

Substance Abuse Prevention Skills Training (SAPST)

The Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs has collaborated with SAMHSA's Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies (CAPT) to offer the Substance Abuse Prevention Skills Training (SAPST) to Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) sub-recipients, prevention providers, and prevention coalition partners in the state.

The training includes two components: A self-paced online course entitled "Introduction to Substance Abuse Prevention: Understanding the Basics" and an in-person training. Registrants are expected to participate in both components.

INTRODUCTION TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION: UNDERSTANDING THE BASICS (Online): July 27 - August 7, 2015

This foundational course offers practitioners new to the field of prevention, or working in related fields, an introduction to the history of prevention, key concepts and definitions, specific drug effects, and an informative glimpse into the effects of substance use and addiction on the brain. Participants will learn about:

- Basic terminology and facts
- History of substance use and prevention in the U.S.
- Addiction and the brain
- Effects and health risks of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs

IN-PERSON SAPST TRAINING: August 11-14, 2015 in Mechanicsburg, PA

This 4-day training addresses the following topics:

- Behavioral health
- Institute of Medicine's Continuum of Care
- Public health approach
- Risk and protective factors
- Developmental perspective
- Application of SAMHSA's Strategic Prevention Framework: assessment, capacity, planning, implementation, and evaluation
- Cultural competence and sustainability

To register, visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/register-CAPT-0951>

For questions, please contact Nahia Kassas (nkassas@edc.org)

Registration deadline: July 22, 2015

Availability of Continuing Education Hours

Participants will receive two certificates for training hours – one for 5 hours (upon completion of the online course), and one for 26 hours (upon completion of the in-person training). These certificates can be submitted to your respective credentialing authority responsible for providing certification or approving continuing education credit.