



## What is the Mental Health Technology Transfer Center (MHTTC)?

The MHTTC Network includes a Network Coordinating Office (NCO), ten (10) MHTTC Regional Centers, a Tribal Affairs Center, and a Hispanic and Latino Center. Our collaborative network will support resource development and dissemination, training and technical assistance, and workforce development to the mental health field. The MHTTC Network will work with organizations and treatment practitioners involved in the delivery of mental health services to strengthen their capacity to deliver effective evidence-based practices to individuals, including the full continuum of services spanning mental illness prevention, treatment, and recovery support.

## Role of the National Hispanic and Latino-MHTTC (NHL-MHTTC)

The NHL-MHTTC will serve as a key subject matter expert and resource for workforce and community development across the U.S. and its territories to ensure that high-quality, effective mental health treatment and recovery support services, and evidence-based and promising practices are available to help reduce health disparities among Hispanics and Latinos experiencing mental disorders, in particular those with serious mental illness.

## Our Goals

The goals of NHL-MHTTC are to:

- Heighten the awareness, knowledge, and skills of the workforce to address the needs of Latinos living with mental illness.
- Accelerate the adoption and implementation of mental health-related evidence-based and promising practices.

- Foster regional and national alliances among culturally diverse practitioners, researchers, policy makers, family members, and consumers of mental health services.
- Ensure the availability and delivery of publicly available, free-of-charge training and technical assistance to the mental health field providing services for Hispanics and Latinos.

## What Services We Will Offer

- Development and delivery of educational training events (in-person), synchronous/virtual technical assistance sessions and webinars for organizations serving Latino communities.
- Assist programs in identifying facilitators and challenges as they pertain to the implementation of specific practice improvement towards mental health services for Hispanic populations.
- Provide capacity building on cultural elements and competencies required by mental health service providers to deliver appropriate services for Hispanics and Latinos.
- Deliver comprehensive training and technical assistance to the specialized workforce of Hispanic and Latino indigenous & culturally-grounded community health workers and/or promotores/as.

## Who Is Involved

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### How We Will Measure Our Success

NHL-MHTTC Network outcomes:

- Increase the number of people in the mental health or related workforce trained in mental health-related practices/activities to serve Hispanic and Latino population.
- Increase the number of individuals who have received training in prevention or mental health promotion.
- Increase the number of programs, organizations and communities that implemented evidence-based and promising mental health-related practices/ activities.
- Increase the number of individuals accessing mental health prevention, promotion, and intervention materials and related resources.

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