



*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 TIME

States & American Samoa:

March 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28, and May 5, 12

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:

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and May 6, 13,

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



Meghan Blevins is a Systems Change Specialist at Penn State's EPISCenter and certified Communities That Care (CTC) Plus coach. In this role, she helps guide communities through the CTC process. Her focus areas are youth involvement, communications, and curriculum. She has presented at the Commonwealth Prevention Alliance conference, the Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development conference, and CADCA's 28th National Leadership Forum

PARTICIPANT COMMITMENTS and EXPECTATIONS

- **View a 20-minute video tutorial** prior to the first session on Tuesday March 31, 2020 at 3:00pm PST on how to use and maximize the videoconferencing platform
- **Attend a live *Orientation to Technology Session*** on Tuesday March 31, 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 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-r9-mar-apr/>

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 Matt Minten at (mminten@casat.org) for any questions or difficulty in registering.