



Iowa Health and Human Services Prevention Acronyms

Helping Guide Iowa's Prevention
Workforce

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The Iowa Department of Health and Human Services Bureau of Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Services has compiled the following list of acronyms commonly used in the prevention field.

AC4C: Alliance of Coalitions for Change

A statewide network seeking to increase the synergy of substance abuse prevention efforts in Iowa.” For more information, visit <https://ac4c.org/>.

ATOD: Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs

CADCA: Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America

CADCA’s mission is to strengthen the capacity of community coalitions to create and maintain safe, healthy and drug-free communities globally. This is accomplished by providing technical assistance and training, public policy advocacy, media strategies and marketing programs, training and special events. For more information, visit <http://www.cadca.org/>.

CAW: Community/County Assessment Workbook

A workbook/project deliverable designed to assist communities/counties in identifying and prioritizing local, regional, and state level data to inform prevention services.

CEU: Continuing Education Unit

CDC: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CDC collaborates to create the expertise, information, and tools that people and communities need to protect their health through health promotion, prevention of disease, injury and disability, and preparedness for new health threats. For more information, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/>.

CHA CHIP: Community Health Assessments and Improvement Planning

A planning process that local boards of health are required to engage in, at least every five years. CHA CHIP allows for community-wide, stakeholder discussions to identify community health needs to identify objectives and strategies. For more information, visit <https://hhs.iowa.gov/lphs/cha-chip>

CLAS: The National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services in Health and Health Care

The National CLAS Standards are a set of 15 action steps intended to advance health equity, improve quality, and help eliminate health care disparities by providing a blueprint for individuals and health and health care organizations to implement culturally and linguistically appropriate services. For more information, visit <https://thinkculturalhealth.hhs.gov/>.

CPS/ACPS: Certified Prevention Specialist and Advanced Certified Prevention Specialist

CSAP: The Center for Substance Abuse Prevention

CSAP provides leadership and collaborates across sectors to advance prevention across the lifespan. This agency is a part of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). For more information, visit <https://www.samhsa.gov/about-us/who-we-are/offices-centers/csap>.

DEC: Drug Endangered Children

DFC: Drug Free Communities Support Program

A Federal grant program that provides funding to community-based coalitions that organize to prevent youth substance use. Several communities in Iowa have previously held, or currently have DFC

grants. For more information, visit www.whitehouse.gov and <https://www.cdc.gov/overdose-prevention/php/drug-free-communities/index.html>

EBP: Evidence-Based Practices, or Evidence-Based Practices, Programs and Policies

According to SAMHSA, EBPs integrate clinical expertise; expert opinion; external scientific evidence; and client, patient, and caregiver perspectives so that providers can offer high- quality services that reflect the interests, values, needs, and choices of the individuals served.

EPI: Epidemiology

The branch of medicine dealing with the incidence and prevalence of disease in large populations and with detection of the source and cause of epidemics of infectious disease.

IBC: Iowa Board of Certification

IBC credentials prevention and treatment professionals in addictions and other behavioral health fields by promoting adherence to competency and ethical standards. For more information about IBC or becoming a Certified Prevention Specialist, visit www.iowabc.org.

IBHA: Iowa Behavioral Health Association

IBHA works to enhance the effectiveness and resiliency of nonprofit licensed/accredited organizations that provide prevention and treatment services for mental health, substance use and gambling disorders. For more information, visit <https://www.ibha.org/>.

IC&RC: International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium

IC&RC promotes public protection by setting standards and developing exams for credentialing prevention, substance use treatment, and recovery professionals. Organized in 1981, it has a worldwide network of over 50,000 professionals. For more information, visit <https://internationalcredentialing.org/>.

IOM: Institute of Medicine Categories

The Institute of Medicine (IOM) model, often referred to as a continuum of services, care, or prevention, classifies prevention interventions according to their population of focus. Classification by population provides clarity to differing objectives of various interventions and matches the objectives to the needs of the population. The IOM identifies the following categories based on level of risk: Universal, Universal-Direct, Universal-Indirect, Selective and Indicated.

Iowa HHS: Iowa Department of Health and Human Services

Iowa HHS provides high quality programs and services that protect and improve the health and resiliency of individuals, families, and communities. For more information, visit <https://hhs.iowa.gov/>

IPACT: Iowa Program for Alcohol Compliance Training

An alcohol compliance program created by the Iowa Department of revenue, Alcohol and Tax Compliance Division, formally the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division (ABD), in response to legislation mandating its creation. The Department website gives more information about the training, as well as information regarding legal protections for businesses that participate. For more information, visit <https://revenue.iowa.gov/education-outreach/alcohol-tobacco>

IPN: Integrated Provider Network Grant

The Integrated Provider Network (IPN) grant, administered by Iowa HHS Bureau of Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Services, provides statewide, community-based, resiliency-and recovery-oriented system of care for substance use and problem gambling services (prevention, early intervention, treatment, and recovery support). Prevention services are provided through contractors that serve all 99 counties in Iowa.

IYS: Iowa Youth Survey

A survey administered by Iowa HHS that occurs every two years with 6, 8 and 11th grade students. Questions focus on attitudes and experiences regarding alcohol and other drug use and violence, and perceptions of peer, family, school, and neighborhood/community environments. For more information, visit <https://hhs.iowa.gov/performance-and-reports/iowa-youth-health-assessment>

LE: Law Enforcement

LEO: Law Enforcement Officer

MCTC: Midwest Counterdrug Training Center

MCTC is funded through the Department of Defense and administered by the Iowa National Guard. They offer training for law enforcement officers, prevention and treatment professionals as well as military students throughout the United States. In collaboration with Iowa HHS Bureau of Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Services, they are the current provider for Strategic Prevention Framework Application for Prevention Success Training (SAPST) and Substance Abuse Prevention Ethics in Iowa. For more information, visit <https://new.counterdrugtraining.com/>.

NIAAA: National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

NIAAA supports and conducts research on the impact of alcohol use on human health and well-being. For more information, visit www.niaaa.nih.gov.

NIDA: National Institute on Drug Abuse

A federal agency that supports scientific research on drug use and addiction and its impact on health. For more information, visit <https://nida.nih.gov/>.

NPN: National Prevention Network

NPN is an organization of state alcohol and other drug abuse prevention representatives that provides a national advocacy and communication system for prevention. State prevention representatives work with their respective State Agency Directors to ensure effective alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse prevention services in each state. For more information, visit <http://nasadad.org/npn-4/>.

ODCP: Office of Drug Control Policy

Provides guidance, collaboration and coordination of drug control policies at the national and state levels. There is an Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/ondcp> as well as individual state level offices, including the Iowa Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) at <http://www.state.ia.us/odcp/>. These offices provide guidance, collaboration and coordination of drug control policies at the national and state levels.

OJJDP: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

OJJDP provides national leadership to support local and state efforts to prevent delinquency and improve juvenile justice systems. For more information, visit www.ojjdp.gov.

O2DA-S: Overdose Data to Action in States Grant

The Overdose Data to Action in States (OD2A-S) grant, administered by Iowa HHS Bureau of Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Services, is a five-year cooperative agreement funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This grant focuses on the complex and changing nature of the drug overdose epidemic as well as highlights the need for an interdisciplinary, comprehensive, and cohesive public health approach. The grant's surveillance and data collection systems help drive prevention efforts to reduce Unintentional and undetermined overdose deaths from opioids, stimulants and polysubstances. For more information, visit <https://hhs.iowa.gov/behavioral-health/substance-use-disorder/substance-use-prevention-programs/grants-training>

PFS: Partnership for Success Grant

The Partnerships for Success (PFS) grant, administered by Iowa HHS Bureau of Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Services, is a cooperative agreement through SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP). At the state level the grant is Partnerships for Success to Prevent Alcohol Misuse (PFS-PAM). For more information, visit <https://hhs.iowa.gov/behavioral-health/substance-use-disorder/substance-use-prevention-programs/grants-training>

PG: Problem Gambling

PIRE: Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation

An independent, nonprofit organization merging scientific knowledge and proven practice to create solutions that improve the health, safety, and well-being of individuals, communities, and nations around the world. For more information, visit www.pire.org.

PTTC: Prevention Technology Transfer Center Network

Established in 2018 by SAMHSA, the purpose of the PTTC Network is to improve implementation and delivery of effective substance abuse prevention interventions and provide training and technical assistance services to the substance abuse prevention field. For more information, visit <https://pttcnetwork.org/>.

RBST: Responsible Beverage Service Training

Training for those who sell or serve alcohol on how to do so responsibly (i.e., not providing service/sales to those under 21 or overserving).

RFA: Request for Application

An application to apply for continued grant funding.

RFP: Request for Proposal

An application or proposal to apply for new grant funding.

ROSC: Recovery Oriented System of Care

Iowa Definition of a ROSC: A ROSC supports person-centered and self-directed approaches to care that build on the strengths and resilience of individuals, families and communities to take responsibility for their sustained health, wellness, and recovery from alcohol and drug problems and problem gambling. A ROSC offers a comprehensive menu of services and supports that can be combined and readily adjusted to meet the individual's needs and chosen pathway to recovery. ROSC is consumer and family driven, timely and responsive, person centered, effective, equitable and efficient, safe and trustworthy, and maximizes use of natural supports and settings.

SAMHSA: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

An agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that leads public health efforts to advance the behavioral health of the nation. SAMHSA's mission is to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities. For more information, visit www.samhsa.gov.

SAPST: Strategic Prevention Framework Application for Prevention Success Training

A four-day training, required for certification as a Certified Prevention Specialist. This training is offered two to three times per year through collaboration between the Iowa HHS Bureau of Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Services and MCTC. For more information, visit <https://new.counterdrugtraining.com>

SEWPPAC: State Epidemiological Workgroup Prevention Partnerships Advisory Council

The State Epidemiological Workgroup (SEW) was started in 2006 through a grant provided To HHS by SAMHSA. The Prevention Partnerships Advisory Council (PPAC) was established in 2009 as a requirement of the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG) through SAMHSA. Recently these groups joined efforts to create one council (SEWPPAC). The council is

comprised of approximately 45 state and local members from across Iowa representing a variety of organizations. The SEWPPAC meets quarterly and corresponds more frequently as needed. For more information, visit <https://hhs.iowa.gov/advisory-groups/prevention-advisory-council>

SPF: Strategic Prevention Framework

A planning process developed by SAMHSA for preventing substance use and misuse. The five steps (Assessment, Capacity, Planning, Implementation, and Evaluation) and two guiding principles (Sustainability and Cultural Competence) of the SPF offer prevention professionals a comprehensive process for addressing the substance misuse and related behavioral health problems facing their communities. The effectiveness of the SPF begins with a clear understanding of community needs and involves community members in all stages of the planning process. For more information, visit <https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/20190620-samhsa-strategic-prevention-framework-guide.pdf>.

SPF Rx: Strategic Prevention Framework for Prescription Drugs

A grant funded by SAMHSA and administered by the Iowa HHS Bureau of Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Services, designed to raise awareness about the dangers of sharing medications and to work with pharmaceutical and medical communities on the risks of overprescribing to young adults. SPF Rx raises community awareness and provides prescription drug abuse prevention activities and education to schools, communities, parents, prescribers, and their patients.

SPTAC: Strategic Prevention Technical Assistance Center

A SAMHSA national training and technical assistance system dedicated to advancing the application of culturally responsive, evidence-informed substance misuse prevention efforts. For more information, visit <https://www.samhsa.gov/sptac>.

YLI: Your Life Iowa

A resource funded by Iowa HHS under the Division of Behavioral Health. YLI contains information, resources, and connections to local professionals to address alcohol, drugs, gambling, suicidal thoughts or mental health. For more information, visit <https://yourlifeiowa.org/>.