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Upcoming Events

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

December 3-14, 2018

Preparing for prevention specialist certification? Sign up now for our 6-hour moderated online ethics course. Endorsed by the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC) and NAADAC-certified, this interactive learning experience explores the six principles of the Prevention Code of Ethics, brought to life with realistic examples designed to enhance participant understanding.

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Announcements

Opioid Overdose Prevention Course Wins Platinum

EDC’s online course Opioid Overdose Prevention: Understanding the Basics won platinum 2018 eHealthcare Leadership Awards in two categories: Best Healthcare Content and Best Interaction. The competition recognizes the best websites and digital communications of healthcare organizations and related agencies.

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Featured Resources
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Service Spotlight

Sustainability Planning Webinar for AmeriCorps Volunteers in Iowa

On October 6, PS@EDC staff delivered Making Your Sustainability Plan Work for You!—a two-hour webinar for AmeriCorps volunteers working with youth mentoring agencies across Iowa. Sponsored by the Iowa Department of Public Health (DPH), the training prepared the volunteers to help agency staff develop and implement state-mandated sustainability plans.

Agencies frequently wait until their funding is nearly depleted before thinking about how to sustain their program efforts. But according to Prevention Specialist Jess Goldberg, waiting until the 11th hour can be a mistake.

“Sustainability planning takes time,” says Goldberg. “It requires the participation, resolve, and dedication of multiple players. It’s not something that can happen overnight.”

Understanding the importance of early sustainability planning, Iowa’s DPH reached out to EDC for its AmeriCorps team. After assessing the group’s training needs, EDC created an event that combined information sharing with skills building. Participants reviewed the components of an effective sustainability plan and strategies for involving agency staff in plan development. They also brainstormed ways to ensure that the plans—once completed—were put into action.

The highly interactive program received high marks: participants left armed with new information and better prepared to work with agency staff. The recorded webinar was also made available to those volunteers unable to attend.

To learn more about this and other Prevention Solutions@EDC trainings and webinars, contact Jess Goldberg at jgoldberg@edc.org.

Related Online Courses

Prevention SustainAbilities: Understanding the Basics
Prevention SustainAbilities: Planning for Success

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