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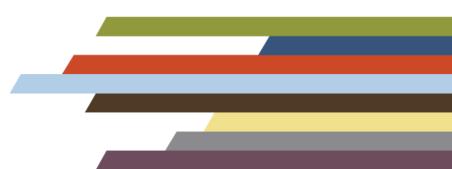
Prevention Professionals: Planning Your Professional Development Journey

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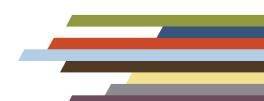
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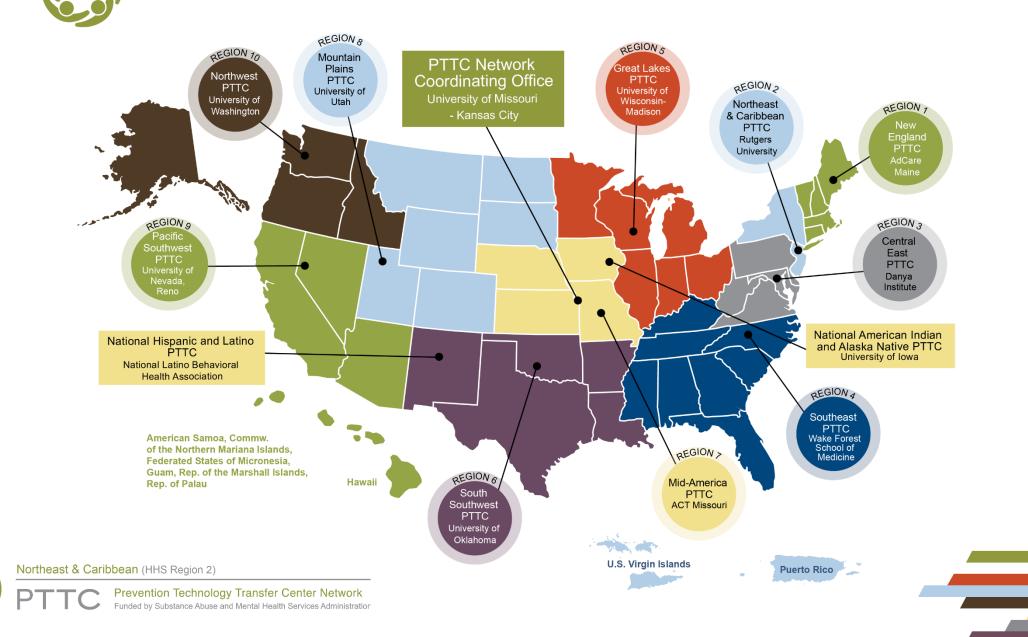


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Learning Objectives

- Define professional development
- List 3 types of professional development activities
- List two considerations substance misuse prevention professional should consider regarding professional development
- Describe two benefits for prevention professionals in engaging in professional development activities
- List two steps involved in professional development planning





Our Agenda

- Professional Development: Understanding the Basics
- The Nature of Substance Misuse Prevention: Implications for The Prevention Workforce
- The Importance of Professional Development to the Prevention
 Professional
- Planning Your Professional Development Journey



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Understanding the Basics



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Select the Picture Which Best Fits Your Experience with Professional Development

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Professional Development Definition

- Professional Development (PD) is an intentionally designed, systematic process used to strengthen the knowledge, skills, and attitudes of a particular workforce
- Professional Development should:
 - Increase active learner engagement
 - \odot Provide optimal conditions for the transfer of learning and implementation of the knowledge and skills in the work setting.



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Professional Development Methods²

- 1. Training
- 2. Observation/assessment
- 3. Mentoring and coaching
- 4. Learning Community
- 5. Apprenticeship

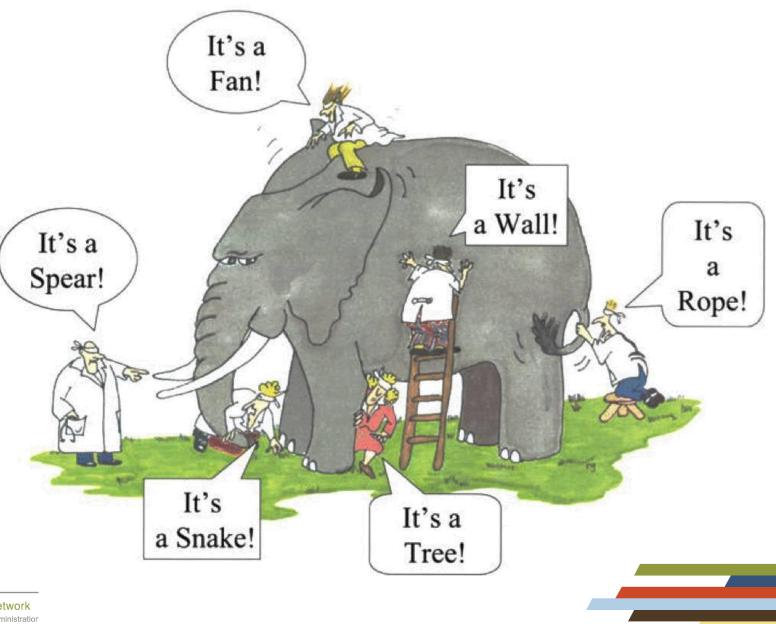


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The Nature of Substance Misuse Prevention: Implications for The Prevention Workforce

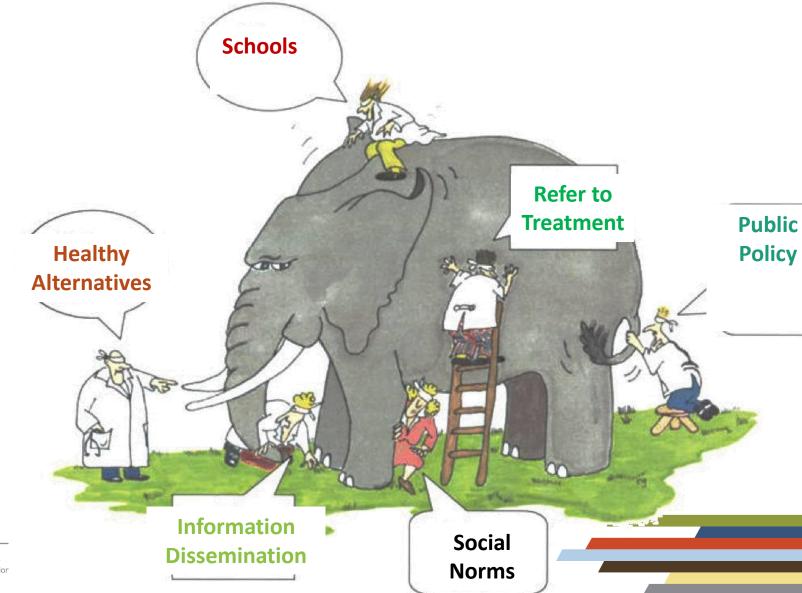




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Substance Misuse Prevention

The complex nature of substance misuse requires the workforce to master **both** knowledge and skills specific to a particular job and general knowledge concerning prevention science





Why Is Professional Development Important in Prevention?





Professional Development Considerations for the Prevention Workforce

- The field is informed by the fields of behavioral health, public health and education
- Limited number of college and universities programs focused specifically on substance misuse prevention
- People entering the field come from a variety of education back grounds
- Prevention requires both knowledge and soft skills such as facilitation, planning and consensus building



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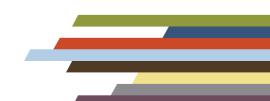


Professional Development Considerations for the Prevention Workforce

- Implementation science highlights the importance of training in the implementation of most evidence-based approaches
- As the current workforce ages into retirement, we need people to maintain the skills and knowledge in the field



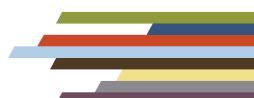
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The Importance of Professional Development to the Prevention Professional



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Poll: Select the Sentence (s)that **Best Describes** Your Experience with Professional Development

- I have annual professional development goals I pursue
- I take advantage of trainings when they occur but don't have a plan
- In addition to my supervisor, I have a mentor
- I don't have time for professional development because I am too busy
- Professional development trainings are too expensive
- I attend trainings but I don't feel they affect my day- to- day job tasks
- I can't get time off for professional development

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Professional Development Is the Vehicle for Progressing in Your Competency Level ²

- Novice
- Advanced Beginner
- Competent
- Proficient
- Expert



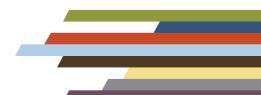




Professional Development Can Feed Your Passion and Interests



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Professional Development Opportunities Can Build Your Career Network



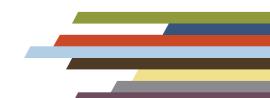
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Professional Development Prepares You to Take on New Positions in the Field



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Sample Substance Misuse Prevention Career Paths



- 1. School based prevention provider
- 2. Community coalition prevention specialist or director
- 3. Prevention Specialist working with indicated and selected populations
- 4. Prevention program coordination for nonprofit
- 5. Training and Technical Assistance Providers
- 6. Social Scientist/ Researcher
- 7. State or Federal project officer



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Planning Your Professional Development Journey



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Step 1: Address Your Immediate Professional Development Needs



Determine your current knowledge and skill level for your current position Determine what knowledge and skills you need to grow

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Determine the professional development method(s)

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Go-To-Resources: Identifying Competencies and Skills Your Job Description

Your Organizations Staffing Positions Classification

Your Annual Review

Your Supervisors

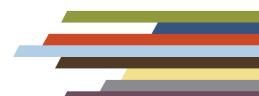
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Colleagues in the field

IC & RC Competencies



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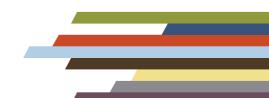


IC & RC Competency Domains

- 1. Planning and Evaluation
- 2. Prevention Education and Service Delivery
- 3. Communication
- 4. Community Organization
- 5. Public Policy and Environmental Change
- 6. Professional Growth and Responsibility



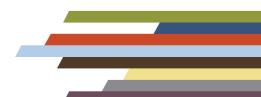
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Using IC & RC Competencies

- Examine competencies that are most relevant to your job
- Look at the competencies and skills to determine your current knowledge level (*Novice, Advanced Beginner, Competent, Proficient, Expert*)
- Determine the competencies you need to develop
- Identify the level of knowledge you would like to obtain
- Talk with your supervisor and colleagues about your goals
- "Design your professional development plan





Step 2: Determining Your Future Professional Development Needs



Step 3. Identify Available Professional **Development Opportunities**

Participate in training

Developing a mentoring relationship with someone who has the knowledge and skills



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Participate in a learning community with other professionals



Engage in self directed study regarding the topic using articles, videos and other educational materials



Create an apprenticeship with someone you can observe and partner with

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Tips for Developing Your Professional Development Plan

- Develop a support team
- Utilize existing processes such as annual performance review to collect information and document your progress
- Utilize multiple professional development methods
- Set goals and rewards for yourself
- Take into consideration your current work and home life when setting expectations concerning professional development
- Document your professional development journey



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Real-Time Personal Action Planning

- Immediate PD needs
- Future PD needs
- PD Goal
- Steps to take to accomplish this goal
- Potential resources to achieve this goal
- When to get started



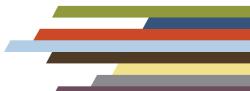
Professional Development Personal Action Plan

The Personal Action Plan is for you to identify what you would like to work towards based on today's training. Please list three six-month goals you have for proactively planning your professional development activities. Your goals should be SMART: Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound.

What are my immediate professional development needs? What do I anticipate as my future professional development needs?

| Goal | What steps will I need to take to accomplish this goal? | What resources might I use to meet this goal? | When will I get started? |
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