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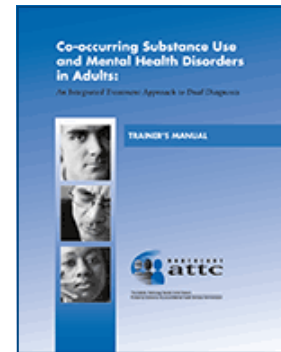
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CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS

Co-occurring Substance Use and Mental Health Disorders in Adults (*Northeast ATTC*)

This newly updated manual is designed to be used in training addiction professionals who work with adults who have co-occurring mental illness and substance use disorders. The manual examines historical trends and presents an integrated approach to treatment with a focus on the recovery process. Each of the modules contains competencies, exercises and handout materials to supplement the training.



Keeping it Real 2008 Conference: Street-Level Intervention Strategies for Addiction, HIV/AIDS, and Hepatitis (*Central East ATTC*)

The seventh annual conference will provide cutting-edge information on issues related to HIV/AIDS, hepatitis, and substance abuse. This conference is targeted towards outreach workers, substance abuse counselors, and other related healthcare personnel who work with the drug-addicted and HIV/AIDS/HCV population.

The conference is based on the seven Outreach Competencies developed by the Central East ATTC Center of Excellence, the Center for HIV, Hepatitis, and Addiction Training and Technology (CHHATT). The competencies are:

- Understanding Outreach and Outreach in a Scientific Context
- Understanding Chemical Dependency
- Understanding Disease and Wellness in the Context of Drug Use
- Engagement
- Intervention
- Client Support
- Supporting Ourselves





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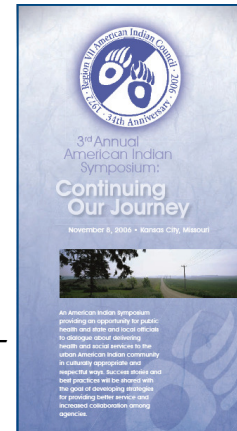
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SPECIAL POPULATIONS

American Indian Symposium (*Mid-America ATTC*)

The 5th annual one-day conference will take place in November 2008 at the University of Missouri, Kansas City. The goals of the Symposium are:

- To provide a forum where American Indians can share their strategies, models and tools with individual and organizations which provide services to urban American Indians to overcome barriers in regard to behavioral health, health education and legal needs, and
- To create effective partnerships to deliver care in urban community settings and to access the resources needed to create programs that will benefit all American Indian populations.



Native American Project (*Prairielands ATTC*)

The Prairielands ATTC offers training in substance abuse issues among Native American populations to health care professionals and Native American counselors on the reservation. Several accomplishments include:

- Creating a treatment management plan for individual reservations and individual cultural groups on each reservation, in collaboration with a group of Native American elders in North Dakota.
- Collaboration with the University of North Dakota Indian Association to develop the program for the Wicipi Pow-Wow activities every April.
- Collaboration with a South Dakota Native American group, which has led to the creation of written and oral certification exam preparation programs to increase the number of Native American counselor trainees able to pass the certification exam.

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SPECIAL POPULATIONS, CONT'D

Hispanic Initiative (*Caribbean Basin & Hispanic ATTC, Central East ATTC, Southeast ATTC, Gulf Coast ATTC, Southern Coast ATTC, Northeast ATTC, Pacific Southwest ATTC, Great Lakes ATTC*)

The ATTC Hispanic Initiative is designed to meet the needs of Hispanic service providers and clients who require resources created specifically for the Hispanic population. The goals of this Initiative include:

- Assess the need for cultural and science-based information among providers serving Hispanic/Latino populations in selected sites in the U.S. mainland, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico;
- Address the gaps identified in the needs assessment findings by developing products and programming specific to the Hispanic/Latino population.

Through the leadership of the Caribbean Basin and Hispanic ATTC , seven other ATTC Regional Centers have collaborated to create, distribute, and analyze surveys as well as develop special products as part of the ATTC Hispanic Initiative.

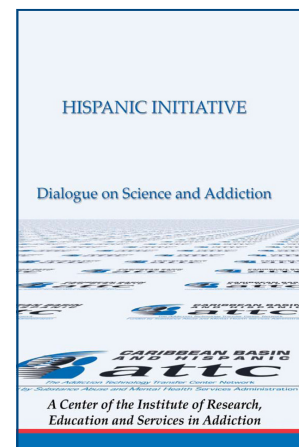
Featured Products of the ATTC Hispanic Initiative

Hispanic Initiative: Dialogue on Science and Addiction

Special report explaining the findings of seven focus groups conducted between January and April 2005 in seven cities across the country.

U.S. Hispanic Street Gangs: Dialogue on Science and Addiction

Monograph describing contemporary street gangs in Mexican, Mexican American, Puerto Rican, Dominican and Central American communities in the United States, including Puerto Rico. This publication discusses consequences associated with street gangs such as drug use and sales, violence, high-risk sexual behavior and family disruption.





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RETURNING VETERANS

Virginia Is For Heroes Conference *(Mid-Atlantic ATTC)*

This event, co-sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic ATTC, brings together clinicians, educators, employers, state and federal government representatives, and other stakeholders to create a road map that mobilizes resources at all levels of government to ensure a bright future for returning veterans.

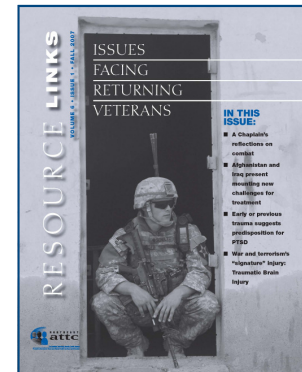


Resource Links *(Northeast ATTC)*

This quarterly newsletter contains several editions on returning veterans, including:

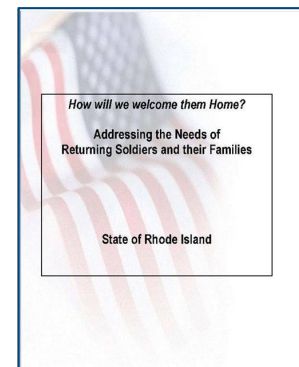
Issues Facing Returning Veterans: Current combat issues surrounding veterans in Iraq and Afghanistan, PTSD and Traumatic Brain Injury. Vol. 6, Issue 1, Fall 2007.

Substance Use Disorders and the Veterans Population: Topics affecting veterans, including an overview of veterans issues and the challenges faced by the Veterans' Health Administration. Vol. 3, Issue 1, Summer 2004.



How will we welcome them Home? Addressing the needs of Returning Soldiers & their Families *(ATTC of New England)*

This publication, originally created for the State of Rhode Island, provides a blueprint for States to assist them in developing a system in which individuals, families, employers, academics, the Veteran's Affairs Medical Center, and other community and service agencies can work cooperatively to create an environment in which veterans, returning soldiers and their families can easily access needed care.





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TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

The Change Book:

A Blueprint for Technology Transfer (*ATTC Network*)

The Change Book has earned widespread acclaim for its innovative approach to implementing change within treatment settings. Using case study examples, this step-by-step guide addresses the unique needs of addictions treatment and recovery services administrators, staff, educators and policymakers in creating change and implementing new treatment strategies. The publication includes a separate, user-friendly workbook designed to help implement the user's own change initiatives.



Science to Service Laboratory (*New England ATTC*)



The Science to Service Laboratory is a vehicle agencies can use to experience the “comprehensive technology transfer model” developed by the ATTC of New England and the New England School of Best Practices before they actually try to implement and evidence-based practice in their own setting. The Science to Service Laboratory is based on the notion that agencies can become skillful at adopting best practices if given the opportunity to practice implementation. Since 2003, the ATTC of New England has worked with 54 community-based substance abuse treatment agencies from across its region using the Science to Service Laboratory. Ninety-six percent of agencies that have completed all Science to Service Laboratory components have successfully adopted and implemented an evidence-based protocol.



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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The PFR/ATTC Leadership Institute (*ATTC Network*)

The field of addictions treatment and recovery services is faced with a shortage of adequately prepared addiction leaders. With this challenge in mind, the ATTC Network, in partnership with SAMHSA/CSAT's Partners for Recovery and the Graduate School USDA, offers a unique professional development opportunity to individuals in the addictions field.



The Leadership Institute is an intense leadership preparation program designed to cultivate the development of future addiction leaders. It provides professional development through a combination of evidenced-based training seminars, distance learning, and completion of a project within a six-month timeframe. Each individual partners with a mentor offering expertise vital in facilitating the development of future leaders. The pilot for this program began in 2004, and the Institute was rolled out to the Network in 2005. Since the pilot, over 500 individuals have participated in this award-winning effort.

National Workforce Survey (*ATTC Network*)

The ATTC National Office is the lead in developing and coordinating the implementation of a national survey that will gather data about the addiction treatment and recovery services workforce. The survey will focus on three main questions:

- What are the demographics of the current workforce?
- What are the anticipated workforce development needs for 2010-2015?
- What are common strategies and methods to prepare, retain and maintain the workforce?



Regional Centers will survey directors of agencies listed in the I-SSATS. The final report is expected for completion in 2012.

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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, CONT'D

Gulf Coast ATTC Educational Consortium (*Gulf Coast ATTC*)

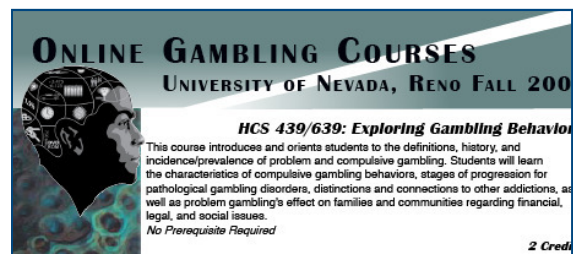
Since 1993, the Gulf Coast ATTC has collaborated with a consortium of Higher Educational Institutions with specialized coursework and workshops in Addictions and Behavioral Health counseling. These colleges and universities aid in facilitating addictions education, training, and technical assistance centers in diverse locations as an arm of the ATTC presence in the region. The relationships operate in the following way:

- Schools focus on pre-service preparation for culturally competent professionals.
- Consortium schools are members of the Regional Advisory Committee.
- Community college faculty are funded to have ongoing collaborative relationships with local community based organizations, with which they provide ongoing technical assistance and workforce development.

Mountain West ATTC Coursework Portfolio (*Mountain West ATTC*)

In collaboration with the Center for the Application of Substance Abuse Technologies, the Mountain West ATTC provides an expansive variety of academic coursework opportunities in the addictions treatment field, including:

- Minor in treatment and prevention (18 credits)
- Undergraduate certificate program in treatment (21-24 credits)
- Advanced certificate in Addiction Treatment Services (18 credits)
- Master of Arts Degree in Human Development and Family Studies - addiction treatment services specialization (41-44 credits with internship)
- Curricula agreements with the University of Utah, University of Montana, University of Wyoming, and the University of Las Vegas, Nevada for students to take ATTC Network courses for academic credit at their institutions.



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DRUGS OF ABUSE

Methamphetamine Treatment Centers of Excellence (*Pacific Southwest ATTC*)

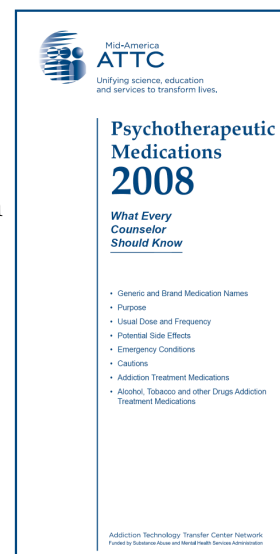
The Pacific Southwest ATTC provides technical assistance to the Arizona Department of Health Services, Division of Behavioral Health in the design and implementation of the Center of Excellence in Methamphetamine Treatment. The Center, which accounts for approximately \$2 million dollars in targeted treatment funds, develops specialized treatment alternatives for methamphetamine users residing in the metropolitan communities of Phoenix and Tucson, as well as the Gila River Indian Community. Many products are available, including the following curriculum programs:

- Adolescent Treatment Issues: Understanding & Managing Youth, Training of Trainers Manual
- Substance Use Disorders and the Child Protective Services: Broadening Perspectives to Facilitate Change (Case Manager and Family Curriculum)
- Drug Addiction Basics (includes Presentation slides)
- Integrated Screening, Assessment, and Brief Intervention for Co-Occurring Disorders Participant Guide (includes Pamphlet, Presentation slides)

Psychotherapeutic Medications: What Every Counselor Should Know (*Mid-America ATTC*)

Originally developed as a companion piece to the Mid-America ATTC systems change curriculum, this publication is updated annually to include new medications. *Psychotherapeutic Medications* provides a list of generic and brand names for a variety of medications from stimulants to opioids to addiction treatment drugs. Each medication’s section includes the following topics:

- Purpose
- Usual dose
- Potential side effects
- Potential for abuse or dependence
- Emergency Conditions
- Cautions
- Special Considerations for Pregnant Women



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SCREENING, BRIEF INTERVENTION, REFERRAL AND TREATMENT (SBIRT)

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania SBIRT (*Northeast ATTC*)

The Northeast ATTC collaborates with the SAMHSA/CSAT-funded Pennsylvania SBIRT project by providing training and acting as the “hub” for sustaining SBIRT efforts in the State. The Northeast ATTC efforts include:

- Coordinate all statewide training and sustainability efforts;
- Facilitate a workgroup with the four Clinical Trial Network Nodes in the Northeast region to test implementation of SBIRT;
- Work with the Allegheny County (Western PA) Department of Health to provide technical assistance to existing sites practicing SBIRT and to implement the practice in new locations;
- Assist the University of Rochester and West Virginia University in incorporating the principles of SBIRT into their medical education programs.



Illinois SBIRT Initiative (*Great Lakes ATTC*)

The Great Lakes ATTC participated in the proposal writing and planning effort for the Illinois SBIRT Initiative, and serves as the technology transfer arm of this project. Under a subcontract from the Illinois Single State Agency, the Great Lakes ATTC provides a variety of services, including:

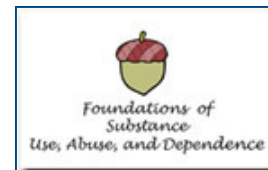
- Facilitate training for all staff and hospital social workers;
- Coordinate the federal Buprenorphine training for physicians who received DEA approval for prescribing the drug;
- Write and design various guideline documents for physicians;
- Coordinate collaboration and sustainability forums.

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FAITH-BASED

Foundations of Substance Use, Abuse and Dependence (*Mid-America ATTC*)

The Mid-America ATTC developed this two-day curriculum for faith-based groups, which focuses on participants’ life experiences and how those experiences have shaped their attitudes, beliefs and perceptions toward alcohol and other drugs. The training format includes short lectures, interactive activities, group discussion, videos and two guest panels. As a result of participating in this training, participants achieve a greater understanding of substance use, abuse and dependence. In addition, the Mid-America ATTC has developed optional sections on “Adolescent Resiliency” and “Spirituality.”



Integrating the Sacred & Secular Treatment of Addiction. . ."It's a Family Affair." (*Southeast ATTC*)

The Southeast ATTC sponsors this annual Faith-Based Conference each Spring in Atlanta, GA. The conference addresses a wide variety of topics from funding faith-based programs to providing faith-based services to multicultural groups to planning outcomes-driven programs. It also includes workshops on addiction-specific topics such as pre-treatment and aftercare, fetal alcohol syndrome, and support service for substance abusing criminal offenders.



Positive Partnerships: A Guide to Facilitating Collaboration Between Faith and Community-Based Organizations (*Southern Coast ATTC*)

The Southern Coast ATTC developed this resource, which can be used to foster synergy between faith-based and community based providers of addiction services. The fully scripted “Facilitator’s Guide” provides a six module framework for a structured process to discuss and establish both formal and informal collaboration between faith-based and community-based organizations. The “Resource CD” contains the full process curriculum along with supplemental resource materials.