

# Collaborating to Address Substance Abuse and Suicide: Selected Resources

Across the country, prevention practitioners are working tirelessly to reduce rates of opioid abuse, overdose, and suicide. These efforts require practitioners working across the suicide and substance abuse fields to collaborate in new ways. To support these efforts, SAMHSA's Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies (CAPT) and Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC) have developed a variety of resources to support collaboration. Examples are included below. To access additional resources, visit the CAPT website at [www.samhsa.gov/capt/](http://www.samhsa.gov/capt/) and the SPRC website at [www.sprc.org/](http://www.sprc.org/).

**Prevention Collaboration in Action Toolkit.** The toolkit includes stories that contribute to collaboration success and 30+ tools and worksheets to help prevention practitioners initiate, strengthen, and maintain collaborative relationships in their communities. Available at: <https://captcollaboration.edc.org/> Select tools include:

- **Levels of Collaboration.** Stakeholders can work together in many different ways, for many different reasons. This chart presents four levels of collaboration, ranging from simple to complex. Available at: <https://captcollaboration.edc.org/tool/levels-collaboration>
- **Dos and Don'ts of Collaborative Leadership.** This tool explores practical tips for leading collaborative teams, organized around five key areas for healthy and engaged groups. Available at: <https://captcollaboration.edc.org/tool/dos-and-donts-collaborative-leadership>
- **Growing Your Collaboration: Preparing for Recruitment.** Effective recruitment takes planning. This tool presents the four phases of successful recruitment, starting with doing your homework. Available at: <https://captcollaboration.edc.org/tool/growing-your-collaboration-preparing-recruitment>
- **How Are We Doing? Evaluating Your Collaboration.** This tool presents considerations for evaluating your collaboration, common functions to evaluate, and instruments that measure these functions. Available at: <https://captcollaboration.edc.org/tool/how-are-we-doing-evaluating-your-collaboration>

- **Opportunities for Engaging Partners to Prevent Opioid Overdose-Related Deaths.** This tool highlights different sectors prevention practitioners may want to engage in opioid overdose prevention efforts, along with opportunities for meaningful engagement. Available at: <https://captcollaboration.edc.org/tool/engaging-partners-prevent-opioid-overdose-related-deaths>

**State Suicide Prevention: Partnerships.** Part of a broader virtual learning course, this module explores state and community collaboration related to suicide prevention, highlighting questions that commonly arise in the process of establishing and maintaining these partnerships. Available at: <http://www.sprc.org/state-partnerships-module>

**Substance Abuse and Suicide Prevention Collaboration Continuum.** This toolkit contains a collection of practical tools and resources to help suicide prevention practitioners working in state, tribal, campus, and community settings build and strengthen connections with their substance abuse prevention and treatment counterparts. Available at: <http://www.sprc.org/resources-programs/sprc-substance-abuse-and-suicide-prevention-collaboration-continuum>