



Organizational Elements of Effective Coalitions

An Enhanced Prevention Learning Series (EPLS)

Series 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

Prevention practitioners, coalition coordinators, and allied partners working to prevent substance misuse in communities and tribes located in Northwest Prevention Technology Transfer Center HHS Region 10: Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. Prevention professionals interested in this course but who work outside of Region 10 are encouraged to contact their region's PTTC to learn what opportunities for similar courses are available to them.

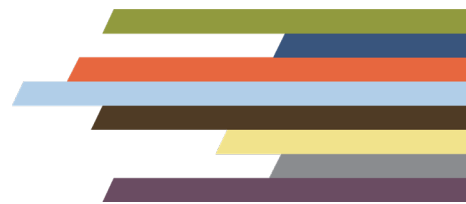
Session Dates and Time

Weekly on Wednesdays: March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, and April 6 and 13, 2022

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Alaska

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Pacific

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Mountain



Facilitator



Meghan Blevins, MA, is a Systems Change Specialist at Penn State University's Edna Bennett Pierce Prevention Research Center's EPISCenter and certified Communities That Care (CTC) Plus coach. In this role, she helps guide communities through the CTC process, and support local and state prevention collaboration. In addition to presenting on PAYS, CTC, prevention science, and the Social Development Strategy to communities around PA, she has also presented at the Commonwealth Prevention Alliance conference, the Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development conference, CADCA's 28th National Leadership Forum, the PA Liquor Control Board conference, and the PA Statewide Afterschool/Youth Development Network retreat.

Prior to her work at the EPISCenter, she supervised Juvenile Justice programming at the Olivet Boys & Girls Club and with Berks County Juvenile Probation in Reading, PA for 9 years.

Meghan earned her Master of Arts degree in Community Psychology and Social Change from Penn State University, concentrating on both community member, and youth-led local data utilization.

Participant Commitments and Expectations

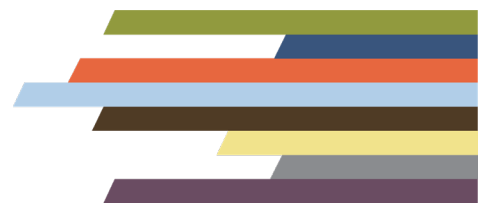
- **View a 20-minute video** tutorial on Zoom if unfamiliar with the technology prior to the first session on Wednesday, March 2, 2022.
- **Attend** each of the seven (1.5-hour) sessions in series
- **Complete** up to an hour of independent learning activities between each session.
- **Use a web-camera** 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

Up to 15 hours of continuing education hours can be earned in this series. Participants who complete the entire course will receive a certificate of attendance for 15 hours. Participants who miss more than two sessions will not receive a certificate. Participants will need to confirm with their certification board to determine if these certification hours are accepted towards their specific certification requirements.

Registration Details!

[Register for Organizational Elements of Effective Coalitions](#)



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

Space is limited. Enroll now!

Cost is Free!

Questions?

Contact Maxwell DiNatale at mdinatale@casat.org for any questions or difficulty in registering.