# Understanding and Implementing Indicated Prevention Strategies

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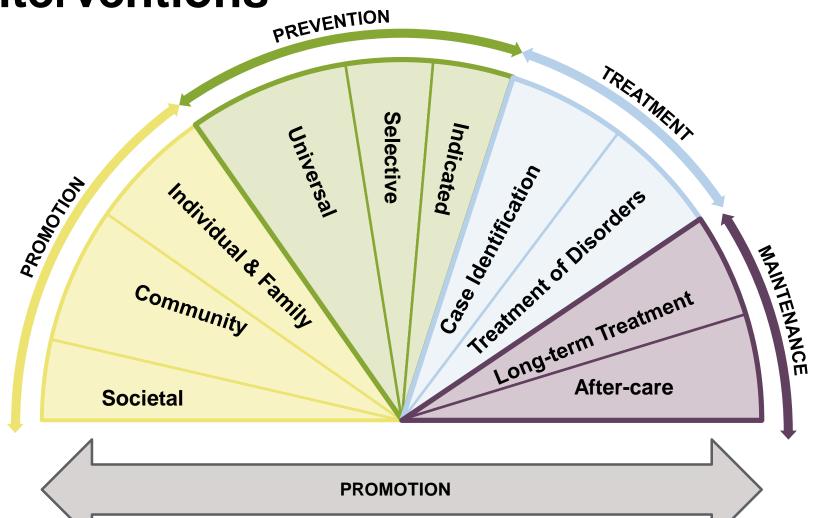
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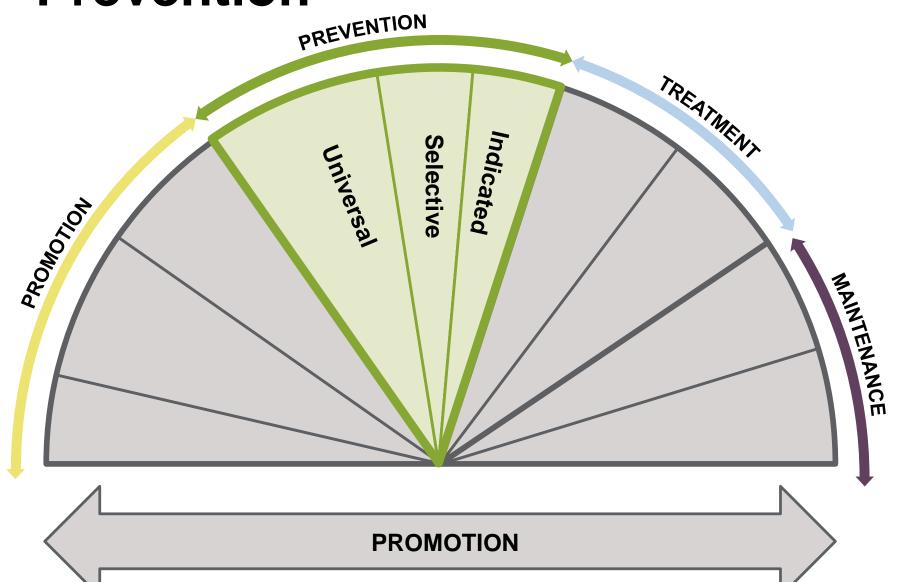
## **Objectives**

- Explain what indicated prevention entails
- Describe indicated prevention to partners
- Understand how to effectively implement indicated prevention strategies while maintaining fidelity

#### 2019: Spectrum of Mental, Emotional, and Behavioral (MEB) Interventions



#### **Prevention**





### **Defining Indicated Prevention**

Indicated prevention strategies focus on **individuals** who are exhibiting **early signs of substance misuse**, other **problem behaviors**, and provide them with special programs



## Defining Indicated Prevention, Continued

- Designed to prevent the onset of substance misuse in individuals who do not meet DSM-IV criteria for substance use disorders (SUDs)
- Individuals are exhibiting substance misuse-like behavior, but at a subclinical level (IOM 1994)
- Indicated prevention approaches are used for individuals who exhibit risk factors that increase their chances of developing a SUD

## Focus of Indicated Prevention Programs

Not only the reduction in first-time substance misuse, but also:

- Reduction in the length of time the signs continue
- Delay of onset of substance misuse
- Reduction in the severity of substance misuse



### **Indicated Prevention Programs**

- Less emphasis is placed on assessing or addressing environmental influences.
- Programs address risk factors associated with the individual, such as:
  - Conduct disorders
  - Alienation from parents
  - Alienation from school
  - Alienation from positive peer groups

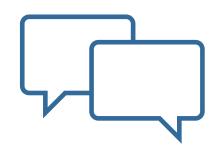
## **Indicated Prevention and Risk Factors**

Indicated prevention programs are used for individuals who may or may not be misusing substances, but exhibit risk factors such as:

- School failure
- Interpersonal social problems
- Delinquency and other antisocial behaviors
- Psychological problems such as depression
- Suicidal behavior that increases their chances of developing a drug abuse problem



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- 1. How frequently are you implementing indicated strategies in your communities?
- 2. What common barriers have you identified when implementing indicated prevention strategies?

#### **Selection Criteria**

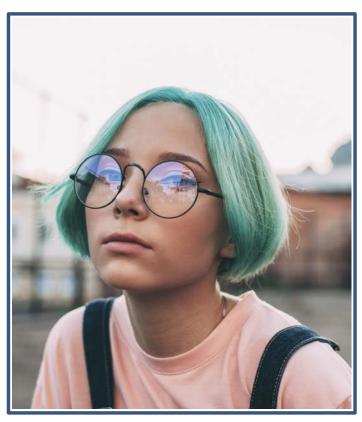
The program or practice effectively addresses the following:

- The priority substance misuse problem
- Associated risk factors
- Associated protective factors
- Is a good fit for the specific community

#### Identification of Individuals

Individuals can be referred to indicated prevention programs by:

- Parents
- Techers
- School counselors
- School nurses
- Youth workers
- Friends
- Judicial system (courts)

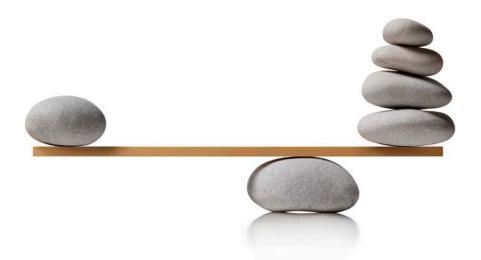


### **Challenges of Indicated Strategies**

- Require a precise assessment of an individual's personal risk and level of related problem behaviors
- Programs are frequently extensive and highly intensive, operate for longer periods of time, at a greater frequency of contact, and require greater effort on the part of participants
- Programs require highly skilled staff who have training, and other skills

## **Maintaining Fidelity**

- **Fidelity:** The degree to which a program or practice is implemented as intended.
- Adaptation: Describes how much, and in which ways, a program or practice is changed to meet local circumstances.





### More Upcoming Great Lakes PTTC Trainings

https://tinyurl.com/GLPTTCevents

- The Importance of Advocacy for Prevention: What It is and Tips for Conducting It September 20 from 11-12:30 CT
- What Makes Them Stay: Help Write the Playbook for Prevention Workforce Retention
   October 5, 10-11:30 CT
- Prevention with Immigrants, Refugees, and Asylum Seekers

October 12, 10-11:30 CT (Registration opening soon)

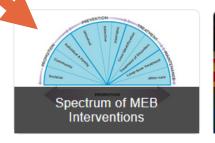
 Virtual SAPST – Applications open soon for preventionists in Region 5 (IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI) November 6, 9, 13, and 16

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#### **Prevention Portal**

#### **Prevention Learning Portal**

This portal was designed to provide substance misuse prevention practitioners in the Great Lakes region with easy access to high quality, accurate information to assist them in planning, implementing, and evaluating their prevention efforts. It will continue to grow with new topics added over time. Click on the images below to learn more about each topic.

























## Content of Each Portal Page



What is it?



Learn about it.



Take action.



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#### Spectrum of MEB Interventions



What is it?

The Spectrum of Mental, Emotional, and Behavioral (MEB) Interventions is a classification system that presents the continuum of behavioral health services. The prevention portion of the spectrum includes the classifications of universal, selective, and indicated interventions.

#### Vide o: Prevention Primer: Spectrum of MEB Interventions

A short overview by the Great Lakes PTTC of the Spectrum of Mental, Emotional, and Behavioral Interventions.

#### Graphic: Spectrum of MEB Interventions

Visual representation of the 2019 update of the spectrum of MEB interventions from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine.



Learn about it.

#### Slide Deck: Understanding the Spectrum of Behavioral Health Services

This slide deck from the Pacific South west PTTC highlights and defines the key changes to the Spectrum of Behavioral Health Services (formerly called, and still often referred to as, the "Continuum of Care") published in the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's 2019 report, Fostering Healthy Mental, Emotional, and Behavioral Development in Children and Youth: A National Agenda.

#### Brief: Spectrum of Mental, Emotional, and Behavioral Interventions

This brief is an excerpt from the SAPST participant handouts. It explains the MEB Spectrum, including the differences between universal, selective, and indicated interventions.



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#### Website: SPF Step 3: Planning

This website page provides resources for completing Step 3 of the SPF: Planning, when decisions are made as to whether universal, selective, or indicated interventions will be implemented.

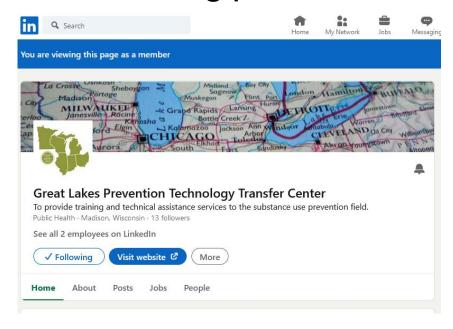
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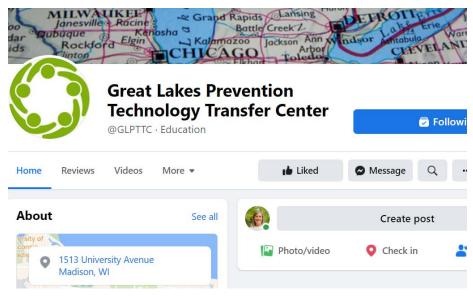
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