



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OPPORTUNITY

The State Education Resource Center (SERC) is offering a two-year opportunity for Districts/Schools to implement an action plan for Opioid and Substance Misuse Prevention. SERC's coaching and Technical Assistance (TA) will support the districts' process of developing and implementing their plan using the Prevention Guiding Curriculum and Tools.

Please note the deadline to submit an application has been extended to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, 2021, to allow applicants additional time. Applicants are required to take the Substance Misuse Prevention Planning Online Course and now have through July 2021 to complete it. To register: <https://21-55-102.eventbrite.com>.

Districts applying for the TA will be selected July 19. The two selected districts will be eligible for a stipend of \$9,000.00 in year one and \$2,500.00 in year two, to support implementation of action-planning and associated costs.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Paquita Jarman-Smith at jarman-smith@ctserc.org.

Background

This opportunity is aligned with the following priorities (see page 2 of [Connecticut's American Rescue Plan Act, Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund Guidance](#)):

- Family and Community Connections: The complex issues brought about by the pandemic have made it clear that the success of schools, families, and communities are interdependent and all have a stake in students' well-being. Investing in mutually beneficial school-family-community partnerships will not only support students to achieve their full potential, but it will also strengthen families and stabilize communities.
- Social, Emotional, and Mental Health of the Students and of our School Staff: The school community experience during the pandemic has been one of collective challenge and trauma. We must be prepared to use strategic wraparound social, emotional, and mental health supports to restore and successfully re-engage our school communities.

This opportunity also aligns with the Accelerate CT Framework, a bold, redesigned educational response to learning outlined in AccelerateCT (<https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/COVID19/AccelerateCT>) that will promote renewal, reduce opportunity gaps, accelerate learning, and advance equity to allow for the most effective response to the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Over the past two years, the Education Development Center has been working with SERC to develop a set of tools that districts across the state can use to assess their current substance misuse prevention programming and inform the selection of new programs, practices, and strategies. This opportunity is available under a collaborative grant between SERC and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS).

For additional information:

[New Tools to Strengthen K-12 Substance Misuse Prevention Programming - State Education Resource Center \(ctserc.org\)](#)

<https://ctserc.org/news/2019/state-opioid-response-invitation-to-apply-for-technical-assistance>