



Northwest PTTC Online Emergency Workforce Assessment Summary

Between April 6, 2020 and April 20, 2020, the Northwest PTTC supplemented the one-hour listening sessions with each of the four states in HHS Region 10: Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington with an online emergency workforce assessment.

The online assessment offered an alternative format for prevention professionals to inform the Northwest PTTC about emerging issues related to changes in their work environment due to the Covid-19 stay-at-home orders. The goal of the brief 12 question assessment was to identify barriers faced by the prevention workforce and how the Northwest PTTC can continue to support the workforce. 104 prevention professionals from the four states in HHS Region 10 responded to the anonymous online survey. Responses and emerging themes from the responses are summarized below.

IN WHICH STATE DO YOU CURRENTLY WORK?

The distribution of respondents to the online Emergency Workforce Assessment is similar to the distribution of the population of HHS Region 10.

State	Number of Responses (%)
Alaska	9 (8.7%)
Idaho	12 (11.7%)
Oregon	25 (24.3%)
Washington	57 (55.3%)

WHAT IS YOUR JOB RESPONSIBILITY?

The majority of those who responded to the online Emergency Workforce Assessment were frontline prevention staff but also included supervisors or administrators

Top 5 Job Roles	Number of Responses (%)
Program staff	26 (25.0%)
Coalition coordinator	22 (21.2%)
Educator	15 (14.4%)
Supervisor of program staff	10 (9.6%)
Administrator	7 (6.7%)



WHAT IS YOUR WORK SETTING OR PROFESSION?

Top 5 Work Settings	Number of Responses (%)
Community Coalition	39 (37.5%)
Community-bases Organization	35 (33.7)
School (K-12)	24 (23.1)
Local Government	13 (12.5)
County Government	12 (11.5)

ARE YOU ABLE TO WORK FROM HOME (TELECOMMUTE)?

Responses	Number of Responses (%)
Yes	96 (93.2%)
No	7 (6.8)*

** Reasons for the inability to work from home were a combination of technological issues and the need to work directly with clients.*

WHAT ARE YOUR BIGGEST CHALLENGES RIGHT NOW?

Top 5 Challenges	Number of Responses (%)
Inability to connect with stakeholders or partners due to competing priorities	47 (45.2%)
My work requires face to face interactions with clients	37 (35.6)
Struggle with mental/emotional stress	36 (34.6)
Struggling or unable to navigate moving face to face interaction to a virtual platform	34 (32.7)
Inadequate workspace in my house	25 (24.0)



WHAT TYPE OF EVENT(S) WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING?

Top 3 Events	Number of Responses (%)
Webinars	80 (81.6%)
Coffee-break Discussions on Selected Topics with an Open Discussion	48 (49.0)
Resource Guide	44 (44.9)

WHAT TOPICS WOULD BE OF INTEREST?

Top 4 Interests	Number of Responses (%)
Staying connected with coalition members/sectors/collaborators	61 (59.8%)
How to disseminate materials to parents	60 (58.8)
Telecommuting – platforms, how-to's, best practices, innovation	53 (52.0)
Dealing with stress and anxiety	44 (43.1)

HOW IMPORTANT IS IT FOR YOU TO RECEIVE CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS (CEUs) FOR ANY SESSIONS THAT YOU ATTEND?

Responses	Number of Responses (%)
Very Important or Important	54 (52.4%)
Neither Important or Unimportant	29 (28.2)
Unimportant or Very Unimportant	23 (22.4%)



THEMES THAT EMERGED FROM THE OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

- Concerns with staying connected with clients and coworkers
 - Difficulty to engage with others during physical distancing
 - Desire for more webinars and trainings
 - Offer resources and tools for parents with kids at home
 - How to facilitate meetings online that are engaging and meaningful
 - How to facilitate a network meeting in an engaging and meaningful way.
 - Concerns about funding in post-covid-19
 - Understand risk and protective factors and how they will be affected by the current pandemic
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