



## Newsletter – Monday, December 4, 2023

**Welcome to the South Carolina Center of Excellence in Addiction newsletter!** Look for this newsletter each quarter to stay up to date on the Center’s work, find out about upcoming educational opportunities, and learn about new and developing opioid use disorder/substance use disorder (OUD/SUD) resources. If you’re not already on our subscription list, please subscribe here: <https://addictioncenterofexcellence.sc.gov/form/news-letter-sign-up>

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- A. Allow us to introduce ourselves...** At the Center, we are dedicated to a “South Carolina for South Carolina” mentality – let’s use the expertise and experience we have right here in our state to share best practices and learn alongside one another. To that end, the Center of Excellence in Addiction is a collaboration among five South Carolina entities: Clemson University, the Medical University of South Carolina, the University of South Carolina, the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services, and the Department of Health and Environmental Control. Learn more about the folks from each of these institutions and agencies who compose our collaborative Leadership Team [here](#).
- B. What we’ve been working on lately...** The Center recently reached out to South Carolina’s county and municipal leaders to learn more about their needs around opioid abatement planning and strategy implementation. Through a short, e-mailed survey and some select follow-up interviews, we hope to understand how we can best support South Carolina’s local leaders as they consider how to address OUD/SUD in their communities using their opioid abatement funds. Responses to this survey will help us target our training and technical assistance opportunities to aid local entities in

meeting their goals. Respondents to the survey will receive discounted registration to the [2024 SC Governor's Opioid and Addiction Summit!](#)

- C. NEW ECHO learning opportunity...** Are you a local leader who wants to learn more about how to implement opioid abatement strategies in your county or municipality? Join the Center's **Project ECHO: South Carolina Community Opioid Response Initiatives (CORI)**! [Learn more](#) about what to expect and [register here](#) for the first virtual learning engagement at noon on Friday, December 8. E-mail [papa@musc.edu](mailto:papa@musc.edu) for more information or see [these detailed directions](#) on registration!
  
- D. Upcoming South Carolina Provider Warmline...** Clinical questions about providing OUD/SUD treatment? The Center of Excellence can help! Our new Provider Warmline is launching later in December and will be available to all South Carolina providers. Clinical providers who are curious about, interested in, just starting to provide, or are actively prescribing OUD/SUD treatment will be able call the Warmline for direct provider-to-provider consultation on clinical questions. Keep an eye on our website and follow [@SCAddictionCoE](#) on X (formerly Twitter) for details!
  
- E. NEW technical assistance opportunity...** Looking for dedicated, South Carolina-led support and mentorship to address OUD/SUD in your community? The Center is excited to announce that we are taking requests for technical assistance from local leaders and community partners in South Carolina. Check out our website for three ways to [submit requests](#) for one-on-one support!
  
- F. Save the Date for...** The Center of Excellence in Addiction is thrilled to be hosting the 2024 SC Governor's Summit on Opioids and Addiction **April 30 – May 1, 2024**, at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. We're hard at work planning an exciting conference that will feature presentations from national, state, and local leaders. We welcome attendees from all professional backgrounds and are happy to announce that we will be providing Continuing Medical Education (CME), as well as Continuing Education (CE) credits for nurses, social workers, counselors, and law enforcement.

Join us to learn more about emerging innovations in prevention, treatment and recovery; the impact of OUD/SUD on family systems; infectious diseases and OUD/SUD; intervention services and harm reduction; stigma; justice-involved solutions; OUD/SUD policy, data and administration of SUD funding; and more. Registration will open in early 2024.

*Have an idea for a presentation at the Summit?* Our call for proposals is open until Wednesday, December 20. Submit your proposal [here](#) through December 20<sup>th</sup>!

**G. Did you know...** The Center of Excellence in Addiction convened the first meeting of our Advisory Board on Friday, October 27! During this day-long meeting, the Advisory Board brainstormed about what success will look like for the Center by providing initial input for our two-year Strategic Plan. We also established that our Advisory Board, composed of a broad array of South Carolina leaders, will meet again in person in Spring 2024 to provide expert guidance, feedback, and direction as we grow and evolve. Learn more about our members and view our meeting materials [here](#).

**H. Opportunities to connect**

- a. Check out the Center's website at <https://addictioncenterofexcellence.sc.gov/>
- b. The SC Center of Excellence in Addiction is on X (formerly Twitter)! Follow @SCAddictionCoE for real-time updates, information, and resource announcements!
- c. Questions? Comments? Ideas? Wish to unsubscribe from this newsletter? Email our Director, Jodi Manz at [jmanz@daodas.sc.gov](mailto:jmanz@daodas.sc.gov)