



Northwest (Region 10)

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Included in this Month's Newsletter

April 17th: Webinar: Bringing Together Law Enforcement and People Who Use Drugs in a New Way: The CLEARs Project. [Registration Required](#)

May 1st: Webinar: Strategies to implement and adapt Adult Spanish Mental Health First Aid Training. [Registration Required](#)

Webinar Update: NW ROTAC is now a NAADAC-approved education provider. If you are working towards certification as a Nationally Certified Addiction Counselor or a Master Addiction Counselor, be sure to take advantage of this new partnership! You can now earn NAADAC CE credits by watching our on-demand trainings as well as future live trainings.



We attended the NW Rural Health Conference in Spokane from March 25th to 27th. It was great to get to connect with so many rural providers in our region.



WEBINAR:
BRINGING TOGETHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PEOPLE WHO USE DRUGS IN A NEW WAY:
THE CLEARS PROJECT

NW ROTAC is funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).



April 17th Webinar:
Bringing Together Law Enforcement and

CLEARS Project

[Registration Required](#)

Description: This presentation will review the CLEARs Project that uses a “policy codesign” approach to bring together law enforcement, people with lived/living experience of drug use and legal involvement, and service providers to develop local solutions to drug use around Washington State.

Presenter: Mandy Owens, PhD: Dr. Owens is an Assistant Professor at the Addictions, Drug & Alcohol Institute in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Washington. Her work focuses on the intersection between substance use and the criminal legal system, including research and implementation efforts with law enforcement, jails, and prisons around Washington State. Dr. Owens also is a licensed and practicing psychologist working with people with substance use disorder.

Objectives: by the end of this webinar, participants should be able to:

1. Identify “policy codesign” as an evidence-based strategy to bring together diverse stakeholders.
2. Learn about the CLEARs (Community-Law Enforcement Aligning in Response to Substance Use) Project in three sites around Washington State: Clallam, Thurston, and Yakima Counties.
3. Describe local solutions to address crisis response to drug use with law enforcement in rural WA areas.

You can earn NAADAC CE credits from this webinar.



WEBINAR:

STRATEGIES TO IMPLEMENT AND ADAPT ADULT SPANISH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 1ST
12:00 PM PT
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Strategies to implement and adapt Adult Spanish Mental Health First Aid Training

[Registration Required](#)

Description: Offering Mental Health First Aid training to Spanish-speaking members of our community is an important step in equity and an ongoing need that can help reduce stigma and recognize the signs and symptoms of a mental health crisis.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify foundational information about Primeros Auxilios de Salud Mental (Spanish Mental Health First Aid).
- Understand cultural barriers and mental health stigma in the Latino/a/x community.
- Describe recommendations for implementation.

You can earn NAADAC CE credits from this webinar.



COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS FACILITATOR TRAININGS

This will be a **1.5 hour virtual** training with time allotted for Q&A and workshopping ideas at the end.

Community Conversations Facilitator Trainings

Learn to Facilitate Community Conversations!

The NW ROTAC team provides training to future facilitators on how to adapt and deliver SAMHSA's *Community Conversations About Mental Health*, a best practice toolkit that supports community collaboration for addressing mental health needs. This training will

diverse partners to engage in challenging conversations.

Anyone interested in convening these conversations in their local communities is welcome to attend. This can include, but is not limited to, Extension, public health, behavioral health, or school-based professionals, representatives from community-based organizations, traditional health workers, or other community stakeholders.

To schedule a training with your team contact **Abbey Martin**

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MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAININGS

If your team would like to schedule a Mental Health First Aid Training, please contact us below.



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES



- Looking for more TTA? View the [Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Network Calendar](#)
 - The MHTTC is hosting a webinar titled, "Partnering for Change: Seeking Field Instructors & Sites for Social Work Practicum". You can register for their upcoming webinar [here](#).
- All previous monthly webinars are hosted on the [NW ROTAC Website](#)
- Upcoming webinars hosted by The University of Washington ADAI SOR Training Team
 - **Using Extended-Release Injectable Buprenorphine for OUD**, A complete course to help you bring this option to your patients. March 13 – April 24
Every Other Week | 12-1pm PT
 - Register by emailing Ali Lenox, alilenox@uw.edu
 - **Whole-Person Care: Skills to Support People with OUD**. May 3, 2024 In-Person in Spokane, WA 9:00am-3:00pm PT
 - [Register here](#).
 - **Is This Depression or Opioid Use? Psychosis or Meth?** May 29, 2024 In-Person in Seattle, WA 9:00am-3:00pm PT
 - [Register here](#).
- **Catalyzing Change: Strengthening Community Capacity for Opioid Response**
 - April 11 · 6:30am - April 12 · 12:30pm PDT
 - Over two days, participate in dynamic networking and gain insights from expert speakers focusing on prevention, justice, and treatment.
 - [Register here](#).
 - If you need assistance with registration fees, please reach out to the NW ROTAC team.

ROTAC Annual Report Released

You can view the 2022 - 2023 ROTAC Annual Report on our website to read about our accomplishments and future goals.

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