April 2020

Find out what's new this month from Prevention Solutions@EDC! Learn about upcoming events and new resources to support your substance misuse prevention efforts!

Announcements

Professional Development at a Safe Distance

Accessing online professional development shouldn’t be one more thing to worry about. PS@EDC offers a broad range of affordable, online services to support your prevention efforts. Contact us now to learn more.

• **25% off all self-paced online courses, 15% off Ethics!** All courses endorsed by the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium (IC@RC) for prevention specialist certification. Certificates for training hours provided. [Learn more!](

• **Webinars on a range of critical prevention topics.** PS@EDC signature webinars build the core competencies practitioners need to plan, implement, and evaluate prevention efforts. We can also work with you to design a customized event for your agency or coalition. Available to groups. [Learn more!](

• **Consultation to move your prevention efforts online.** PS@EDC can help you:
  • Host planning meetings in a virtual space
  • Facilitate online conversations
  • Move in-person trainings to a virtual environment
  • Design and deliver virtual “summer schools”
  • Create and deliver engaging, interactive webinars
  • Convene online communities of practice, using Adobe Connect and Zoom
  • Record, edit, and post conference presentations so they are available to a virtual audience

Contact us for a free consultation: [PreventionSolutions@edc.org](mailto:PreventionSolutions@edc.org)
FREE WEBINAR! Setting Up Effective District-Wide Systems to Support Students’ and Educators’ Mental Health Needs during COVID-19

April 24, 2020, 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm ET

During these uncertain times, students and staff are particularly vulnerable to suffering from high levels of stress, anxiety, and other mental health challenges. Effective systems of mental health supports can address these heightened needs. This webinar will provide district leaders from Massachusetts with practical guidance for putting these systems in place. Register now!

ONLINE COURSE: Ethics in Prevention: A Guide for Substance Abuse Prevention Practitioners

May 4-May 15, 2020

Explore the six principles of the prevention Code of Ethics, brought to life with real-world examples. Endorsed by the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC), this two-week moderated course meets the IC@RC prevention ethics requirement for prevention specialist certification.

Register now! When checking out, use the code Discount2020Ethics for a 15% discount.

Featured Resources

Resources for the COVID-19 Crisis: Focus on Substance Misuse

Explore resources developed by federal and local agencies to support substance misuse prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery efforts during and beyond the COVID crisis. Read More

Prevention Perspectives

3 Ways to Support People with Substance Use Disorders during COVID-19

For individuals struggling with substance use disorders, the current COVID-19 pandemic is a particularly challenging time. PS@EDC’s Rachel Pascale and Noreen Burke share tips for supporting this group. Read more.

Parenting an Older Teen in a COVID-19 World
PS@EDC’s Melanie Adler explores some of the challenges of parenting older teens during the COVID-19 epidemic, and strategies for staying safe and sane. Read more.

Service Spotlight

**PS@EDC Community of Practice Help OASAS Staff Go Virtual**

As concerns about the impact of COVID-19 on substance misuse and mental health deepen, practitioners nationwide are exploring ways to deliver prevention programming in a world where physical distancing is the new norm. For a workforce accustomed to delivering services face-to-face, the current environment means re-thinking how works gets done, and developing new skills to support virtual engagement. 

Read more!

**Statewide Webinar Addresses Mental Health Needs of Students and Staff during COVID-19**

More than 800 educators, mental health providers, school support staff, and district leaders from across Massachusetts attended an EDC webinar on strategies to better support the mental health needs of students and staff during these uncertain times. Read more.

Let us help you move science to practice by building a prevention workforce empowered to make a difference.

To schedule a consultation, contact: preventionsolutions@edc.org

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Prevention Solutions at EDC provides training and expert consultation to support public health agencies and organizations working to prevent substance misuse and related behavioral health problems in their communities.

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