

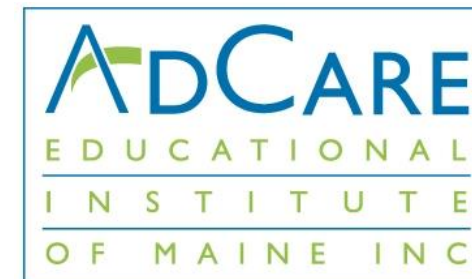


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FEBRUARY 13 - 16 *2023*

## REGIONAL TRAINING EVENT

Honoring Workforce  
Solutions to Support Care  
for Communities of Color

## Day Two: Building Community and Developing Pathways in Prevention



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*Welcome!*

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The use of affirming language inspires hope.  
LANGUAGE MATTERS.  
**Words have power.**

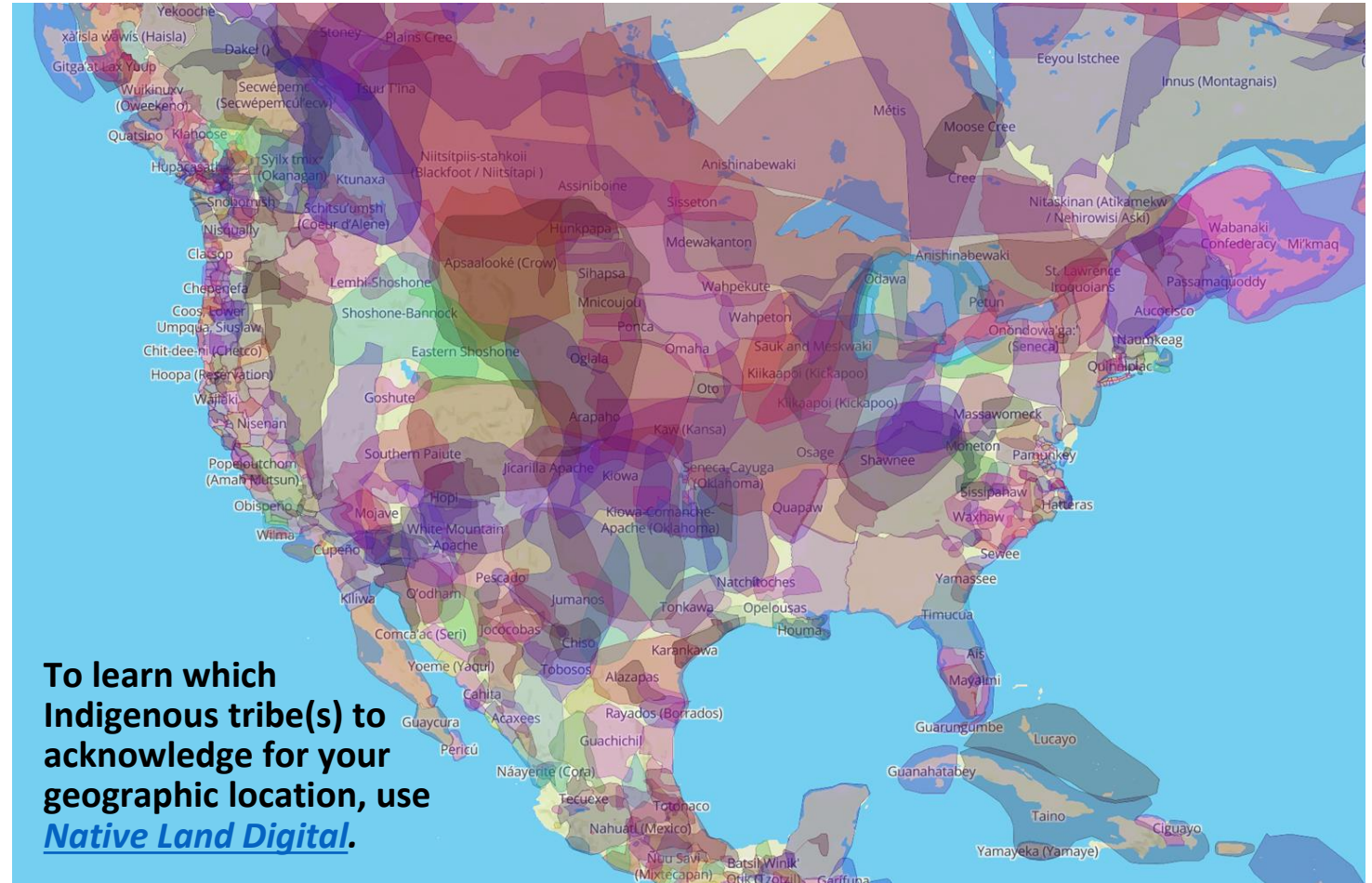
**PEOPLE FIRST.**

The P TTC Network uses affirming language to promote the application of evidence-based and culturally informed practices.

# Land Acknowledgement

**As a committed ally, the TTC Network recognizes that the New England area is home to the ancestral land of many Native tribes.**

Consistent with our values of community and inclusion, we acknowledge that all the places our distributed staff live and work, as well as where we provide services and hold events, are Indigenous lands.





## 2023 Innovations Regional Training Event Day Two

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**Event Host:**  
**Kristen Erickson, MPH**  
Distance Learning  
Coordinator  
Co-Occurring Collaborative  
Serving Maine

- 11:00 a.m. Logistical Overview:** Kristen Erickson, MPH, New England PTTC
- 11:10 a.m. Welcome and Prevention Overview**  
Scott Gagnon, MPP, PS-C, Director, New England PTTC  
Associate Executive Director, AdCare Educational Institute of Maine, Inc
- 11:15 a.m. Featured Presentation: SAMHSA & HBCU Cares Initiative**  
Taylor Bryan Turner, Assistant Regional Administrator, SAMHSA Region 1  
Leonissa Johnson, PhD, Director, HBCU Center for Excellence in Behavioral Health  
Dawn Tyus, PhD, LPC, Principal Investigator, African American Behavioral Health  
Center of Excellence
- 11:45 a.m. Innovation Spotlight**  
Lisa Conlan Lewis, CPRS, Executive Director, Parent Support Network of Rhode Island
- 12:00 p.m. Mindful Break**  
Tyrone K. Jackson, CTACC, Wellness Director, Parent Support Network of Rhode Island
- 12:10 p.m. Innovation Spotlight: PTTC Leadership Programs**  
Kristen Gilmore Powell, PhD, MSW, Director Northeast & Caribbean PTTC  
Deborah Nixon-Hughes, LCSW-C, Project Director, Central East PTTC  
Priscila Giamassi, MPM, CPS, Project Coordinator, National Hispanic and Latino PTTC
- 12:40 p.m. Panel Discussion: Prevention Career Backgrounds**
- 12:55 p.m. Evaluation and Day 2 Closeout:** Kristen Erickson, MPH



# Prevention

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# WHO... ARE WE?

- HBCU Center for Excellence in Behavioral Health
- Funded by: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
- Housed at Clark Atlanta University, *Clement Hall Room 328*
- Our mission is to raise **awareness** of and offer **access** to behavioral health fields for diverse students.





# HBCU

## C.A.R.E.S.

The HBCU Center for Excellence in Behavioral Health

### Advisory Council

- 8 members
- 7 HBCU's
- Behavioral Health Fields

### Digital Platforms

- myhbcares.org
- Social Media (Instagram; YouTube)
- Newsletter (Quarterly)

### Behavioral Health Ambassadors

- Deliver Presentations, Career Chats to undergraduates
- Receive Stipend, Conference, Training



African American  
Behavioral Health

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EXCELLENCE

***SAMHSA***

Substance Abuse and Mental Health  
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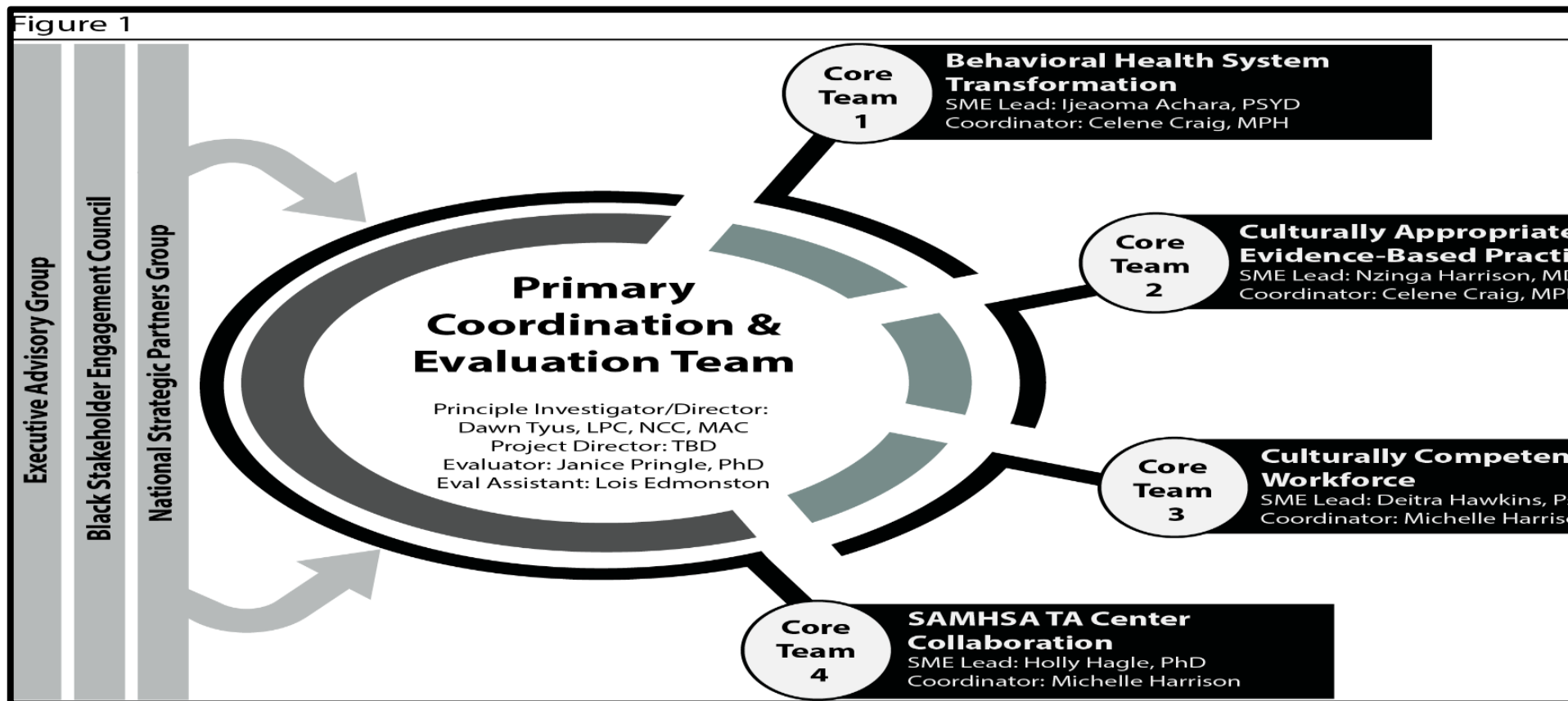
- Funded October 1, 2020, for 5 years by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration:
- From its administrative and academic home in the National Center for Primary Care at Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) in Atlanta, the new Center of Excellence **will develop and disseminate training, technical assistance (TA), and resources to help healthcare practitioners eliminate behavioral health disparities within this large and diverse population.**

# HOW WE DO IT



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## *Behavioral Health Ambassador Testimonial*



**Ambassadors from HBCU C.A.R.E.S.  
2020-2021 Cohort**





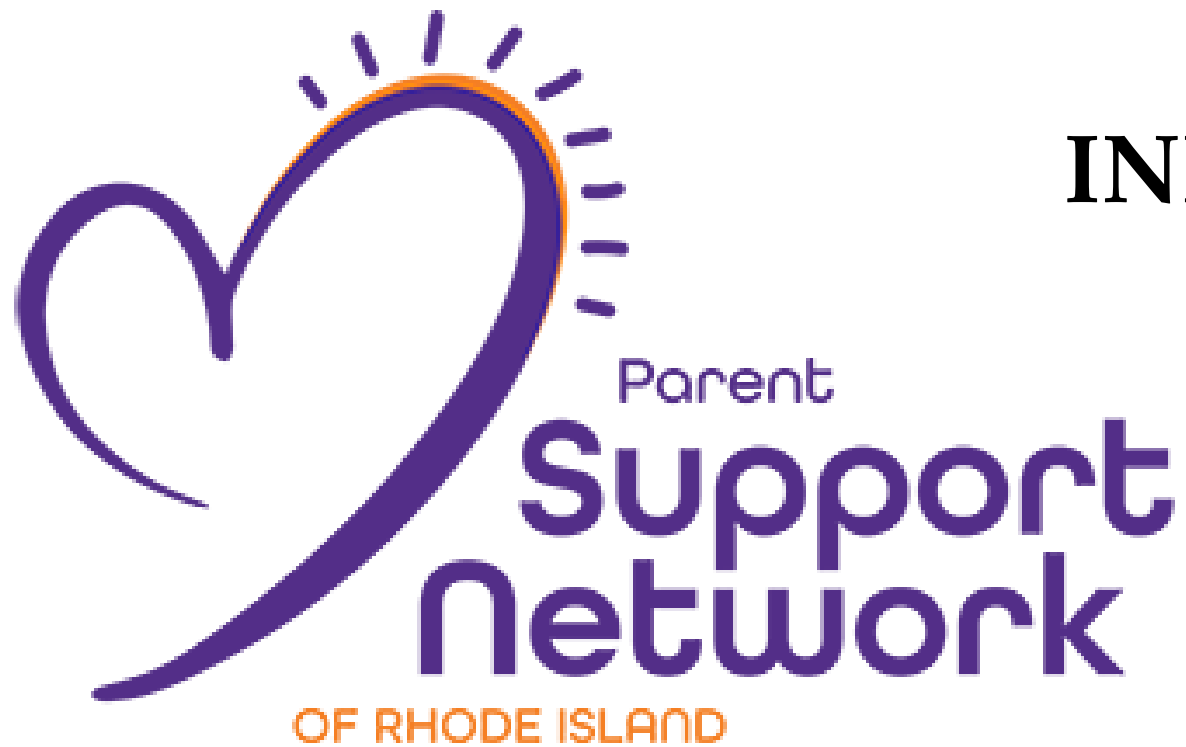
*Celebrating*  
**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

SAMHSA's mission is to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities.

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# INNOVATION SPOTLIGHT

**Lisa Conlan Lewis, CPRS  
Executive Director**



# *Mindful Break*



**Tyrone K. Jackson,  
CTACC  
Wellness Director**

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**Parent Support Network of  
Rhode Island**



# Innovation Spotlight



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## Leadership Programs

# PTTC BOLD Prevention Fellowship Program

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- **Building Our Leadership and Diversity** – Prevention Fellowship Program
- Established by the PTTC Building Health Equity and Social Justice Workgroup
- Collaboration between 8 Regional PTTC's and the National Coordinating Office PTTC (9 PTTC's)
- Competitive program for those committed to improving prevention's response to substance misuse in Black and African American communities



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# BOLD Fellowship Planning Committee

- New England PTTC
  - Scott Gagnon
  - Sarah Johnson
- Northeast & Caribbean PTTC
  - Kristen Gilmore Powell
- Central East PTTC
  - Deborah Nixon-Hughes
- Southeast PTTC
  - Olivia Horton
  - Taylor Steed
- Great Lakes PTTC
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- Mid-America
  - Chuck Daugherty
- Pacific Southwest PTTC
  - Clarissa Lam Yuen
- National Coordinating Office
  - Katherine Atcheson
  - Holly Hagle

# PTTC BOLD Prevention Fellowship Program

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State placements – California, Delaware, District of Columbia, Illinois, Louisiana, Missouri, New York, North Carolina



Cohort Prevention Science Mentorship with Dr. Farmer



Cohort group project – Prevention Inventory

# National Hispanic Latino Executive Leadership and Fellowship Program **Growing our own!**

Presented by  
Priscila Giamassi, MPM, CPS  
February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023

# Leadership with Impact

Preparing Health and Human Service Practitioners in the Age of Innovation and Diversity



Juan Carlos Araque

Eugenia L. Weiss

OXFORD



Eugenia L. Weiss,  
PhD, PsyD, LCSW/MSW



Juan Carlos Araque,  
PhD, MA

- Review and Selection Process
- Coaching Sessions
- Special Guests
- Pre and Post Test Survey
- GPRA Collection
- 45 alumni since 2020
- Awards and Recognition

# Highlights and Enhancements

- 25 fellows currently attending the program
- More diversity in location, ethnicity, gender, age, behavioral health field
- Learning Circles and Booster Session
- Breakout rooms activities in Spanish
- Pilot Mentoring Sessions with previous fellows
- Communication & Presentation Skills Workshop
- Graduation Ceremony



## Outcomes

- Highly Positive Feedback based on Evaluation Data
- Ambassadors
- Fellows working with us as SME and/or employees
- Fellows returning as guest speakers
- Fellows serving as Mentors for other fellows
- Connections, Friendships, Belonging

**Growing our own!**

# Presenter's Contact Information

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**Thank you.  
¡Gracias!  
Obrigado.**

# Prevention Career Background Discussion



# How do you enter the prevention field?



# What do prevention specialists do?

## Planning and Evaluation

Use a strategic planning process to identify needs, select strategies and best practices, and assess outcomes

Evaluate activities to identify outcomes

Develop prevention plans in partnership with community stakeholders

## Prevention Education and Service Delivery

Coordinate prevention activities across variety of settings

Provide prevention information and skills that are accurate, relevant, and appropriate for the target audience

## Communication

Promote programs, services and activities

Identify marketing techniques for prevention programs

Apply principles of effective listening; public speaking; and facilitation

## Community Organization

Build a diverse group of stakeholders to include in prevention activities

Build community ownership of prevention programs by collaborating with community members

Offer guidance to stakeholders and community members mobilizing for community change

## Public Policy and Environmental Change

Participate in policy development

Collaborate with various groups to develop and strengthen effective policy

Provide resources, training and information to promote environmental change

# How do we use this to enhance our workforce?

- Recruitment
  - How do we recruit from a field of people with diverse (lived & professional) experiences?
- Working with project partners
  - Hearing the experience and wisdom that others bring to our work
- Retention
  - Valuing the experience that people bring to their roles, strategically developing roles to leverage those skills, and providing opportunities to formalize training or certification of those experiences

# Contact Us



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*Thank  
you*

We hope to see you at  
tomorrow's session, hosted  
by the  
New England Addiction  
Technology Center.



**WILLIAM JAMES  
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