

Selected CAPT Accomplishments

Delivery of Training and Technical Assistance Services

- The new CAPT system, comprising a centralized Core and five Regional Expert Teams (RETs), was launched on September 1. Throughout start-up, the CAPT continued to provide uninterrupted training and technical assistance (T/TA) services to States, Jurisdictions, Tribes, and other grantees.

Integrated CAPT System

- To ensure consistency of service, the CAPT Core developed written procedure to guide T/TA processes. These include a detailed guide to conducting the State, Jurisdiction, and Tribal assessment process; an outline for preparation of annual work plans; a form for completion of monthly reports by RETs; forms for reporting evaluation results for TA and trainings; and guidance for completing T/TA tracker forms, which are reviewed by the Core prior to submission to CSAP.
- To facilitate communication and information sharing within and across the RETs and CAPT Core, the CAPT created a network of password-protected SharePoint sites, hosted on the EDC server. Each RET, Functional Group, and Project Group has an area to post materials, meeting notes, etc. The site also includes the CAPT National Event Calendar and a library of more than 500 presentations and tools developed under the previous CAPT system.
- The CAPT Core also developed the CAPT Online Management Protocols and Administrative Services Site (COMPASS), an online “users guide” and central repository for CAPT information and resources.
- In early March, the Core convened a CAPT Contract Team meeting at EDC, providing an important opportunity for CAPT leadership, funders, and key staff from across the RETs to create a shared vision for the center and explore strategies for achieving excellence in T/TA. Staff continues to discuss these and other issues during bi-weekly Project and Functional Team meetings.

Assessment of Client Needs

- In March, the CAPT core submitted to CSAP a National CAPT Work Plan describing T/TA needs and services for the upcoming year. To inform the work plan, RETs engaged in a comprehensive assessment process, separately assessing each of the 72 States, Tribes, and Jurisdictions the CAPT serves.
- As part of this assessment process, CAPT epidemiologists conducted a comprehensive review of available epidemiologic information from Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG) grantees—the CAPT’s primary audience—to determine the extent to which they use data to identify substance abuse prevention needs, plan appropriate prevention activities, and evaluate and monitor the progress of those activities.
- CAPT staff also reviewed and catalogued approximately 1500 trainings and technical assistance products developed under the previous CAPT system, including both in-person and online courses, presentations, handouts, and tools, to identify product needs and develop a library of recommended T/TA materials.

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Collaboration with Other CSAP Programs

- Early in the contract period, selected CAPT Core and RET staff attended the SPF-SIG Cohort IV New Grantees Meeting to introduce the new CAPT system. The meeting provided opportunities to strengthen relationships among CSAP Project Officers, CAPT staff, and grantees.
- Staff attended the Partnerships for Success (PTS) New Grantees meeting, held at SAMHSA in Washington, DC. Staff provided T/TA to PTS grantees and a presentation on successful performance management.
- CAPT staff worked closely with CSAP Project Officers to plan the National SPF SIG Meeting, held May 18-21 in Washington, DC. The CAPT provided presenters and materials for several sessions and individual consultation to states.
- CAPT staff continues to meet regularly with representatives from the Data Analysis Coordination and Consolidation Center to develop common measures for all CSAP training and technical assistance contracts, including the CAPT.

Service to Science Initiative

- The Service to Science (STS) initiative adopted use of standardized methods to recruit new participants, review their applications, and conduct STS Academies.
- Sixty prevention programs—representing 27 States, five tribal communities, and four Pacific Jurisdictions—participated in this year’s STS Academies. T/TA providers have begun working with these programs to strengthen their evaluation capacities.

Selected Services for Tribal Entities

- In March, the CAPT convened an Epidemiological Technical Assistance Workshop and Prevention and Wellness Session for SPF-SIG Cohort III and IV Tribes in Tulsa, Oklahoma. All 13 tribes were represented. The agenda focused on data collection, analysis, presentation, and use. The meeting provided opportunities for tribes to share experiences and discuss start-up issues, and for RETs to provide targeted TA.
- CAPT staff collaborated with representatives from the Native American Center for Excellence (NACE), CRP, and CSAP to plan and conduct the 2010 NACE STS Academy for tribal programs. The Academy, held April 12-14, included representatives from five tribal programs. During the academy, participants learned about the STS process and approaches to program evaluation. They also met individually with their assigned NACE and CAPT evaluation TA providers, who provided on-site customized TA.

Minority HIV/AIDS Initiative

- In January, CAPT staff and consultants planned and convened a national meeting for Cohort VIII Minority HIV/AIDS Initiative. Workshops focused on prevention of substance abuse and HIV for at-risk minority sub-populations, the Strategic Prevention Framework, and SAMHSA’s Management Reporting Tool.

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USED Grants to Reduce Alcohol Abuse Program

- Using a common assessment form, CAPT assessed the T/TA needs of 87 GRAA grantees nationwide. The CAPT used the collected information to plan and implement the enormously successful 2010 National/Regional GRAA conference, held April 13-16 in Chicago. Nearly 300 U.S. Department of Education Grants to Reduce Alcohol Abuse grantees participated in the event, which provided general GRAA program information as well as opportunities for program-specific consultation.

Prevention and Wellness Initiative

- In January, the CAPT in cooperation with CRP, Inc. launched the Prevention and Wellness Project, which is charged with identifying promising examples of efforts to link substance abuse prevention with and mental health and other behavioral health issues to improve overall health and well-being. To identify these examples, team members conducted eight “listening sessions” with State- and community-level representatives in Minnesota, Massachusetts, and Colorado; from the Pacific Jurisdictions; and from multiple tribes. The CAPT will use this information to develop a T/TA framework that CSAP can use to support the integration of substance abuse prevention efforts with other related behaviors.

Expansion of CAPT Website

- Activities to revise the CAPT Website to reflect the focus and approach of the new, integrated CAPT system are well underway. The CAPT has presented to CSAP a site map and prototype for the revised site, which will be organized around potential actions that visitors to site may want to take, rather than around content areas.