. You don't have to register, just drop in!

****There will be no office hours on November 23rd****

Needs Assessment Workshop 3 - Assessing Community Capacity

Will be held virtually on January 16 from 2 – 3 pm and January 17, 2024 from 10 – 11 am

This workshop is the third in a three-part series in the fiscal year 2024 needs assessment process. Workshop 3 focuses on assessing community capacity to address identified high concern substances and priority intervening variables. This includes multiple dimensions of community capacity, such as resources and expertise, as well as community readiness to address the problems identified. This will conclude with discussions about how to use the resulting assessment data to develop a comprehensive prevention strategy.

By the end of workshop 3 participants will:

1. Know how to assess community capacity to address select high concern substances and priority intervening variables.
2. Understand how to take assessment results to build a comprehensive prevention strategy.

Note: You don't have to attend both training sessions. Simply choose the one you would like to attend and register by clicking on the link provided.

January 16, 2024 at 2pm - <https://apnc.memberclicks.net/ttaworkshop3>

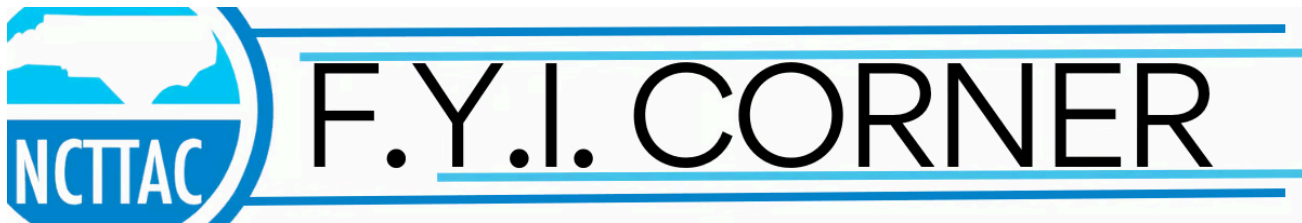
January 17, 2024 at 10am - <https://apnc.memberclicks.net/ttaworkshop3>

Youth Prevention Education Training

Will be held February 5-6, 2024 (Virtual) 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 related to implementing any YPE program. The training is broken up into self-paced pre-work and 2 days of content with engaging activities that allow participants to meet the previously stated objectives through direct application of the material using interactive breakout rooms and group discussions. This training will increase participants' knowledge and skills related to planning, managing, facilitating, evaluating, and monitoring a Youth Prevention Education program.

Registration will open soon!



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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

June 2024 - Chicago, IL

August 2024 - Los Angeles, CA

[Register Today](#)

Shared Resources from Fellow Preventionist

The NCHEC team has gathered resources that focus mainly on BIPOC families and students and the disparities that are felt as a result of the Pandemic. The folder is open to the public, so please feel free to share with whomever may benefit. While the resources focus on students, there is information on all populations, and the implications can be used across age groups. The resource list will be updated as new information and resources become available.

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[Prevention Research Bibliography for July-September 2023.](#)

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