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Inside the Issue



LET'S HAVE THE CONVERSATION

This issue will share the latest activities in our faith-based initiative. Including the newest in Technical Assistance and the Faith Leadership Academy.



ASKING THE EXPERT

Our recently developed method to connect with the network in a creative avenue to ask addiction experts the tough questions and receive candid feedback.



THE NEW VOICE OF SUD

Giving readers a recap of the SATTC pilot podcast summer/fall season.

LET'S HAVE THE CONVERSATION: ONE VOICE, ONE MISSION HAS MORE IN STORE

SATTC's Faith-Based Strategic Initiative Newest

SATTC is continuing to bridge the gap between community providers, and faith-based leaders in the southeast region. Thus far in the past 8 months, SATTC has ventured into 3 states within the southeast region to conduct listening sessions, revitalized the coveted Faith Leadership Academy, and continues to provide technical assistance to faith-leaders based on their level of readiness to become leading catalyst for change in addressing substance use concerns in their communities of faith.





ASKING THE EXPERT

Whats to come in the southeast region

Ask the Expert is one of SATTTC's newest projects and we are off to a great start! Ask the Expert was created out of the need to continue to provide the substance use and addiction workforce with opportunities to have candid conversations and get real time guidance from experts leading in their area of expertise.

SATTTC piloted a podcast last summer in 2019 and upon the conclusion of the season we wanted to continue to create spaces for the known need to share information and resources. We spend a hour each month opening the door to conversations thus far on stigmatizing language, dealing with the addiction crisis centered in community based support, and the integration of SUD and mental health services into primary care. We invite new topics and new session host to drum up worth while conversations to continue to increase the knowledge of SUDs and emerging hot topics in the field.

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The Faith Leadership Academy (FLA) 2020 cohort has been selected and 15 dynamic faith leaders and substance use professionals will go through an intensive 6 month journey. The FLA will take the cohort through a enriched curriculum that includes a leadership assessment, action learning, and a culminating capstone project for recovery month.

Our 2020 cohort represents over 7 states , including 6 states within the southeast region that SATTTC serves. The cohort comprises the brightest of the substance use field such as peer specialist, chaplains, social workers, registered nurses, addiction counselors, and a multitude of pastors and clergy.

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*Recovery is real and treatment does work!
We want our communities to absorb the passion we have.*

Let's Have the Conversation: One Voice, One Mission has many projects to look out for. SATTTC will continue to improve and add to the initial faith toolkit made available to the region and network and eager to implement new strategies to increase the SUD workforce capacity within the faith settings and more. *To learn more about Let's Have the Conversation: One Voice , One Mission visit our iniative [HERE](#).*



THE NEW VOICE OF SUD: LET'S GROW TOGETHER

Connections and Conversations

We were so excited last summer to launch a pilot podcast. You showed your support and interest from five countries and over 15 states. Over the 6 months we covered topics on youth SUD engagement, social media public health awareness, the evolution of SUD services, genetic and PTSD effects on African Americans, and psychiatric rehabilitative engagement with homeless populations. Additionally, we also hosted two coffee breaks that highlighted some of the new work SATTC is focusing on.

The goal of the podcast is to highlight candid conversations with experts to spark new ideas and research in behavioral health. Moreover, SATTC always wants to develop avenues to provide resources and highlight workforce development opportunities. The New Voice of SUD aims to vocally impact and strengthen the work that we do. *To listen to our first season [CLICK HERE](#).*



total plays



full episodes



coffee breaks

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PRESERVICE PROFESSIONAL HBCU COLLABORATION



On SATTC's Horizon

SATTC aims to stay on the curve of innovative ways to engage our communities we serve. One of the newest projects SATTC has focused on is providing resources and research to preservice professionals while collaborating with historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs).

Through preliminary research, we have found there is a concerning shortage of younger behavioral health professionals, specifically African Americans. SATTC is providing a field perspective through workforce development and college targeted products. We have divided the collaboration into three specific areas of focus with the following goals: providing workforce development resources on substance use and addiction career pathways (HBCU/high school), raising awareness of SATTC's presence as a leading resource for providers and academia regarding substance use disorders (pop-up table exhibiting), and collaborating with academic institutions to provide the tools/strategies for the infusion of substance use training into primary curriculum (faculty infusion packets).

This year from the Preservice Professional HBCU Collaboration be on the look out for peer-reviewed journal articles, toolkits, collaborative events and more. We want to keep millennials and Gen Zers engaged! *Review a related product from the Mental Health ATTC [HERE](#).*

MINORITY TO PRIORITY: BECOMING THE LEADING EXPERT

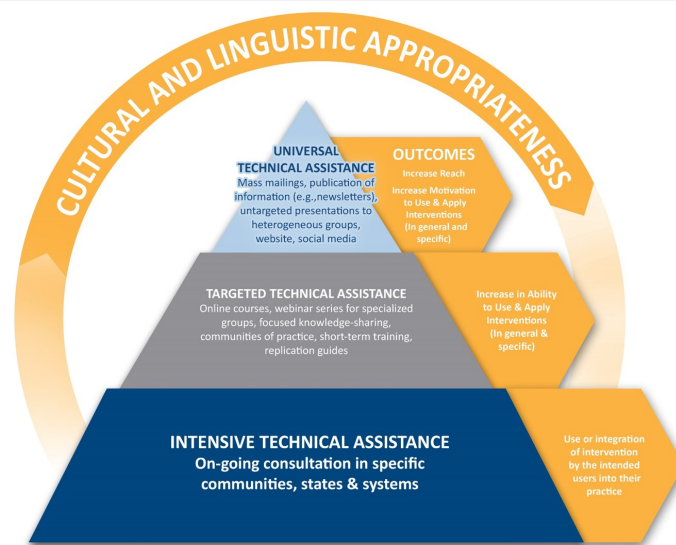
We are proud of the splash we have made with our special population strategic initiative thus far. From products to collaborations, Minority to Priority is determined to turn on the spotlight to why African Americans are important in addressing substance use and retention into treatment. We have developed initial products on what it means to be an African American, evidence based strategies, implicit racial bias and microaggression.

On the horizon for the initiative is a multitude of projects including issue briefs, an expert roundtable, published research, collaborative efforts with Morehouse School of Medicine, and center developed infographics.

To learn more and download resources visit [HERE](#)

UNDERSTANDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The ATTCs support national and regional activities focused on preparing tools needed by practitioners to improve the quality of service delivery and to providing intensive technical assistance to provider organizations to improve their processes and practices in the delivery of effective SUD treatment and recovery services.



Technical assistance services are defined as negotiated series of activities designed to reach a valued outcome. Technical Assistance (TA) falls into one of the following:



Universal - is information provided to independent users through their own initiative, resulting in minimal interaction with ATTC staff.



Targeted - is based on needs common to multiple recipients and not extensively individualized. A relationship is established between the TA recipient and one or more ATTC staff.



Intensive - requires a stable, ongoing relationship between the ATTC program staff and the TA recipient and is provided in accordance with a plan developed between the ATTC and the TA recipient. Intensive TA should result in changes to policy, program, practice, or operations that support increased recipient capacity of improved outcomes at one or more systems levels.]

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SEASONAL FAVORITE

In this seasonal favorite, where we highlight the best of the past month, Phillip Dunston, Ph.D. discusses at our 2019 Summer Institute on Addiction removing the stigma and addressing the issues of substance use disorders. Dr. Dunston is an Associate Professor of Region and Philosophy at Clark Atlanta University.

[VIEW](#)



STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT

We always are looking to improve and need your feedback on how we can do it! We want to know your level of interest into our projects, how many people we are serving, who are most important stakeholders are, and how often we need to connect with readers like you.

[FILL OUT OUR SURVEY](#)



A WORD FROM OUR DIRECTOR

During these uncertain times we are having to transition to a life filled with fear and uncertainty. We are living in a world that we never imagined living. People have lost their lives, jobs and even hope. People are struggling emotionally and mentally, looking for assistance from their fellow man. This makes the work that we do even more important. Here at the Southeast, we are challenging our colleagues to continue moving forward with courage and humility, but most of all love. We are asking that despite what we are facing, despite our own feelings and thoughts, let us look deep in our hearts and allow the light that shines within to illuminate the world around you. Let us move together in peace.

Humbly,

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LOOK FOR OUR FALL NEWSLETTER IN SEPTEMBER

