

# Addressing Key Workforce Challenges in Rural Mental Health Care through Regionally-Tailored Training and Technical Assistance

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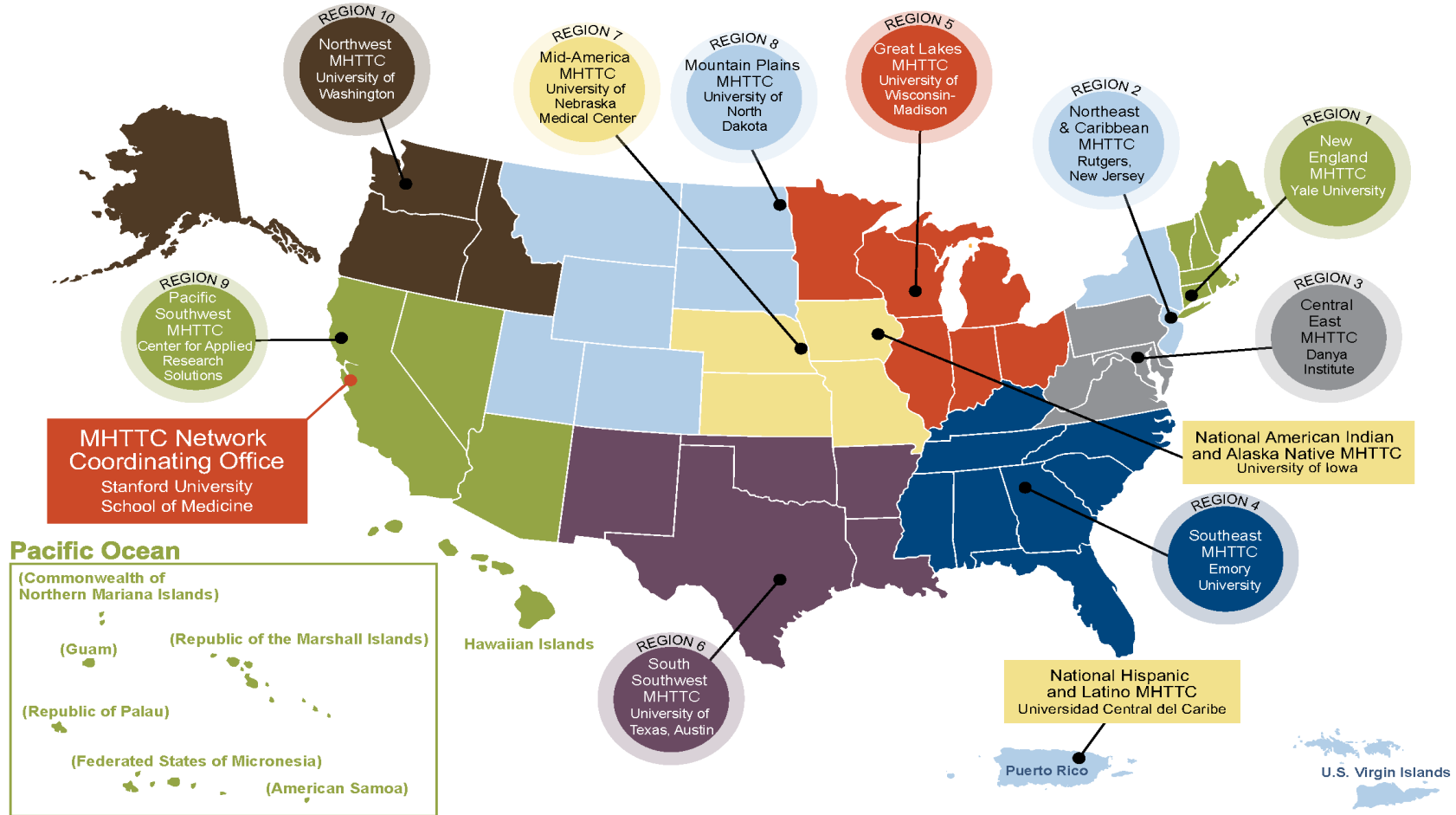
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# Examples of Rural Mental Health Events



**On Demand: Tele-education and Tele-mentoring in Rural Settings (Project ECHO & Other Approaches)**



**Cultural Elements of Native Mental Health with a Focus on Rural Issues | Recorded Webinar**



**Healing Our Protectors**



**Addressing Suicide Disparity in Rural Communities**



## Equity Considerations in Rural Communities and Reservations

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# Examples of Rural Mental Health Products



**Southeast Mental Health Data:  
Rurality and Mental Health Care  
Access**



**Farm Stress Grab-n-Go Kits**



**Depression, Alcohol and Farm Stress:  
Addressing Co-Occurring Disorders in  
Rural America**

**June, 2020**  
**Farm Stress: Facts, Impact of COVID-19, and Resource  
and Training Needs of Mental Health Care Providers**

*In this brief, unless otherwise specified, "farm" and "farmer" refer to ranchers, farmers, farm managers/owners, and agricultural workers collectively. Many of the recommendations and farm stressors identified do not address the unique stress and barriers to mental health services that are experienced among seasonal and migrant agricultural workers. Future products will address the unique mental health needs of that farm population.*

**Farmer and Rancher Mental Health**

Agricultural and ranching communities encounter unique challenges related to the accessibility, availability, and acceptability of mental health services. Farmers and ranchers have demanding jobs that are often compounded by economic uncertainty, vulnerability to weather events, and isolation. According to the Rural Health Information Hub (RHHub), rural agricultural communities may also have limited access to health and mental healthcare services, which can make it difficult for farm and ranch families to receive support when they are experiencing extreme stress, anxiety, depression, or another mental health crisis. Like chronic pain, poor mental health can make it difficult to manage other stressors that are common in farmers' lives.<sup>1</sup>

More recent data provided by the Agricultural Health Study led by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences have been illustrating a correlation between particular pesticides and diagnosis of depression. In fact, a study among farmers in Colorado who had suffered pesticide poisoning (a large dose in a short period of time) found these individuals had double the risk of depression during the next three years.<sup>2</sup>

An unfortunate outcome of untreated mental health disorders among farmers is death by suicide. For males in the farmers, ranchers, and other occupational managers' category, the 2012 suicide rate was 44.9 per 100,000 civilian working persons compared to 32.2 in 2015. For males in the agricultural workers category, the 2012 suicide rate was 20.4 per 100,000 working persons compared to 17.3 in 2015.<sup>3</sup>

**Farmers and Ranchers in United States**

- As of 2017, there were 2.04 million farms and ranches with roughly 3.4 million farmers (this is down 3.2% from 2012).<sup>4</sup>
- A vast majority (96%) of farms and ranches are family owned.<sup>4</sup>
- Roughly 75% of farms have internet access.<sup>4</sup>
- The average age of farmers / ranchers is 57.5; the average age has continued to increase since 1980.<sup>4</sup>



**Resources for the Mental Health Workforce  
Serving Agricultural Workers  
in Pacific Southwest SAMHSA Region 9**

**Prevention for Mental Health Challenges**

1. Webinar Recording
  - a. [Rural Primary Care Tools and Resources for Managing Suicidal Ideation During COVID-19 | Mental Health Technology Transfer Center \(MHTTC\) Network.](#)
2. Publications
  - a. This recently released study which examines psychological factors, including depression, perceived stress, social support, and nerves that may be associated with an increased risk of injury; findings may be useful for prevention and management of injury. <https://journals.openedition.org/factsreports/3304>
  - b. Healthcare access for Agricultural workers can be difficult to access and become a source of stress. This article lists healthcare resources. <http://www.lacooperativa.org/health-issues-migrant-workers/>
  - c. A recently released study looks at the stressors that are inherent in farm-work as well as factors within the control of agricultural workers that may be adjusted to support increased mental health. <https://online.library.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/j.1748-0361.2008.00134.x>
  - d. This article assesses prevalence of anxiety and depression among migrant Mexican farmworkers and identifies variables that predict poor mental health outcomes. [https://www.researchgate.net/publication/11036355\\_Exploring\\_the\\_Mental\\_Health\\_of\\_Mexican\\_Migrant\\_Farm\\_Workers\\_in\\_the\\_Midwest\\_Psychosocial\\_Predictors\\_of\\_Psychological\\_Distress\\_and\\_Suggestions\\_for\\_Prevention\\_and\\_Treatment](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/11036355_Exploring_the_Mental_Health_of_Mexican_Migrant_Farm_Workers_in_the_Midwest_Psychosocial_Predictors_of_Psychological_Distress_and_Suggestions_for_Prevention_and_Treatment)

**Mental Health Provider Resources**

1. Webinar Recording
  - a. Discussion on the physical and mental health conditions that are frequently diagnosed among migrant and seasonal agricultural workers. Understanding the link between mind, behavior and body is an important step in identifying strategies to help agricultural workers who are living with chronic physical conditions and who also present with mental health conditions – such as depression and anxiety. <https://www.migranticlinician.org/toolsource/resource/webinar-relationship-between-mental-health-and-physical-health.html>

# Agenda

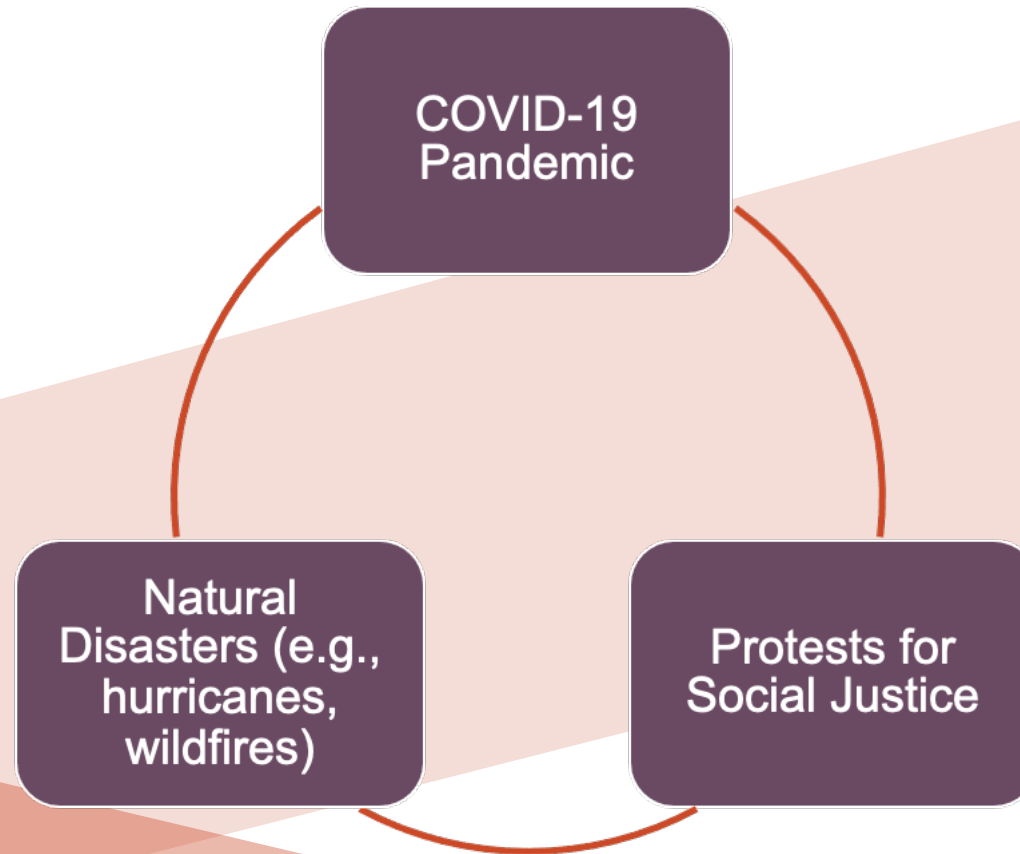
- Results of a needs assessment among the mental health workforce, including rural providers
- Addressing rural mental health workforce recruitment and retention through:
  - Integrated primary care
  - Telehealth
  - Well-being
  - Professional development



# **MHTTC Workforce Needs Assessment**



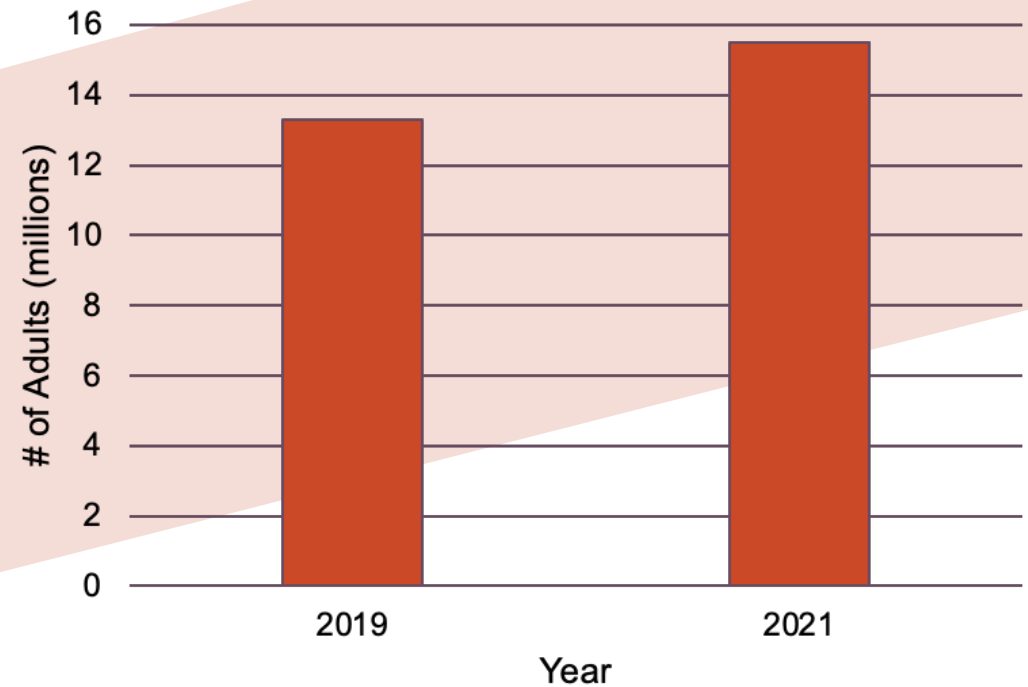
# Impact of Current Events on Mental Health



# Mental Health Crisis in the United States

- As of 2019, 44% of adults with mental illness did not receive mental health services
- Lack of equitable access
  - Individuals living in rural areas have less access to mental health services
  - Marginalized populations (e.g., Hispanic and Latino populations) have less access to care, including culturally-responsive care

Number of U.S. Adults with Unmet Mental Health Needs



# Methods – Survey Dissemination

- Survey disseminated by Centers to the mental health workforce from January to October 2021
  - Four Centers disseminated in Spanish in addition to English
- Dissemination methods included
  - E-newsletters
  - Postings on Center websites
  - Sharing with event participants in training and technical assistance (TTA) events and key stakeholders

# Methods – Measures Assessed

- Questions anonymously assessed:
  - Top training and technical assistance needs and preferences
  - Top service needs, barriers, and TTA needs for Hispanic and Latino populations
  - Cultural adaptation of assessments and use of culturally-informed programs with American Indian and Alaska Native clients

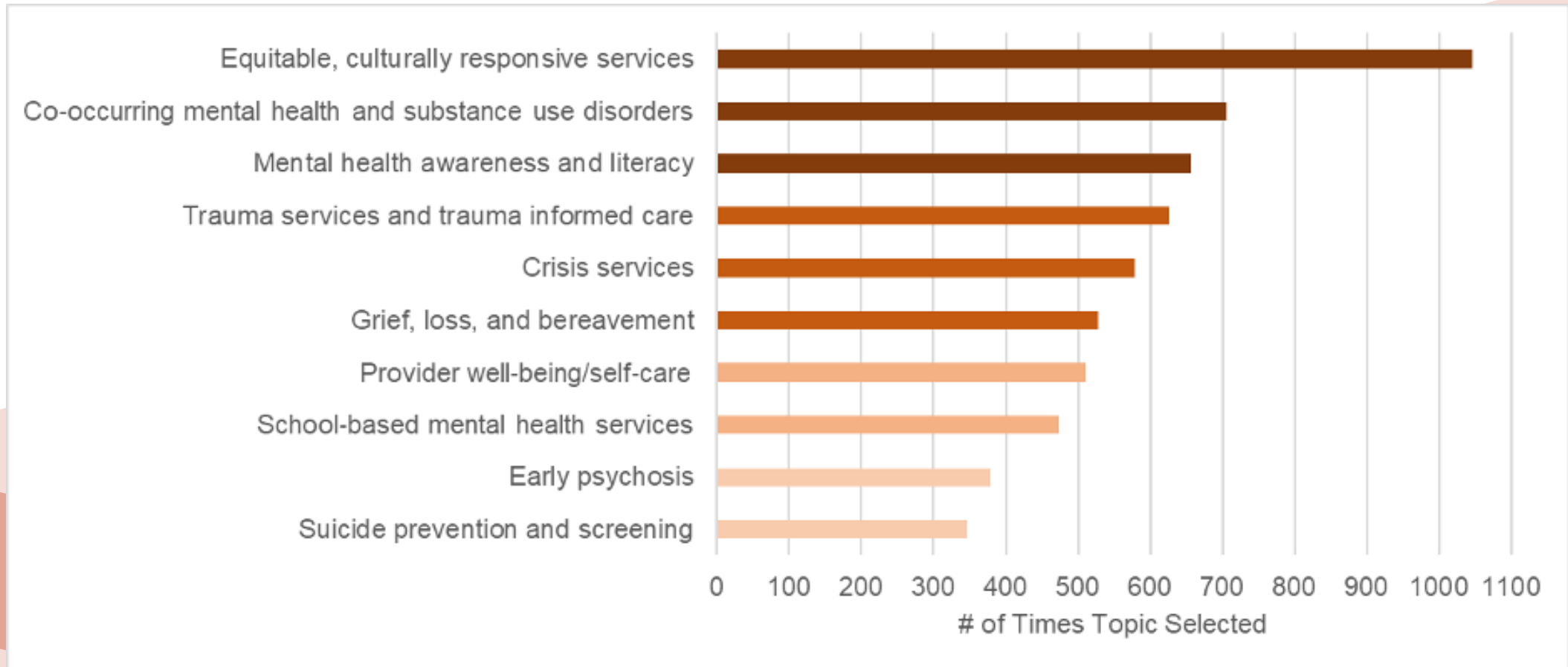
# Methods – Data Analysis

- Created one dataset in SPSS
- Descriptive statistics to obtain frequencies for most items
- Summary variable created to assess workforce's top 5 TTA needs
- Analyses conducted in R to examine differences in workforce needs across demographics

# Results – Demographics of Workforce (N = 2,321)

- Most respondents reported they were:
  - Female (80%)
  - White (68%)
  - Between 40-59 years old (55%)
  - In the field of behavioral health (54%)
  - Working in urban (47%) and rural (46%) settings
- No significant differences in workforce needs across demographics

# Results – TTA Needs and Preferences



# Results – Culturally-Responsive Care for Hispanic and Latino Populations

## Top 5 Service Needs

- Traumatic/stressful events (66%)
- Depression (31%)
- Substance use disorder (30%)
- Anxiety (29%)
- Racism/discrimination (26%)

## Top 5 Barriers to Service Provision

- Mental health stigma (40%)
- Language (33%)
- Health insurance (29%)
- Transportation (20%)
- Understanding culture (20%)

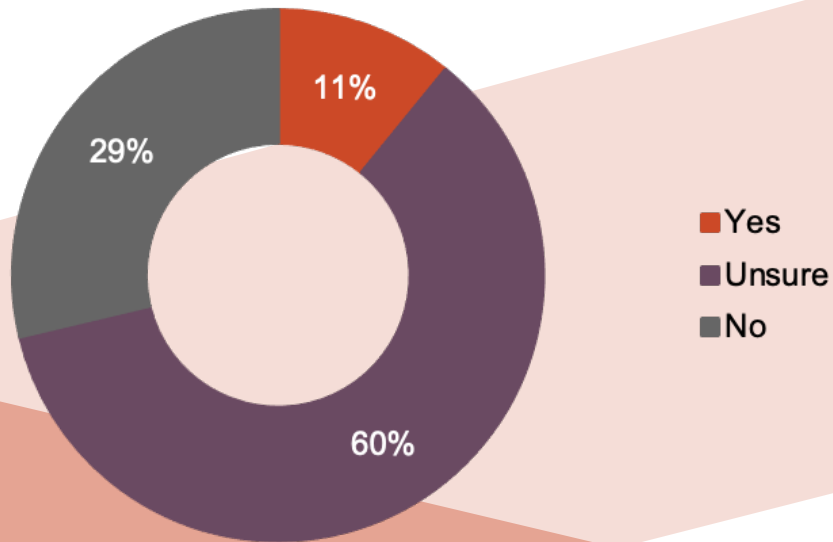
## Top 5 TTA Needs

- Trauma-informed care (43%)
- Cultural elements (27%)
- Mental health awareness and promotion (22%)
- Managing substance use (17%)
- Racism/discrimination (17%)

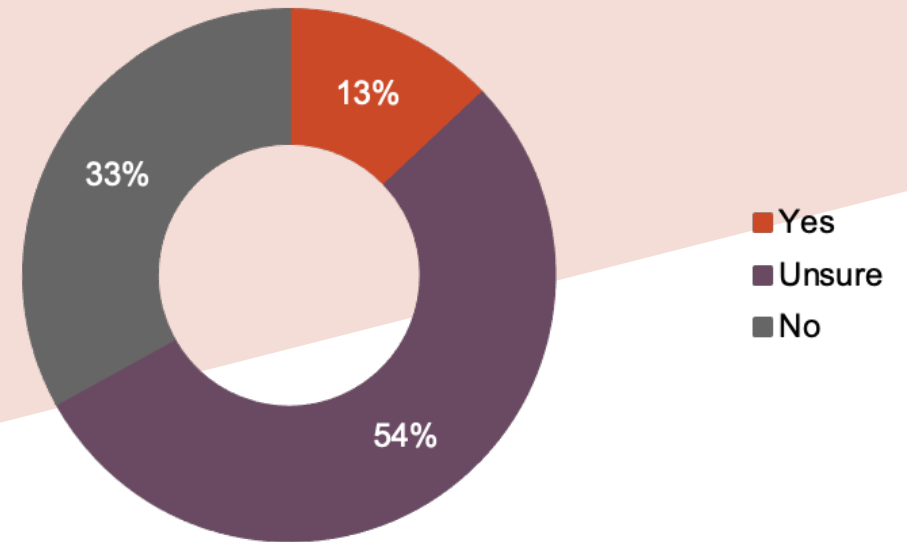


# Results – Culturally-Responsive Care for American Indian and Alaska Native Populations

Do you culturally adapt assessments when working with Native clients?



Do you use culturally-informed programs or programming to support Native clients?



# Discussion

- Current events have impacted the needs of the mental health workforce, particularly around equitable services
- While no differences between urban and rural provider needs, needs assessment sheds light on needs of rural providers
  - MHTTC model is uniquely positioned and has tried to respond rural mental health providers' needs
  - SAMHSA may also consider funding TTA to support these needs



# Limitations and Conclusion

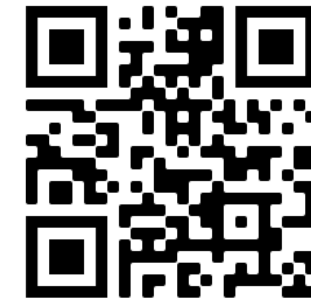
- Results are not nationally representative
- Results are from a convenience sample
- Results highlight priority topics of interest to mental health providers, including those working in rural settings
- This needs assessment allows the MHTTC Network to continue responding to the needs of the rural mental health workforce

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# Addressing Mental Health Care Workforce Recruitment and Retention in SAMHSA Region 7

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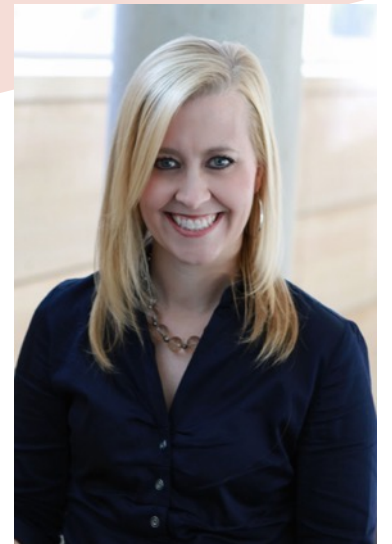
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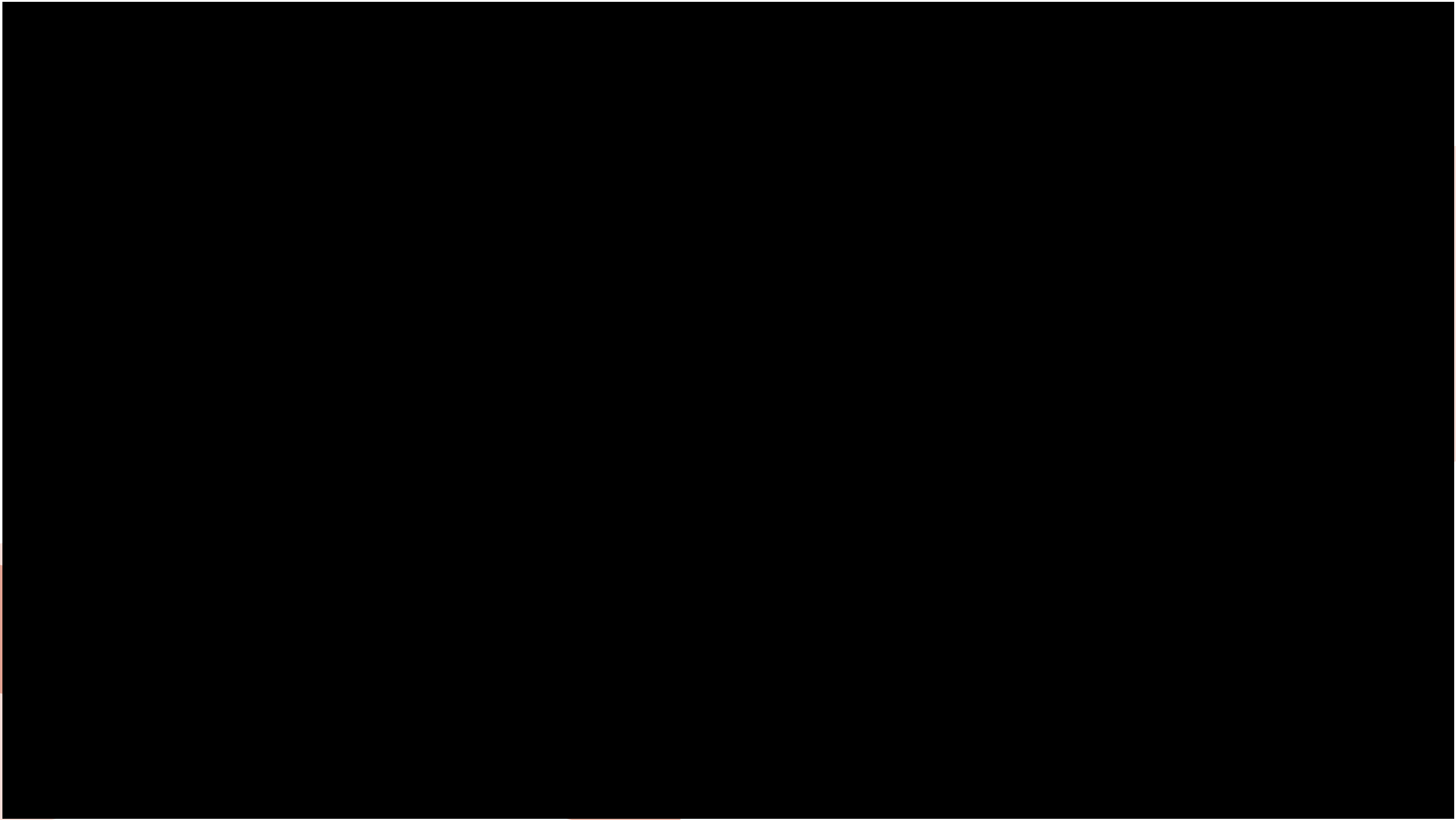
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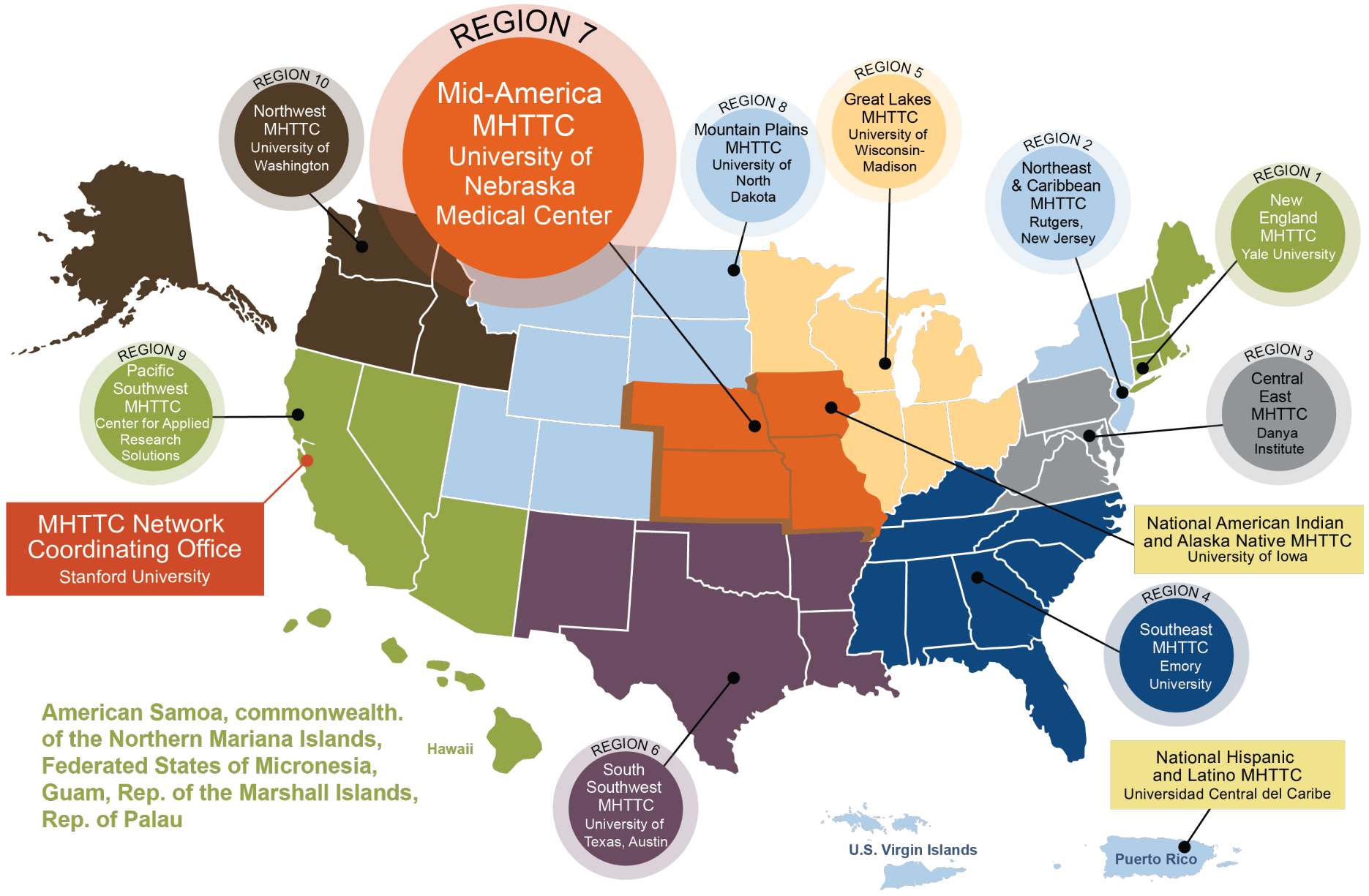




# What is the Mid-America MHTTC?

- Funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
- 5-year grant awarded to Dr. Joseph Evans at the University of Nebraska Medical Center now directed by Dr. Brandy Clarke
- Aligns mental health systems and professional competencies with evidence-based practices
- Primary target states: Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, and Kansas - but available to any provider(s).
- Provides free/low-cost training and technical assistance on topics leading to effective behavioral health practice





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Hawaii

U.S. Virgin Islands

Puerto Rico





# Specialized Training Topics



**Integrated behavioral health in primary care**



School mental health



Serious mental illness



Behavioral health workforce development



# MHTTC: Providing Training and TA in Integrated Care



QUALITY INDICATORS  
OF INTEGRATED  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
IN PRIMARY CARE



EVIDENCE-BASED  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
INTERVENTIONS FOR  
CHILDREN AND  
ADULTS APPLIED IN  
INTEGRATED CARE  
SETTINGS



TECHNICAL  
ASSISTANCE ON  
IMPLEMENTATION OF  
INTEGRATED CARE



ONLINE AND IN-  
PERSON COURSES  
FOCUSED ON  
INTEGRATED CARE  
AND SPECIAL TOPICS  
IN PEDIATRIC AND  
ADULT SERVICES (IN  
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**“Where someone lives should not define the quality of health care they can access.”**

– MMI Director Karoly Mirnics, MD, PhD

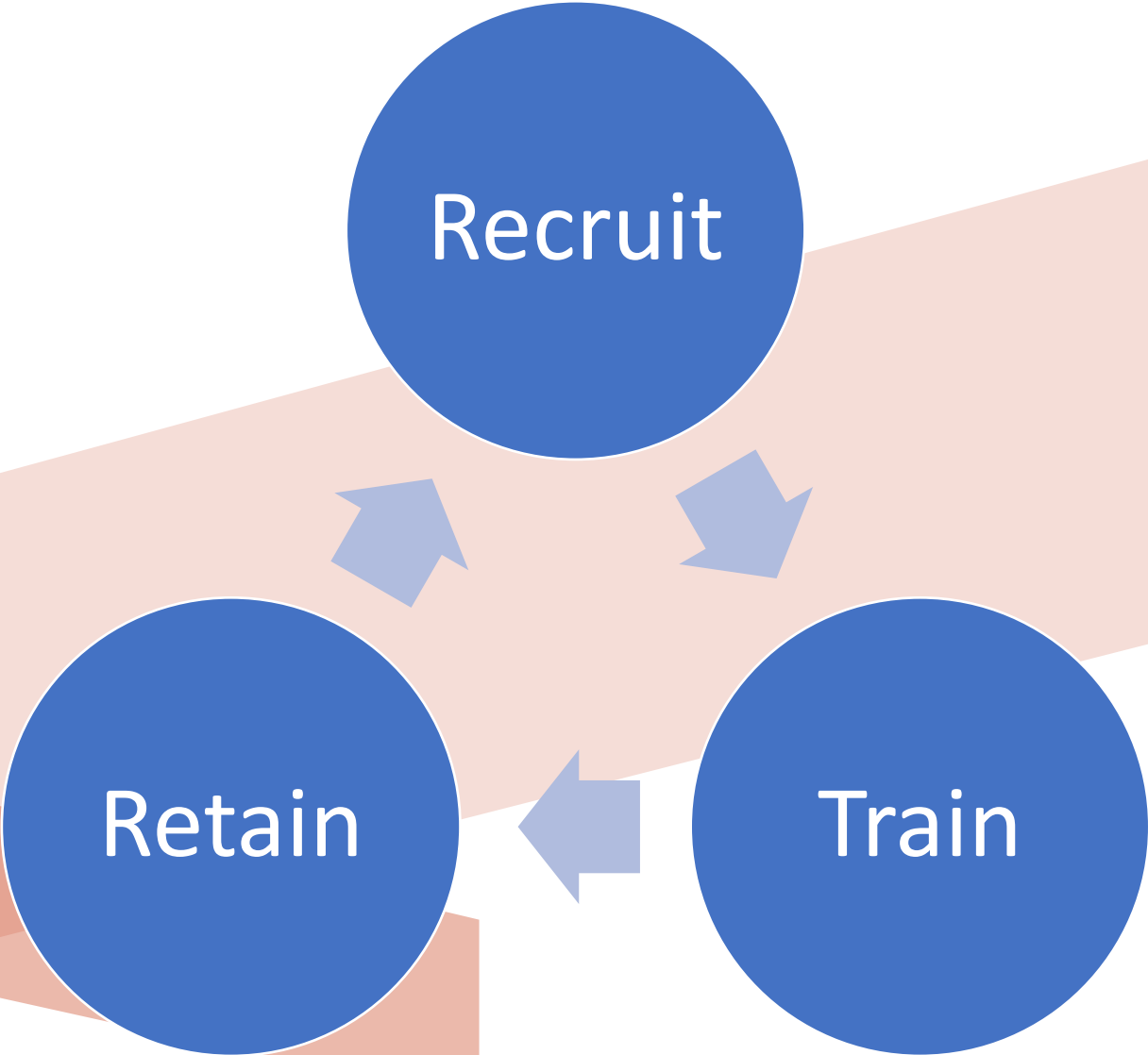


# Living in Rural America

- About 20% of the U.S. population reside in non-metropolitan areas
- Definitions are unclear:
  - <https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/am-i-rural>
    - **Rural**
      - US Census: Less than 2,500 people in population, housing, and territory
    - **Frontier**
      - Counties with population densities of 6 or fewer individuals per square mile.



# Addressing Workforce Challenges



# UNMC Munroe-Meyer Institute History of Pediatric Integrated Primary Care

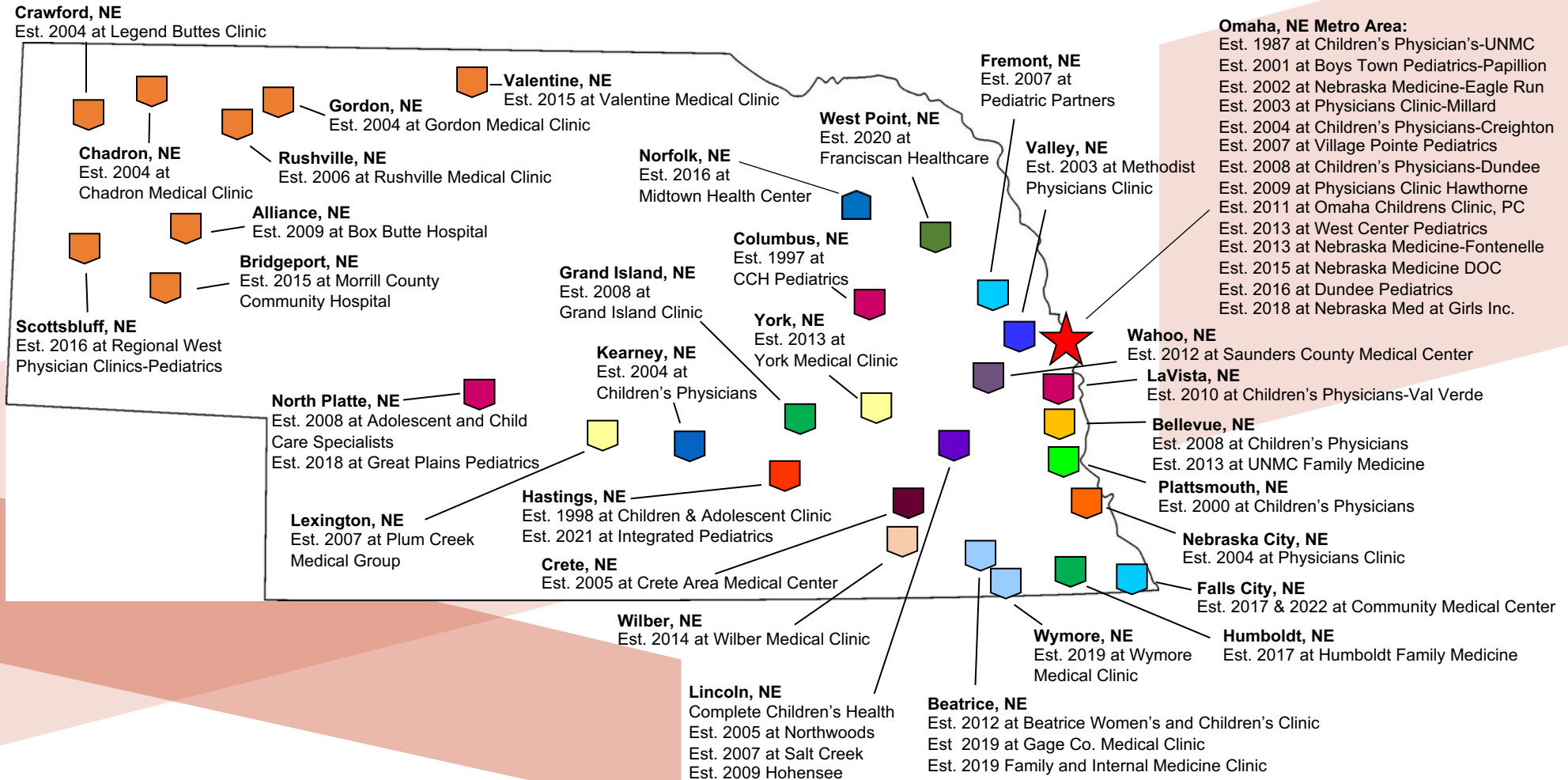
- 1<sup>st</sup> IPC Clinic in established 1997
- Training and use of telehealth in IPC since the late 1990's
- Establishment of 40+ clinics in Nebraska
- Over \$8,000,000 in federal funding from HRSA and SAMHSA
- 200+ interns, post-docs, and grad students trained in IPC
- Graduates in IPC positions in multiple states (PA, FL, MI, MS, etc.)
- 26 years of making mistakes, reviewing literature, learning, and adapting BH in Primary Care
- Capacity and funding to provide free/low-cost training and materials through the Mid-America Mental Health Technology Transfer Center award





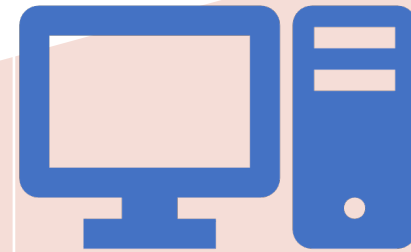
# Munroe-Meyer Institute

## Established IPC Clinics





Integrated Primary Care



Telehealth



# **Pediatric Integrated Primary Care**



# What is Integrated Primary Care?

- “The care that results from a practice team of primary care and behavioral health clinicians, working together with patients and families, using a systematic and cost-effective approach to provide patient-centered care for a defined population.”
- Team can include physicians, PA’s, NP’s, nurses, medical assistants, licensed behavioral health providers (psychologists, social workers, MFTs and counselors)



# Pediatric Behavioral Health

1 in 5 children experience behavioral health concerns

One half of all lifetime cases of mental health concerns begin by age 14

75% of children with mental health concerns are seen in primary care

Primary care providers are managing these children in their practices



# Primary Care Experience



# Integrating Behavioral Health in Primary Care...

- Becoming proficient in pediatric IPC requires

Preparation

Training

Clinical  
Modeling

Supervision

Feedback



# Training Resources in Pediatric Integrated Care

- IPC Training Manual (now available)
- IPC Module courses on common childhood diagnoses ( [Healtheknowledge.com](http://Healtheknowledge.com))
- Webinars
- Handouts

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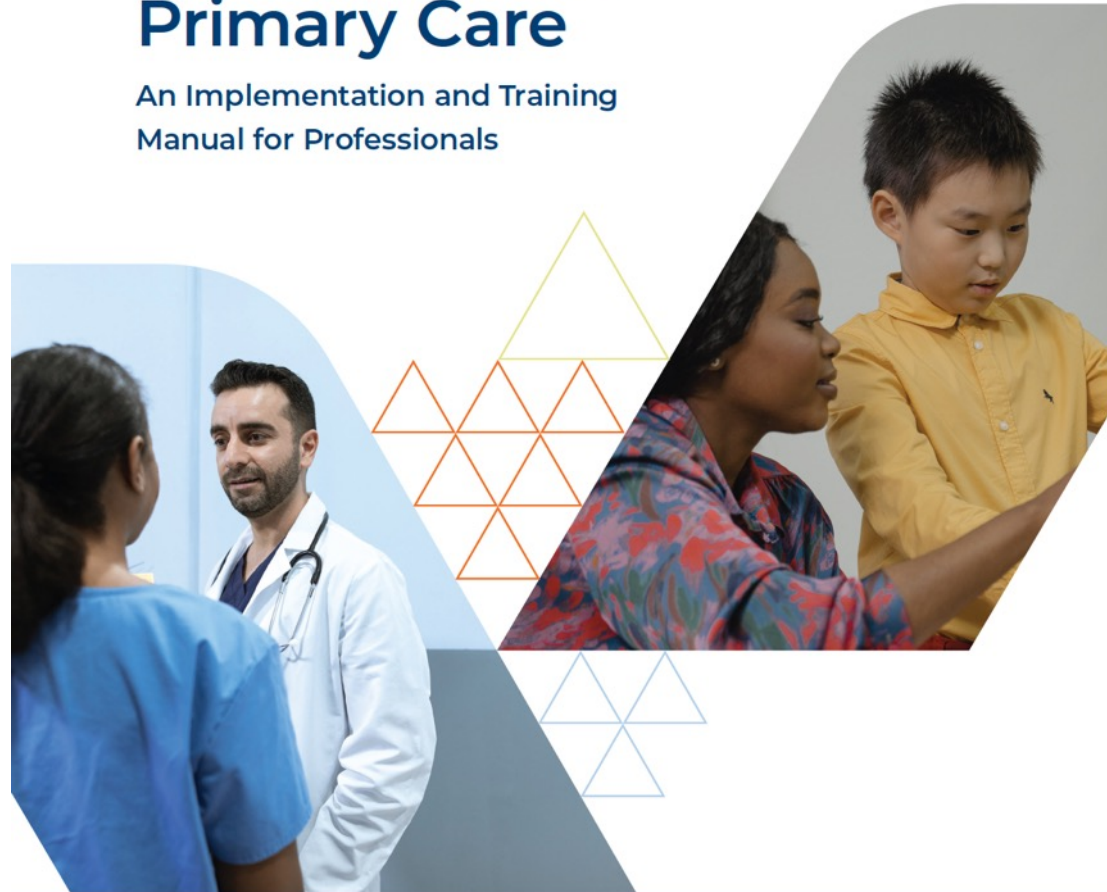
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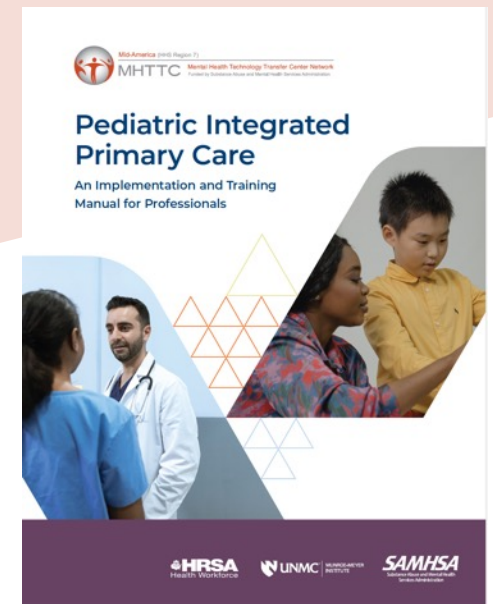
# Pediatric Integrated Primary Care

An Implementation and Training  
Manual for Professionals



# IPC Manual

- Culmination of years of development
- Training hundreds of masters, doctoral and post doctoral student
- Awards and Federal grants



# Primary Care

An Implementation and Training  
Manual for Professionals

- This training manual is designed to address the need for improved preparation of integrated behavioral health providers for careers in addressing the healthcare needs, both physical and behavioral, of children, adolescents, and families.



# Training Manual Overview

## Topics Divided into 13 Chapters

- Introduction to Integrated Care, History and Terminology
- Administrative, Business, Operational, and Data Collection Considerations
- Competencies and Relationship Development
- Helpful Tools for use in Pediatric IPC (Screening, Dx and Coding)
- Medical conditions and medication management in Pediatric Primary Care





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- Our website:

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## Training and Resource Highlights

- [Pediatric Integrated Primary Care: An Implementation and Training Manual for Professionals](#) *New!*
- [Handout: Integrated Care Overview](#)
- [Handout: Why Integrated Care?](#)
- [Handout: Pediatric Integrated Care](#)
- [Coming Home to Primary Care: Pediatric Integrated Health \(Resource\)](#)
- [Telehealth Learning and Consultation \(TLC\) Tuesdays \(Resource\)](#)
- [Sustaining Pediatric Integrated Primary Care During a Pandemic Learning Community](#)
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## What is integrated care?

### Definition

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### Results

Improved Population Health

Improved Experience of Care

Bending the Cost Curve

Improved Provider Satisfaction

Source: Berwick, Nolan, & Whittington (2008). The Triple Aim: Care, Health, And Cost. Health Affairs. Vol. 27 No. 3, 759-769

### The Continuum

**Coordinated care:** The practice of working across health care settings to exchange the most critical pieces of information about a shared patient and help facilitate their access to care.

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## Primary Care Behavioral Health (PCBH) Model

Licensed mental health providers/psychologists and primary care providers work in collaborative environments to address physical and behavioral health concerns

- **Step 1:** Primary care provider (PCP) sees patient and provides referral to behavioral health clinician (BHC).
- **Step 2:** Behavioral health assessment and treatment delivered in same space as PCP.



Source: Blount, A. (2003). Integrated Primary Care: Organizing the Evidence. Families, Systems & Health, 21, 121-134.

### The Team

- Physicians
- Nurses
- Physician's assistants (PAs)
- Nurse practitioners (NPs)
- Nurses
- Medical assistants
- Licensed behavioral health providers (psychologists, social workers, MFTs, and counselors)



### Ready to get started?

“There is no single, right way to integrate services and supports.”

— National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

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# Telehealth



# Telehealth Training

- March 2020
- Partnerships between Mid-America MHTTC, ATTC, and Mountain Plains MHTTC
- Telehealth Learning Series “TLC” Tuesdays
  - Telehealth Basics
  - Telehealth Billing
  - Telehealth Tools
  - Telehealth with Children and Adolescents
  - Telehealth Troubleshooting



The screenshot shows the website for the Mid-America (HHS Region 7) MHTTC. The header includes the MHTTC logo and the text "Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Network" and "Funded by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration". The navigation menu includes "YOUR MHTTC", "TRAINING AND EVENTS", "RESOURCES", "PROJECTS", "COMMUNICATION", and "ABOUT". Below the navigation is a "MID-AMERICA MHTTC NAVIGATION" section with a "Go to Center" button. The main content area features a link to "Back to Integrated Care Virtual Training Archive" and a promotional banner for "TELEHEALTH LEARNING & CONSULTATION (TLC) TUESDAYS" from 9-10 a.m. MT / 10-11 a.m. CT. The banner includes an image of a man wearing glasses and a white shirt, looking at a laptop. Below the banner is a section for "Watch the webinar recordings, download the slides, and access more resources below."

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# Additional Telehealth Resources

Telehealth Toolbox for School Personnel

Farm Stress: Facts, Impacts of COVID-19, and Resources and Training Needs of Mental Health Providers

Tele-Mental Health Resource Page

Providing Mental Health Telehealth Services in Farming and Rural Communities

Making a Good Connection: Engaging Students and Families in School Telemental Health

Rural Primary Care Tools and Resources for Managing Suicidal Ideation During COVID-19



# Telehealth Resources

- Recorded Webinars
- Powerpoint slides
- Resources
  - FAQ Documents
  - Telehealth Quick-guide
  - Research briefs
  - Checklists
- Links for organizations

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# Addressing Mental Health Care Workforce Recruitment and Retention in SAMHSA Region 8

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# The Mountain Plains Mental Health Technology Transfer Center

The Mountain Plains Mental Health Technology Transfer Center (Mountain Plains MHTTC) provides training and technical assistance to providers who serve persons with mental health concerns throughout Region 8 (Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming).

Funded by SAMHSA, the Mountain Plains MHTTC is administered under a partnership between the University of North Dakota and the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE).

In our current grant year, the Mountain Plains MHTTC has received additional funding to support implementation of additional training and programs related to school mental health.



# Negative Consequences of Rural Mental Healthcare Worker Turnover & Burnout



## Mental Healthcare Workers

EXTREME EXHAUSTION  
AND COMPASSION FATIGUE

INCREASED INCIDENTS OF  
ISOLATION, SUBSTANCE  
USE, ANXIETY, AND  
DEPRESSION

INCREASED PROBLEMS  
WITH INSOMNIA, HEART  
DISEASE, AND DIABETES



## Patients/Clients/Consumers

DELAYS IN CARE  
LOWER QUALITY CARE

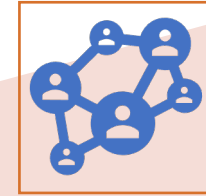


## Health Care System

WORKFORCE  
RECRUITMENT AND  
RETENTION CHALLENGES

LIMITED  
SERVICE ACCESSIBILITY,  
AVAILABILITY, AND  
AFFORDABILITY

INCREASED COSTS



## Community and Society

LIMITED SERVICE  
ACCEPTABILITY  
EROSION OF TRUST

# Key Factors in the Turnover and Burnout of Rural Mental Health Providers

**Stress, Isolation, & General Lack of Focus on Worker Well-Being**

High Caseloads with Lack of Resources for Complex Cases

Inadequate pay or compensation

Limited Flexibility, Autonomy, & Voice

**Poor Management Support and Leadership**

**Lack of Quality Supervision**

**Lack of Professional Development Opportunities**

**Lack of Teamwork, Collaboration, Vulnerability, & Collegiality among Staff**

*Cultural Differences*

*Biased and discriminatory structures and practices*

Solutions –

Training  
and

Technical  
Assistance

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School-Based Supports

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Provider Well-Being

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Leadership Training

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Organizational Well-Being

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Clinical Supervision Training

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# School-Based Supports:

## Virtual Communities of Practice

### **Building Capacity of School Personnel to Promote Positive Mental Health in Indigenous Children and Youth**

3:00pm - September 27, 2023 thru 4:30pm - January 10, 2024 |  
Timezone: US/Mountain



## Webinars

### **Newcomer Immigrant & Refugee Youth School Supports**

1:00pm - September 19, 2023 thru 2:30pm - September 19, 2023 |  
Timezone: US/Mountain



### **An Introduction to Allyship in Action**

1:00pm - September 20, 2023 thru 2:30pm - September 20, 2023 |  
Timezone: US/Mountain

### **Suicide Awareness: Debunking Myths, Reducing Stigma, and Bolstering Understanding of Youth Suicide Risk**

1:00pm - September 27, 2023 thru 2:00pm - September 27, 2023 |  
Timezone: US/Mountain



### **Understanding and Supporting Transgender and Gender Diverse Students**

1:00pm - October 23, 2023 | Timezone: US/Mountain

# School-Based Supports: In-Person Train the Trainer Events

## Trauma-Responsive Practices in Education Training of Trainers

8:00am - October 4, 2022 thru 12:00pm - October 6, 2022 |  
Timezone: US/Mountain

### Learning Objectives

- Establish a training that builds on and strengthens foundational trauma-informed knowledge grounded in the Healthy Environments and Response to Trauma (HEARTS) framework.
- Examine trauma and trauma-informed practices through a lens of cultural humility focusing on an awareness of racial trauma and the importance of centralizing equity work within trauma-informed practices.
- Learn and practice skills to foster resilience for students and staff through building connection, coping skills, and competence, while focusing on individual and community wellness.

## PREPaRE Curriculum In- Person Workshop

8:00am - April 24, 2023 thru 5:00pm - April 26, 2023 | Timezone:  
US/Mountain

**Workshop 1:** Prevention and Preparedness: Comprehensive School Safety Planning (Third Edition) (1-day event for all school personnel)

**Workshop 2:** Mental Health Crisis Interventions: Responding to an Acute Traumatic Stressor in Schools (Third Edition) (2-day event for school crisis intervention teams)

The **PREPaRE** model emphasizes the following hierarchical and sequential set of activities:

**P—Prevent** and prepare for psychological trauma

**R—Reaffirm** physical health and perceptions of security and safety

**E—Evaluate** psychological trauma risk

**P—Provide** interventions

**a—and**

**R—Respond** to mental health needs

**E—Examine** the effectiveness of crisis prevention and intervention



# Provider Well-Being

## Micro-trainings

### Mindful Monday - Intentional Mental Health Practices

Publication Date: September 11, 2023

Developed By: **Mountain Plains MHTTC**



## Webinars

### Responding to Provider Stress and Burnout - Cultivating Hope and Compassion

1:00pm - February 9, 2021 | Timezone: US/Mountain

Hosted By: Mountain Plains MHTTC

### Finding Joy, Meaning & Purpose in Behavioral Healthcare

Publication Date: June 9, 2022



### Work-Life Balance and Self-Care in the Helping Professions

Publication Date: July 13, 2022

### Who Helps the Helpers? Battling Stress, Burnout, and Compassion Fatigue

Publication Date: June 29, 2022

# Annual Leadership Academy

## The Mountain Plains MHTTC 2023 Leadership Academy

5:00pm - April 24, 2023 thru 4:00pm - April 26, 2023 | Timezone:  
US/Mountain



- Emerging leaders dealing with the unique challenges of rural behavioral healthcare come together over two days to learn more about being an effective leader, including innovative ways to adapt resources to their situations.
- Training includes information, interactive experiences, and peer-led discussions.
- Topics include, but not limited to:
  - identifying personal leadership styles
  - tools for leading organizational change
  - the impact of trauma on leadership communications, staff morale, and client interactions.

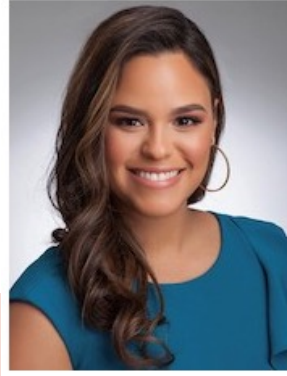
# Trauma-Informed Leadership

## Trauma Informed Leadership & Promoting Wellness

Publication Date: July 11, 2023



Cynthia Guzman



### This presentation stressed:

- Elements of healthy work environments
- Potential red flags
- Signs of burnout
- Nuances of dual relationships and bias in tribal settings
- Principles guiding trauma-informed approaches to leadership
- Ideas and strategies on how to promote self-care all year long.

### The 4 Rs of Trauma-Informed Leadership

- **Realize** the widespread impact of trauma
- **Recognize** signs and symptoms of trauma
- **Respond** by fully integrating knowledge about trauma into policies, procedures, and practices
- **Resist** re-traumatization

Trauma-informed leaders accept that people, including themselves, will struggle and sometimes suffer from past and current traumatic experiences.

-DR. BETTY IGLESIAS SNYDER



# Organizational Well-Being

## Organizational Wellbeing Community of Practice

8:00am - November 6, 2023 thru 5:00pm - November 7, 2023  
Timezone: US/Mountain



This **two-day in-person event** will allow leaders in behavioral health care to process, connect, and learn tangible ideas of what they can do differently (and what they should keep doing) in their leadership roles to support their staff and the organization's wellbeing.

Participants will explore topics including:

- Grief, ambiguous loss, and compassion fatigue
- How to change the system (or at least your part of the system)
- Influence and managing up so we get what we need from our colleagues and leaders
- Holding struggling staff accountable without negatively impacting engagement
- The criticality of self-compassion and how to make it a consistent part of your life
- How to find new, creative solutions to old problems
- Helping others recover from their own burnout and prevent it in the future

# Clinical Supervision Training Opportunities

## Advances in Culturally Responsive Clinical Supervision

11:00am - October 9, 2023 thru 12:00pm - October 9, 2023 |  
Timezone: US/Mountain



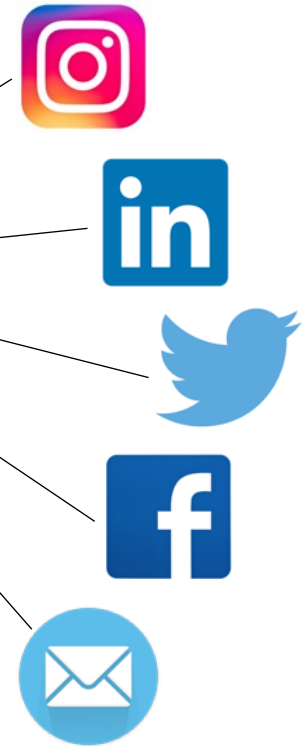
This presentation will focus on advances in culturally responsive clinical supervision, as follows:

- Fundamental concepts and definitions in cultural responsiveness along with common points of misunderstanding
  - Privilege
  - Oppression
  - intersectionality
- Introduction to Multicultural Orientation and structural approaches as they apply to clinical supervision
- Discussion of empirical research on culturally responsive clinical supervision will be discussed.

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What are some innovative ways that you are addressing rural mental health workforce challenges?



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