



*Enhanced Prevention Learning Series (EPLS):
Organizational Elements of Effective Coalitions*

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This 7-week series offers a unique interactive experience that provides participants an opportunity to learn more about the key organizational elements that assist coalitions of all types to operate efficiently and effectively. This series will have a special focus on coalitions that promote healthy youth development to reduce substance misuse and other related problem behaviors. Participants will explore a variety of organizational principles that will assist them in the overall development of their coalition by learning more about how to engage and sustain involvement of key stakeholders and members over time, how to utilize dynamic group-development strategies, and how their efforts can connect with other coalition efforts in their area. The learning series is structured to provide online consultation, skill-based learning and practice, group and self-study activities, reading assignments, and discussion on topics essential to an effective community coalition structure when focusing on primary prevention. Participants will have the opportunity during the course to discuss specific "next steps" questions.

AUDIENCE

Community-level prevention practitioners and allied partners working to prevent substance misuse in the Pacific Southwest Prevention Technology Transfer Center HHS Region 9: American Samoa, Arizona, California, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Hawaii, Nevada, Republic of Marshall Islands, and Republic of Palau. Prevention professionals interested in this course but who work outside of Region 9 are encouraged to contact their region's PTTC to learn what opportunities for similar courses are available to them.

SESSION DATES and TIMES

States & American Samoa:

January 8, 15, 22, 29 & February 5, 12, 19

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm Mountain

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm Pacific

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Hawaii

12:00 pm -1:30 pm American Samoa

Jurisdictions:

January 9, 16, 23, 30, & February 6, 13, 20

11:00am- 12:30pm Republic of the Marshall Islands

10:00am-11:30am Pohnpei and Kosrae

9:00am-10:30am Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Chuuk, and Yap

8:00am-9:30am Republic of Palau

FACILITATOR



Phyllis Law is a Senior Systems Change Specialist at the Evidence-based Prevention and Intervention Support Center (EPISCenter) at Penn State University. She was one of the first to receive Communities That Care (CTC) Plus Coaching Certification through the University of Washington. In addition to providing direct technical assistance to CTC sites, she also provides direction and assistance to all types of coalition-related efforts, provides direction to the Drug & Alcohol Prevention Programs (DDAP) Needs Assessment project, serves on the PA Youth Survey Advisory Group (PAYSAG), assists with facilitation of the state-level Cross-Systems Prevention Workgroup (CSPW) and assists with overall center development with a special focus on strategic planning and partnership development. Phyllis has been working in the field of prevention for almost 30 years where she has worked at all levels from state government to grassroots organizations by providing program oversight, coalition development, event planning, training, and technical assistance in many areas of prevention.

PARTICIPANT COMMITMENTS and EXPECTATIONS

- **View a 20-minute video tutorial prior to the first session** on Wednesday January 8, 2020 at 3:00pm PST on how to use and maximize the videoconferencing platform
- **Attend a live *Orientation to Technology Session*** on Wednesday January 8, 2020 at 3:00pm PST, to demonstrate mastery of the basic technology skills required to participate
- Commit to **attending 7 sessions of training**, for 1.5 hours on scheduled series days/times and complete ONE hour of weekly learning activities.
- Complete up to an hour of independent learning activities between each session.
- **Use a web-camera** and have appropriate technology to join the online videoconferencing platform (i.e., internet connection, built-in or USB webcam, laptop/tablet, built-in/USB/Bluetooth speakers & microphone)
- Actively engage and **be on camera 90% of the time** during each session, since this *is not a webinar series and active participation is essential to gain/improve skills.*

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Continuing Education: In order to receive up to 15 continuing education hours, participants are expected to view the 20-minute video tutorial; attend the live technology training; be prepared for and join each session; and actively engage in discussions.

REGISTER HERE:

<https://www.pttclearning.org/courses/organizational-elements-of-effective-coalitions-region-9/>

Due to limited enrollment, if you cannot commit to the full participant requirements, please defer this registration opportunity to others

Cost is Free!

Questions? Contact Matthew Minten (mminten@casat.org) for any questions or difficulty in registering.

