



## Enhanced Prevention Learning Series (EPLS)

### *Organizational Elements of Effective Coalitions*

#### **Overview**

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**

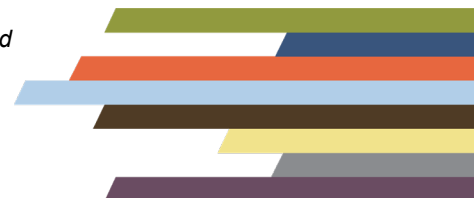
Community and state-level prevention practitioners, allied health partners and community members working to prevent substance misuse in HHS Region 10 (Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington).

#### **Session Dates**

Session 1- April 06, 2021  
Session 2- April 13, 2021  
Session 3- April 20, 2021  
Session 4- April 27, 2021  
Session 5- May 04, 2021  
Session 6- May 11, 2021  
Session 7- May 18, 2021

#### **Session Times**

12:00 pm-1:30 pm Alaska  
1:00 pm- 2:30 pm Pacific  
2:00 pm- 3:30 pm Mountain



## Facilitator



**Meghan Blevins, MA** 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, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 1:00 pm Pacific Time.
- **Attend a live *Orientation/Technology Session*** on Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 1:00 pm Pacific Time, 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).

## 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 orientation/technology session; be prepared for and join each session; and actively engage in discussions. Participants will need to confirm with their certification board to determine if these certification hours are accepted towards their specific certification requirements.

Register Here: <https://www.pttclearning.org/courses/organizational-elements-of-effective-coalitions-r10-apr-2021/>

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](mailto:mminten@casat.org)) for any questions or difficulty in registering.

