

California Area Indian Health Service Tribal Advisory Committee and Program Director Meeting

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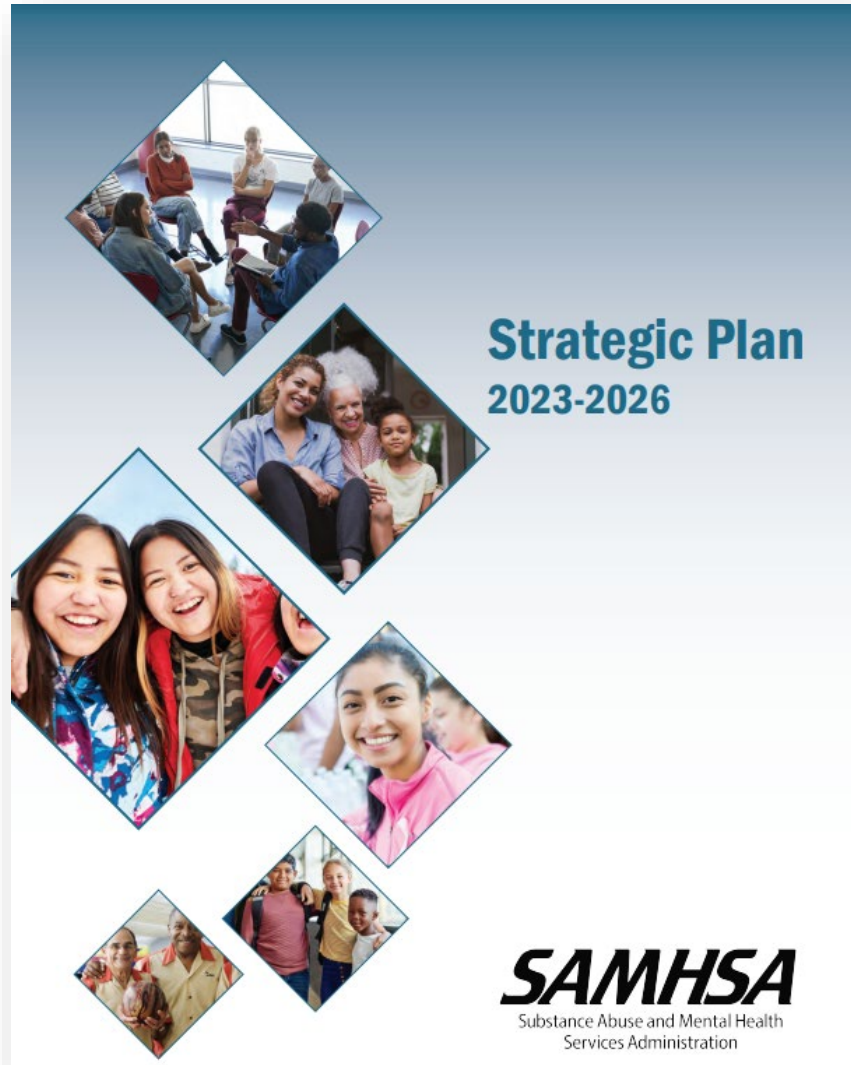
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SAMHSA's New Strategic Plan



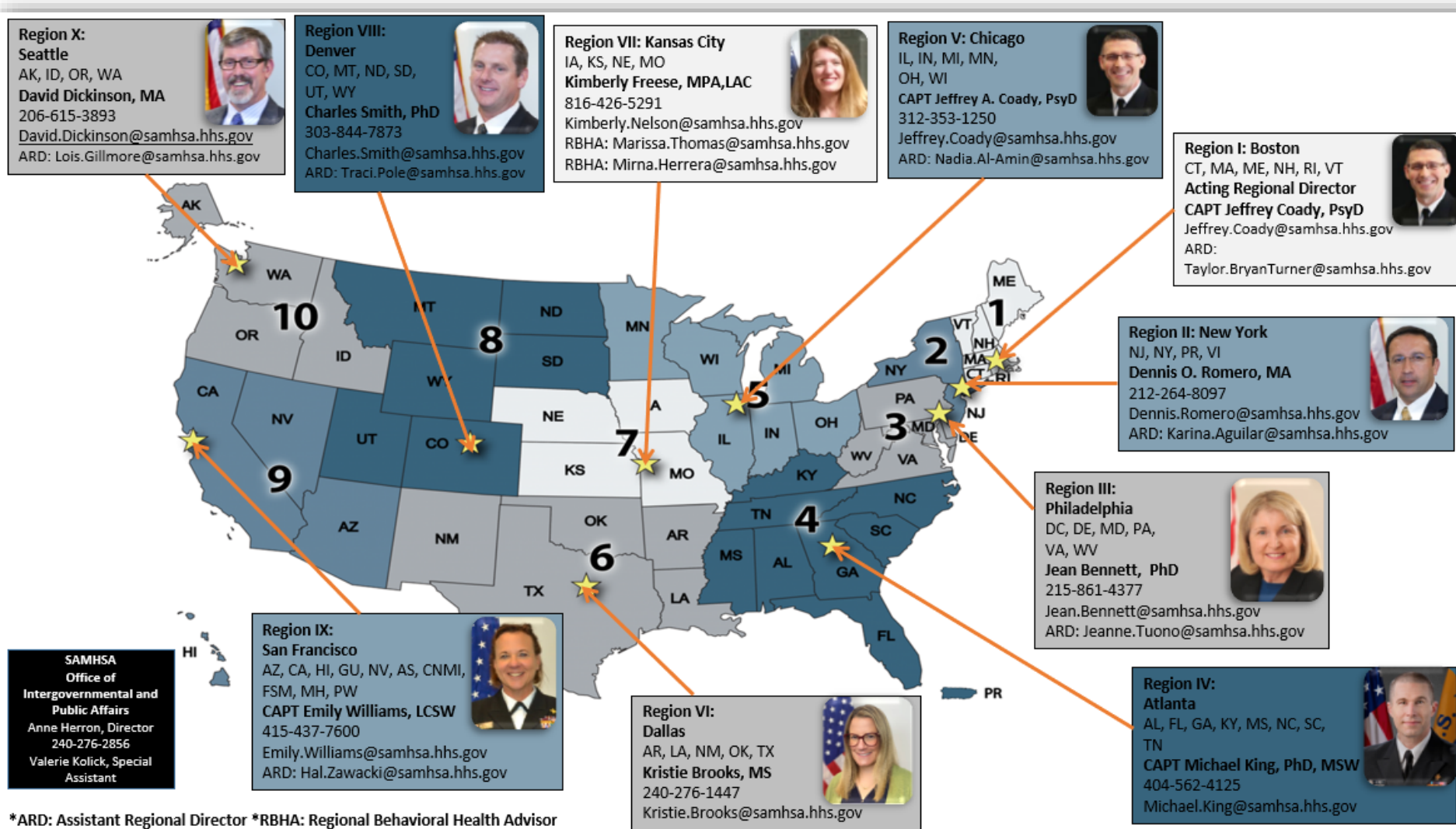
- The 2023–2026 SAMHSA Strategic Plan presents a new person-centered mission and vision highlighting key guiding principles and presenting new priorities, goals, and objectives. To achieve its mission, SAMHSA has identified five priority areas to better meet the behavioral health needs of individuals, communities, and service providers.

SAMHSA's Key Priorities and Guiding Principles



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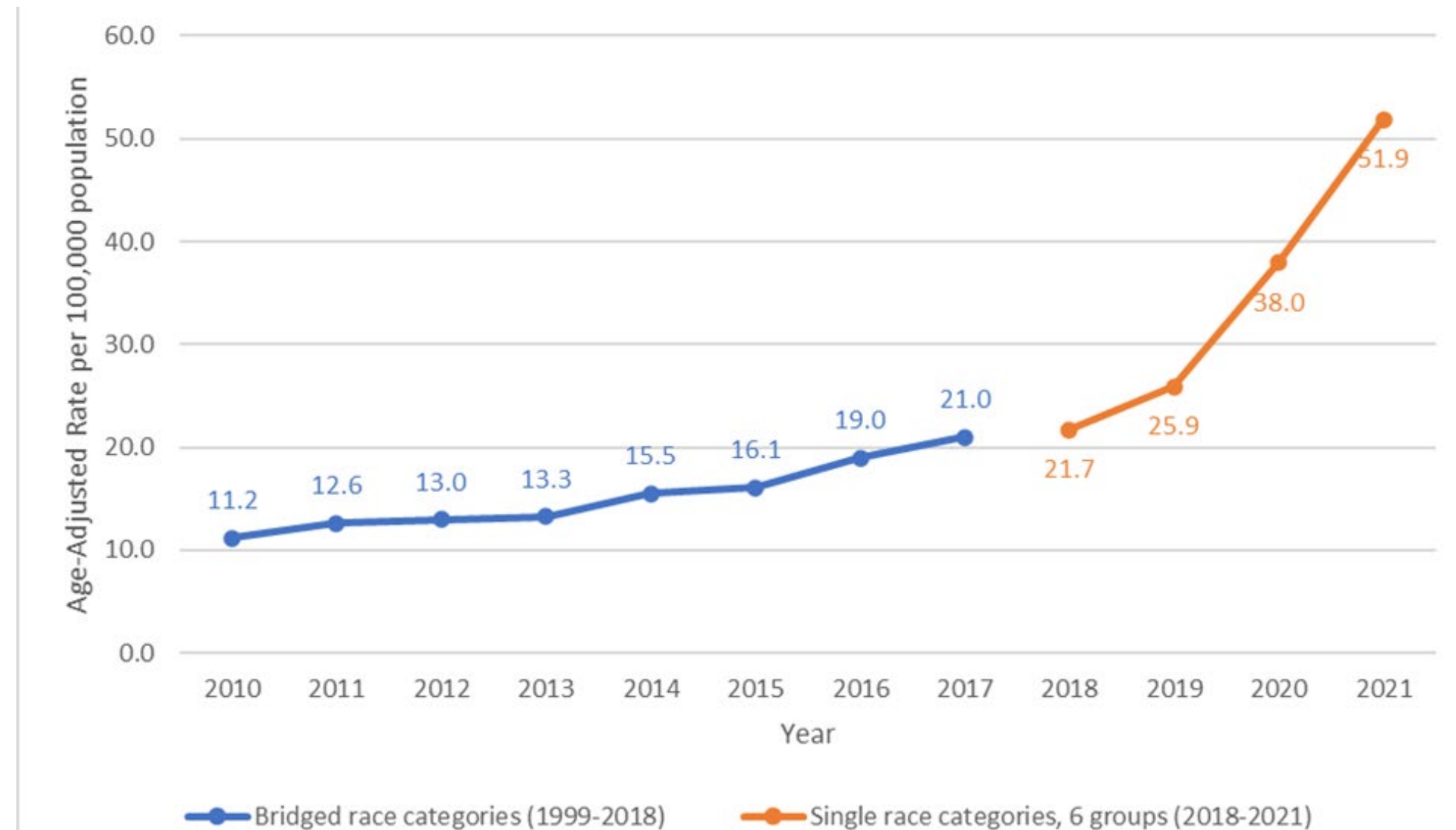
Office of Tribal Affairs and Policy



- Serves as the primary point of contact within SAMHSA for Tribes, Tribal organizations, and other partners on Tribal behavioral health.
- Leads and supports SAMHSA-wide actions to improve behavioral health of Tribal communities.
- Leads SAMHSA Tribal consultation, outreach, education, and engagement efforts.
- Leads coordination of Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse (IASA) efforts in response to the Tribal Law and Order Act (TLOA).



Overdose Deaths Involving Opioids Among American Indian and Alaskan Natives, U.S. 2010-2021



The Impact of Substance Use on Native Americans

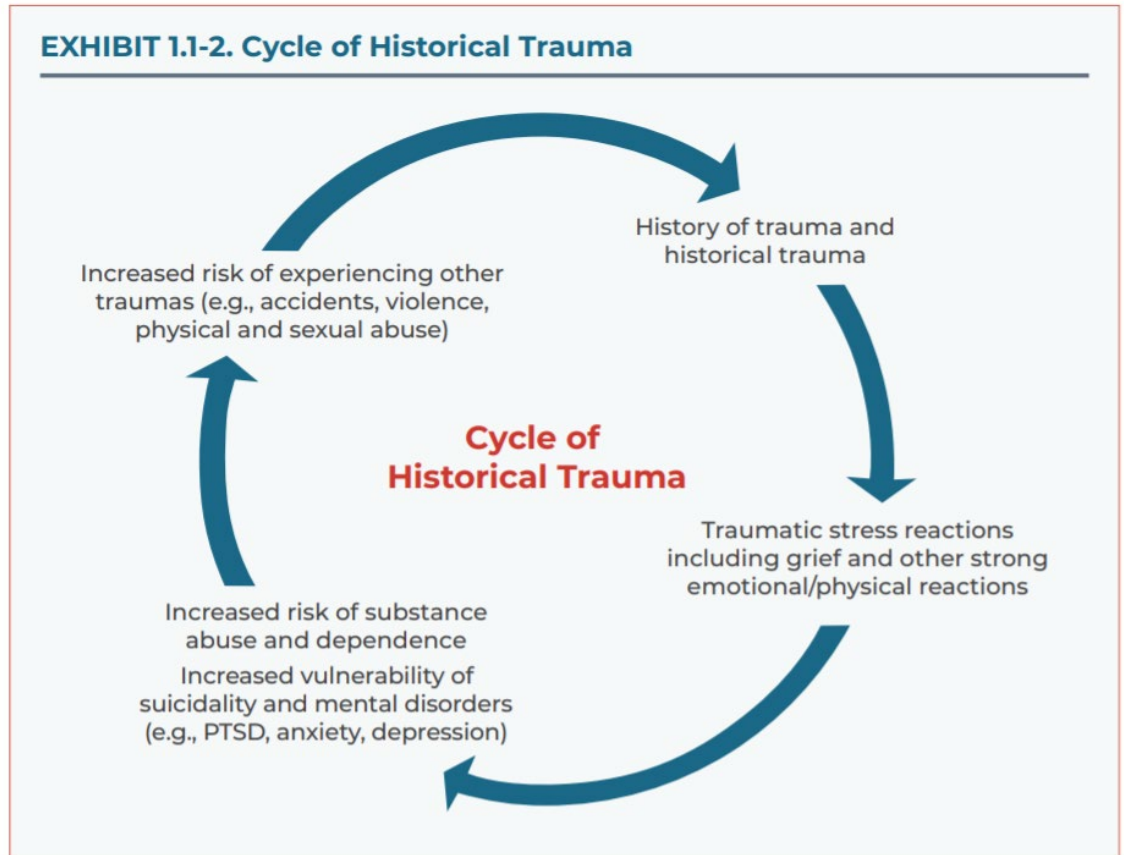
- According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, AI/ANs are greatly impacted by health disparities related to substance use, with the incidence of opioid use disorders (ODUs) and mortality rates from opioid overdoses being significantly higher than the general US population.
- According to data from the [National Survey on Drug Use Health](#) (NSDUH), during 2021 the prevalence of past month tobacco product use or nicotine vaping was higher among AI/ANs (36.1%) when compared to multiracial, Black, White, Hispanic or Latino, and Asian people.
- The 2021 NSDUH also indicated that AI/ANs were likelier to have used illicit drugs in the past year (36.1%), used marijuana in the past year (35.0%), have substance use disorder (27.6%) when compared to other groups.

Factors Contributing to Opioid Use among AI/ANs

- Per the [National Institutes of Health](#), risk factors for opioid use among AI/Ans include:
 - Discrimination
 - Historical trauma
 - Stigma
 - A lack of resources
 - Workforce shortages
- Although AI/AN communities face numerous challenges, they also have strengths that can aid in recovery, such as:
 - Strong family and community ties
 - Tribal sovereignty
 - Hard-earned resilience

Impact of Historical Trauma on AI/ANs

- Historical trauma, including the loss of their culture, is a major factor contributing to substance use and mental disorders within AI/AN communities.



[TIP 61: Behavioral Health Services for American Indians and Alaska Natives](#)



Initiatives and Updates

SAMHSA OTAP Website

- OTAP has redesigned its webpage to be more user friendly. Notably, this webpage now has a “News and Events” tab, which gives updates about important happenings regarding Tribal affairs. Past events are listed as well.
 - See the following for a link to the webpage: <https://www.samhsa.gov/tribal-affairs>

The screenshot displays the SAMHSA OTAP website with a dark blue header and a white sidebar. The main content area is titled "Tribal Affairs and Policy" and features a large image of a group of people. The sidebar lists various sections: Find Help, Practitioner Training, Public Messages, Grants, Data, Programs, and Newsroom. The main content area includes a "Tribal Affairs and Policy" section with a "News and Events" tab, a "Find Help and Treatment" section with helplines, and a "Contact OIASA" section. The "News and Events" section lists several news items, including a consumer alert regarding fraudulent activity targeting Native Americans and a notice of funding opportunities. The "Find Help and Treatment" section lists helplines for the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, SAMHSA's National Helpline, Disaster Distress Helpline, Veterans Crisis Line, and Substance Use Treatment Locator. The "Contact OIASA" section provides contact information for the Office of Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse.

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Tribal Consultation Policy

Tribal Action Plan (TAP)

Tribal Funding Opportunities

Tribal Opioid Response Grants

Native Connections Grant

Circles of Care Grant

Tribal Training and Technical Assistance Center

Tribal Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC)

OTAP News and Events

Get the latest announcements on SAMHSA's efforts to address substance use among Native people. Access the latest news, upcoming events and more.

News

- DHHS Office of Inspector General (OIG) has drafted a consumer alert regarding fraudulent activity targeting Native Americans. Please find that alert and related information here: [Consumer Alert: Fraud Schemes Targeting Native American Communities in Behavioral Health Treatment Centers](#)
- Notice of Funding Opportunities:
 - [American Indian and Alaska Native Behavioral Health Center of Excellence](#)
 - [Minority AIDS Initiative: Substance Use Disorder Treatment for Racial/Ethnic Minority Populations at High Risk for HIV/AIDS](#)
 - [Support for 988 Tribal Response Cooperative Agreements](#)
- [January 4, 2023 | SAMHSA Announces National Survey on Drug Use and Health \(NSDUH\) Results Detailing Mental Illness and Substance Use Levels in 2021](#)

Featured Resources

- [Adapting Evidence-Based Practices for Under-Resourced Populations](#)
- [American Indian and Alaska Native Disaster Preparedness](#)

Past Events

[Expand All](#) | [Collapse All](#)

Find Help and Treatment

Helplines

- [988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline](#)
Call or text 988 or chat [988lifeline.org](#)
- [SAMHSA's National Helpline](#)
1-800-662-HELP (4357)
Text your zip code to: 435748 (HELP4U)
- [Disaster Distress Helpline](#)
1-800-985-5990
- [Veterans Crisis Line](#)
Dial 988 then press 1
Text: 838255

Locators

- [Substance Use Treatment Locator](#)
- [Behavioral Health Treatment Services Locator](#)
- [Early Serious Mental Illness Treatment Locator](#)

Contact OIASA

[Office of Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse](#)
Office of Intergovernmental and Public Affairs
877-SAMHSA-7 (726-4727)
[otap@samhsa.hhs.gov](#)
[Contact SAMHSA](#)

SAMHSA Tribal Consultation Policy

Before any action is taken that will significantly affect Indian Tribes, it is the SAMHSA policy that consultation with Indian Tribes will occur to the extent practicable and permitted by law. The SAMHSA Tribal Consultation Policy establishes a process to ensure meaningful and timely input by Indian Tribes in the development of policies that have tribal implications.

[Consultation Policy](#)

Training & Technical Assistance

Assistance for tribal communities to develop and implement community-based prevention plans to reduce violence, bullying, and suicide among American Indian and Alaska Native youth.

[Get Training & Assistance](#)

The National Tribal Behavioral Health Agenda

SAMHSA worked with tribal leaders, the Indian Health Service, and the National Indian Health Board to develop The National Tribal Behavioral Health Agenda (TBHA). The TBHA is a blueprint for collaborative action by tribes, federal partners, states, and other stakeholders on five foundational elements.

[Read the Agenda](#)

Funding, News and Events

Get the latest announcements on SAMHSA's efforts to address substance use among Native people. Access the latest news, upcoming events, [funding opportunities](#) and more.

[News and Events](#)

Addressing Overdose through Improved Policy

- Policy changes are presenting new opportunities
- In December 2022, President Biden signed into law H.R. 2617, the “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023”
- Also in December 2022, SAMHSA released a proposed rule related to OTPs
- A Tribal Educator Listening Session was held on March 27, 2023, from 12 pm to 2 pm (EST), to gather Tribal educator perspectives on implementing Section 1263 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, better known as the Medication Access and Training Expansion (MATE) Act.

Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment (MAT) Act	Medication Access and Training Expansion Act (MATE)
Removes the DATA-2000 Waiver to prescribe buprenorphine	Requirement for a non-recurring, 8-hour training on substance use disorder for practitioners applying for registration from the DEA
Lifts caps on number of patients who can be treated; removes counseling and reporting requirements	Met through addiction board certification, as part of or post-healthcare professional degree training

DOJ/DEA and HHS/SAMHSA are engaged in close collaboration and coordination related to the Implementation of MAT

Proposal to Federal Rules on Opioid Treatment Programs

- Last year SAMHSA [proposed an update](#) to Federal regulations that oversee opioid use disorder (OUD) treatment standards.
- Specifically, the proposed rule change would allow Americans to access treatment by allowing take home doses of methadone and the use of telehealth in initiating buprenorphine at opioid treatment programs (OTPs).
- In its Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to update 42 CFR Part 8, SAMHSA seeks to improve Americans' access to and experiences with OUD treatment, specifically through OTPs.
 - The proposed changes reflect a widespread desire by many stakeholders for SAMHSA to provide greater autonomy to OTP practitioners, positively support recovery, and continue flexibilities that were extended at the start of the nation's COVID-19 public health emergency.
- To facilitate expansion of access to care, SAMHSA proposes to update OTP admission criteria in Part 8:
 - Includes removal of the one-year requirement for opioid addiction before admission to an OTP.
 - In conjunction with updated standards that include extended take-home doses of methadone and access to telehealth, changes will likely expand access while also improving retention in treatment.



Tribal Technical Assistance and Resources

SAMHSA Tribal Technical Assistance



- The AI/AN TTC has transitioned to the new [AI/AN Behavioral Health Center of Excellence](#).
- The [Tribal Training and Technical Assistance \(TTA\) Center](#) offers technical assistance (TA) on mental and substance use disorders, suicide prevention, and mental health promotion using the [Strategic Cultural Framework](#). Events include the following:
 - Opioids Training and Technical Assistance
 - Gathering of Native Americans (GONAs)
 - Learning Communities
 - Virtual TTA
 - Intensive TTA
 - Information Dissemination

ATTC Resources

- The ATTC Network is an international, multidisciplinary resource for professionals in the addiction treatment and recovery services field.
- The Addiction Technology Transfer Centers (ATTC) have produced several resources to help providers to improve services capability in response to COVID-19
- See the following for more:
<https://attcnetwork.org/centers/global-attc/pandemic-response-resources>



MHTTC Resources



MHTTC

Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Network
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Responding to COVID-19 |
Grief, Loss and Bereavement

Responding to COVID-19 | Intimate
Partner Violence (IPV) and Child Abuse

Responding to COVID-19 | Mental
Health Disparities

Responding to COVID-19 | Provider
Well-being

Responding to COVID-19 |
School Mental Health

Responding to COVID-19 | Telehealth

Responding to COVID-19 |
Anxiety & Return to Work/School

Featured MHTTC Resources



Motivational Interviewing for COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy | New England MHTTC

There are enough COVID-19 vaccines for everyone in the United States, but some people aren't quite sure yet if they are ready to get one. Dr. Emily Kline will teach you to use skills from an evidence-based approach called motivational interviewing to have more successful conversations about COVID-19 vaccines in this webinar.



Ask a Peer: COVID-19 Vaccine Q&A for Youth and Families | New England MHTTC

Young people who have experienced psychosis and their families may have unanswered questions about the COVID-19 vaccine. With walk-in vaccine appointments now available across Massachusetts, this panel of early psychosis peer specialists and local vaccine experts are here to share their experiences. Join the New England MHTTC for a presentation and open conversation on the COVID-19 vaccine, equity, and mental health.



- The purpose of the MHTTC Network is technology transfer - disseminating and implementing evidence-based practices for mental disorders into the field.
- Responding to COVID-19, the Mental Health Technology Transfer Centers (MHTTC) offers products and resources that can be useful when coping with the effects of widespread public health crises such as:
 - Psychosocial Impacts of Disasters: Assisting Community Leaders
 - Supportive Practices for Mental Health Professionals During Pandemic-Related Social Distancing
- See the following for more:
<https://mhttcnetwork.org/centers/global-mhttc/responding-covid-19>

PTTC Resources



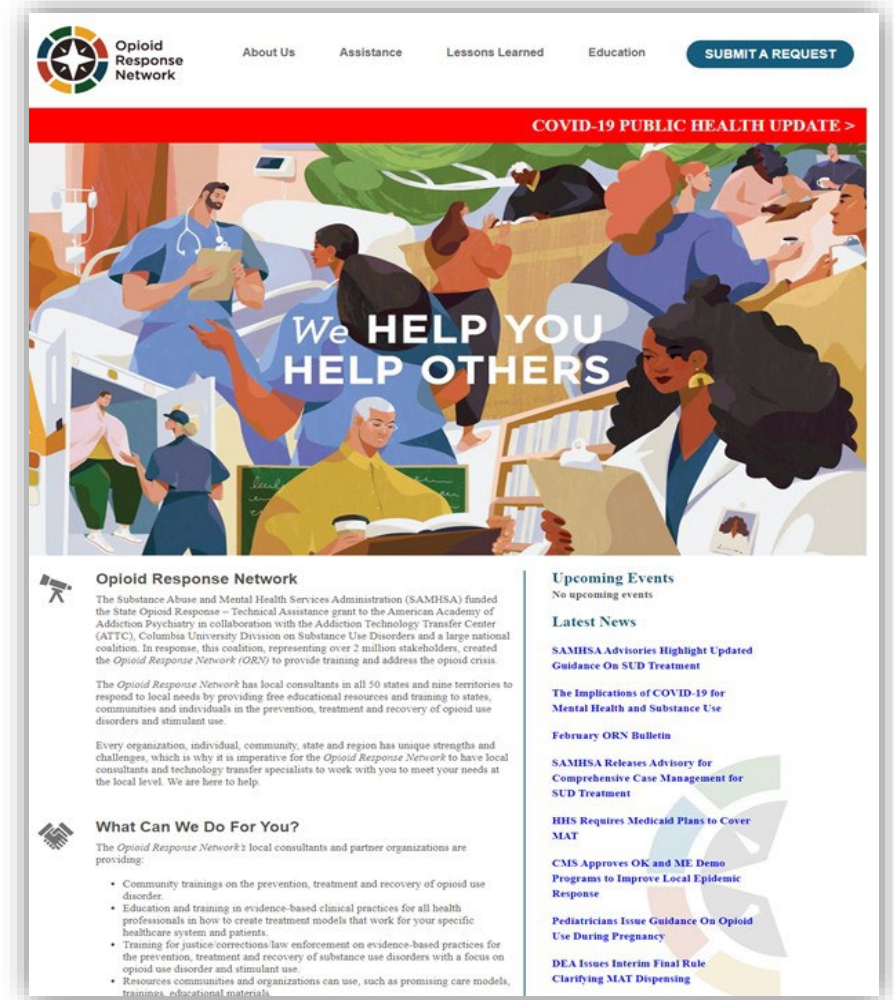
PTTC

Prevention Technology Transfer Center Network
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- The purpose of the Prevention Technology Transfer Center (PTTC) Network is to improve implementation and delivery of effective substance abuse prevention interventions, and provide training and technical assistance services to the substance misuse prevention field.
- The Prevention Technology Transfer Centers (PTTC) have produced several resources to help providers to improve services capability in response to COVID-19.
- See more via the following:
<https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/global-pttc/pandemic-response-resources>

Opioid Response Network (ORN)

- The ORN has local consultants in all 50 states and nine territories.
- Designed to respond to local needs by providing free educational resources and training to states, communities and individuals in the prevention, treatment and recovery of opioid use disorders and stimulant use.
- ORN has disseminated information provided by SAMHSA, CDC, and other Technical Assistance Centers pertaining to COVID-19 and include the following:
 - [The Opioid Epidemic and COVID-19: How Social Determinants of Health Create Differential Impacts](#)
 - [Compassionate Fatigue and Self Care: For Helping Professionals Working with Opioid Related Disorders](#)
- See the following for more:
<https://opioidresponsenetwork.org/index.aspx>



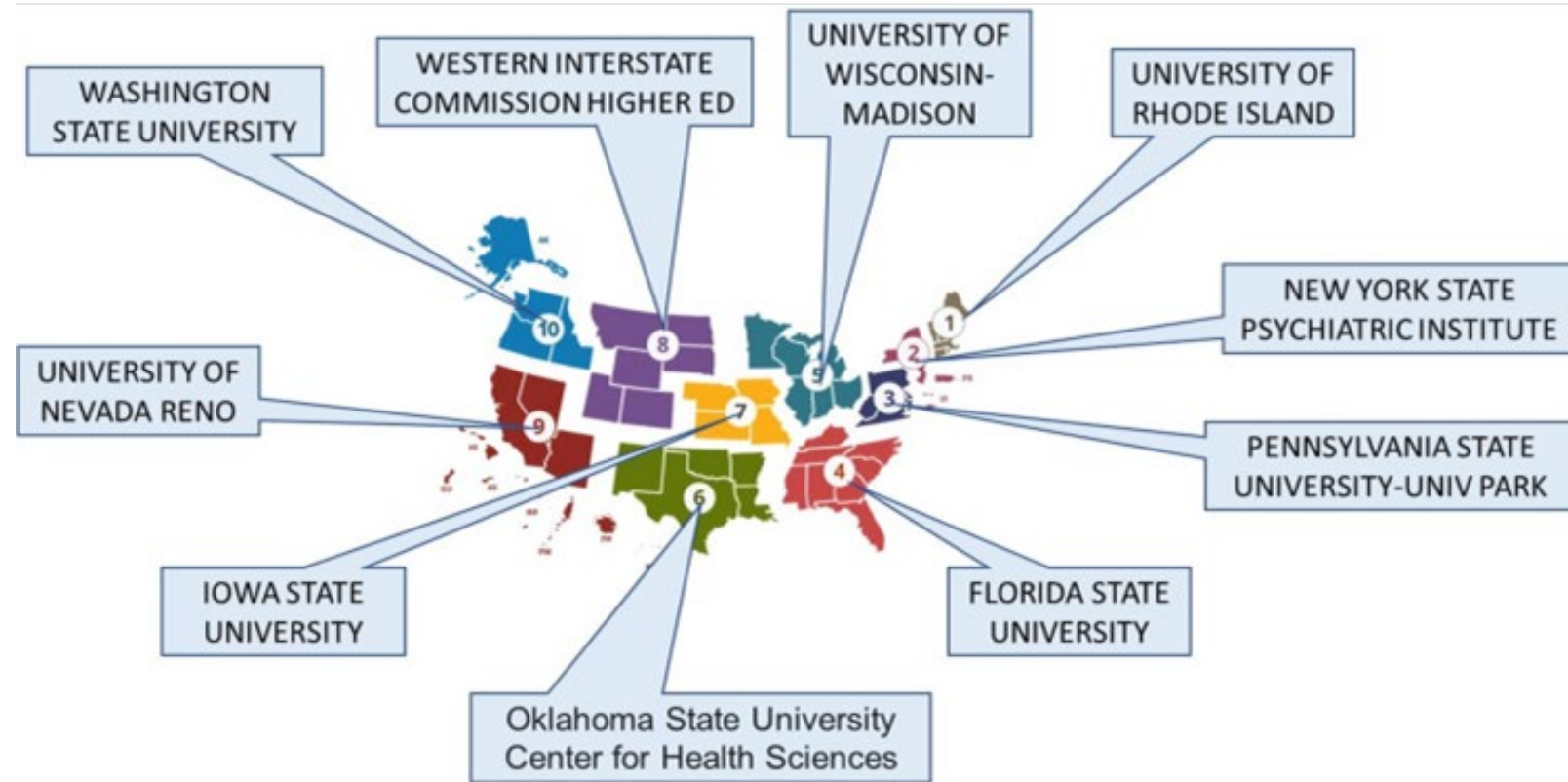
ROTA

Rural Opioid Technical Assistance Program

Collaboration between SAMHSA and USDA

MISSION: To develop and disseminate training and technical assistance for rural communities addressing opioid and stimulants issues affecting their communities.

The ROTA grantees facilitate the identification of model programs, develop and update materials related to the prevention, treatment, and recovery activities for opioid use disorder (OUD), and provides high-quality training.



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Harm Reduction at SAMHSA



- Harm reduction is critical to keeping people who use drugs alive and as healthy as possible and is a key pillar in the multi-faceted Health and Human Services' [Overdose Prevention Strategy](#).

- SAMHSA has awarded 25 grants for the first-ever SAMHSA Harm Reduction grant program.
 - This funding, authorized by the American Rescue Plan, will help increase access to a range of community harm reduction services and support harm reduction service providers as they work to help prevent overdose deaths and reduce health risks often associated with drug use.
- SAMHSA will distribute \$10 million between 2022-2025. Grant recipients receiving Federal funding must adhere to applicable Federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and other requirements as specified in Federal grant terms and conditions of award.
- See the following for more:
<https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/harm-reduction>

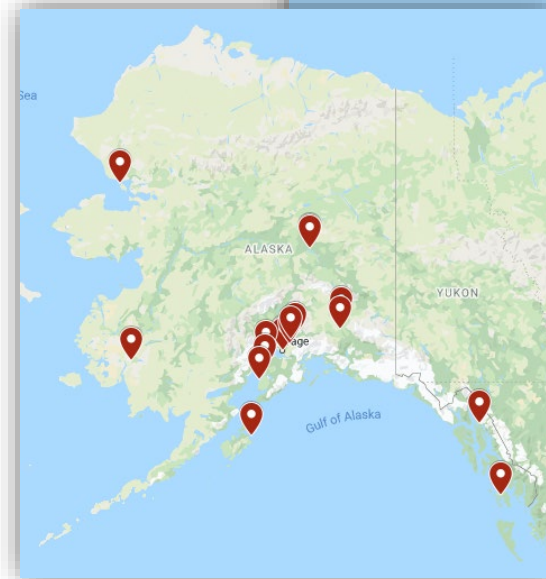
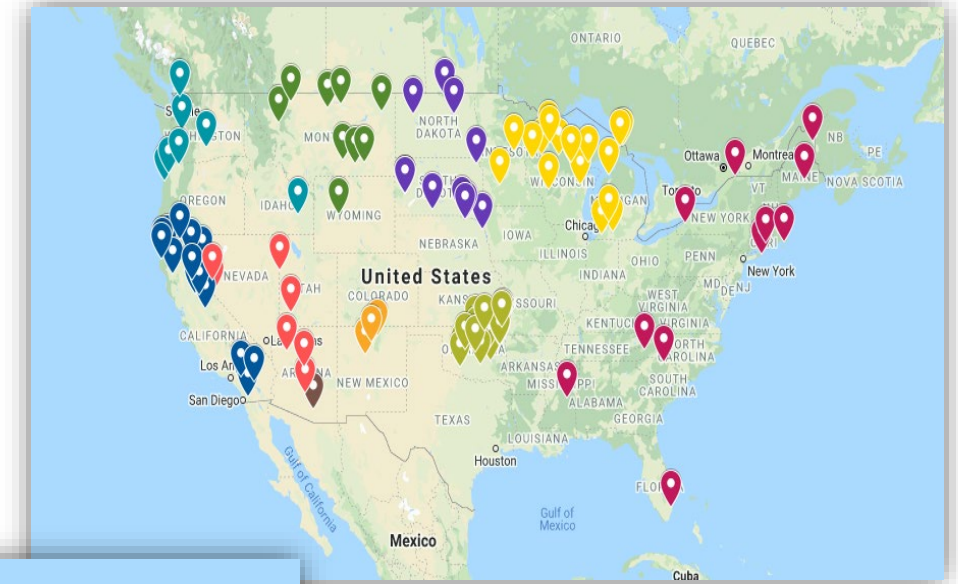


SAMHSA Tribal Grants

Tribal Opioid Response

Tribal Opioid Response Program

- The program aims to address the opioid crisis in Tribal communities by increasing access to culturally appropriate and evidence-based treatment, including medication-assisted treatment (MAT) using one of the three FDA-approved medications for the treatment of opioid use disorder (OUD).
- Awarded to Federally-recognized Tribes and Tribal organizations.
 - Award amounts vary based on Tribal population size.
- Addresses opioid crisis in Tribal communities by increasing access to culturally appropriate and evidence-based harm reduction, prevention, treatment, and recovery support services for opioid and stimulant use disorders.
- Emphasizes the use of medication-assisted treatment using one of the three FDA-approved medications for OUDs.
- Encourages the use of traditional practices.



Native Connections

Tribal Behavioral Health Grant (TBHG/Native Connections)

- The purpose of this program is to prevent suicide and substance misuse, reduce the impact of trauma, and promote mental health among AI/AN youth through the age of 24 years.
- Native Connections is intended to reduce the impact of mental and substance use disorders, foster culturally responsive models that reduce and respond to the impact of trauma in AI/AN communities.



In FY21, SAMHSA awarded 40 Tribes and Tribal organizations.

In FY 22 SAMHSA awarded 41 Tribes and Tribal organizations.

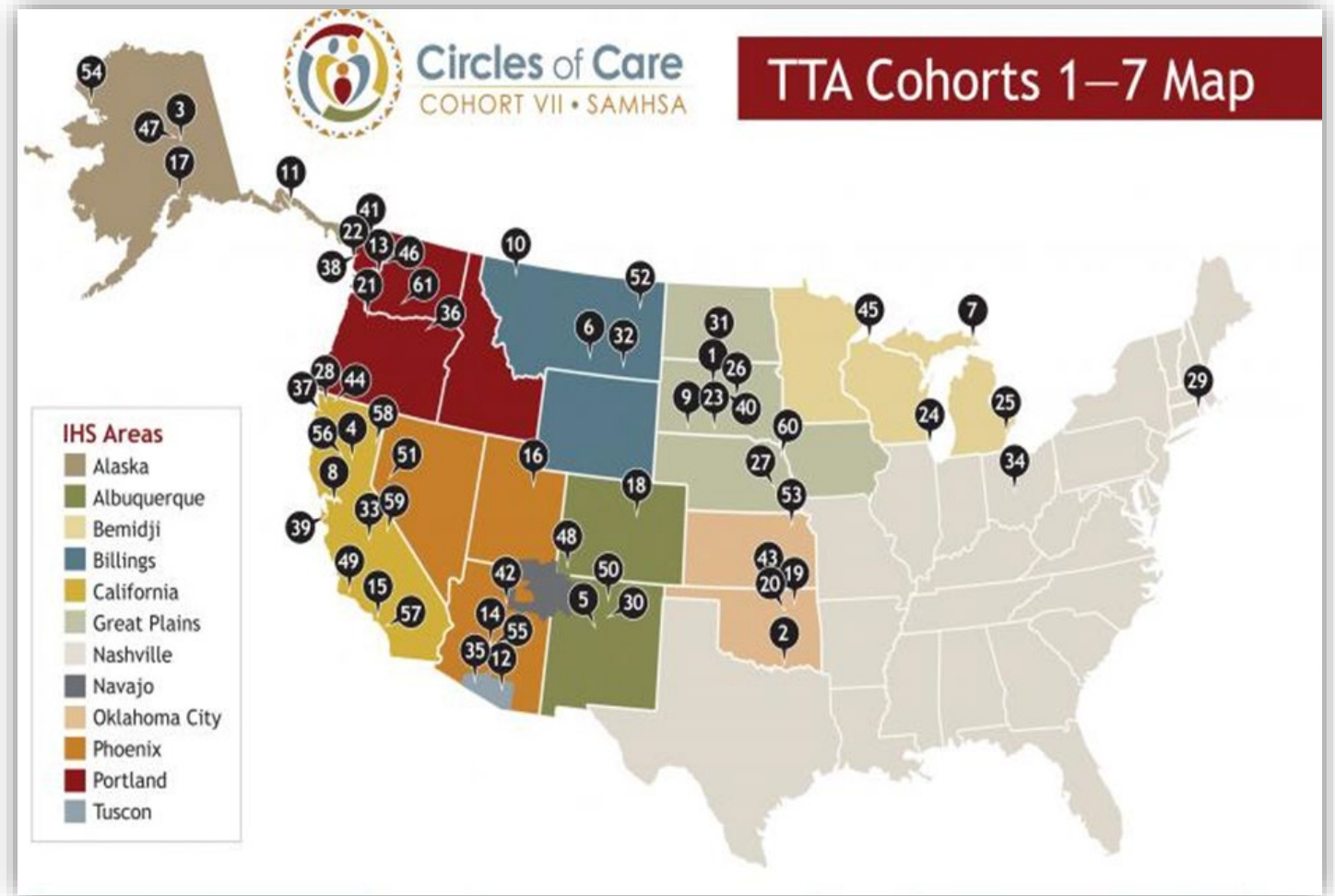
The Native Connections grant is funded up to \$250k for up to 5 years.

[2024 SAMHSA NOFO Forecast](#)


Circles of Care

Circles of Care (COC) Program

- Supports children with severe emotional disturbances and their families.
- Plan for the development of a community-based system of care model for children with mental health challenges and their families.
- Develop local capacity and infrastructure to assist Tribal communities in obtaining funding and resources to implement a system of care model to improve the mental health and wellness of their children, youth, and families
- [FY 23 Circles of Care Awards](#)



SAMHSA Grants and NOFO Forecasts



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Grants

Note: A significant change has been made to the registration process for the SAMHSA Grants Management (SAM). Please refer to the FAQs on the SAM website.



FY 2023 Grant Announcements

SAMHSA announces grant funding opportunities through Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs). Each NOFO contains all the information you need to apply for a grant. To apply for a SAMHSA grant, you must register on [Grants.gov](#).

- » [View all Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2023 Grant Announcements](#)
- » [View FY 2024 NOFO Forecasts](#)
- » [View SAMHSA's Grants Dashboard](#)



Grant Review Process

Applying for a SAMHSA Grant

These resources provide information on funding opportunities and the application process.

- » [Training Events](#)
- » [Registration](#)
- » [Submitting an Application](#)
- » [Guidelines for Participating](#)

Grants Management

After SAMHSA awards a grant, the grantee or her use the SAMHSA Grants Management System (SAM) to manage the grant.



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FY 2024 NOFO Forecasts

The following are the forecasted grants for FY 2024.

Opportunity Number	Opportunity Title	Agency	Opportunity
SM-23-013	Grants for Expansion and Sustainability of the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances	HHS-SAMHS-SAMHSA	Forecasted
SM-23-021	Tribal Behavioral Health	HHS-SAMHS-SAMHSA	Forecasted
SM-24-001	Statewide Family Network Program	HHS-SAMHS-SAMHSA	Forecasted
SM-24-003	Promoting the Integration of Primary and Behavioral Health Care Integration	HHS-SAMHS-SAMHSA	Forecasted
SM-24-004	GLS Campus Suicide Prevention	HHS-SAMHS-SAMHSA	Forecasted
SM-24-005	Cooperative Agreements for the Garrett Lee Smith State/Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention and Early Intervention Program	HHS-SAMHS-SAMHSA	Forecasted
SM-24-006	Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness	HHS-SAMHS-SAMHSA	Forecasted

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Thank You

SAMHSA's mission is to lead public health and service delivery efforts that promote mental health, prevent substance misuse, and provide treatments and supports to foster recovery while ensuring equitable access and better outcomes.

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