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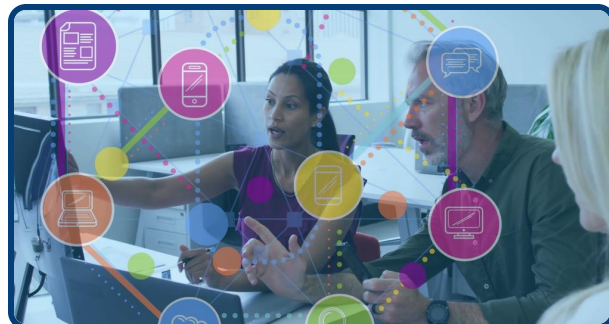
[Innovations Institute](#), at the UConn School of Social Work, in partnership with the [Family-Run Executive Director Leadership Association](#) (FREDLA), leads the [NTTAC](#). With our partners, we provide training and technical assistance for the implementation of the systems of care approach for states, jurisdictions, territories, and Tribes. [More](#).

Learning Communities Launched!

During this first year of the NTTAC, we have launched two Learning Communities designed to support participants in

strengthening practice, addressing common implementation challenges, and building connections and common goals across roles. Peer Practice Circles - role based so that those in similar roles can learn from one another and discuss their work. Please explore and join!

- [Family Leadership Learning Community](#)
- [Systems of Care Leadership Learning Community](#)



For technical support in registering, contact the Help Desk via the [Online Chat](#) or innovationshelp@uconn.edu.

Implementation-Driven Training & Technical Assistance

We deliver responsive, practical, and outcomes-focused technical assistance:



Universal: Accessible, evidence-informed resources, online learning modules, products, and quarterly newsletters that increase awareness, strengthen workforce capacity, and support adoption of effective practices.

Tailored: Virtual learning communities with learning forums aligned with contextual challenges, workforce needs, and stages of implementation. Specifically for CMHI and SFN grantees, NTTAC offers role-based Peer Practice Circles, customized consultation, and tailored problem-solving aligned with stages of implementation.

For CMHI and SFN grantees:

Intensive: Individualized coaching and consultation includes rapid response support and data-driven TA plans designed to support grant goals, objectives, and needs assessments to strengthen service array and system design, sustainability, and long-term implementation success.

[Learn more & access NTTAC Training & Technical Assistance.](#)

Lived Experience at the Center

The lived/living experience of youth and families is foundational to informing services, systems, funding and policies in children's mental health. NTTAC is committed to infusing lived/living experience throughout our operations, tasks, and support to the field.

"Children's mental health systems are strongest when they are built together with youth and families. Lived experience brings critical insight, connection, and hope to the work...and strengthens decision-making, improves accountability, and helps create supports that reflect the needs and experiences of children, youth, and families."

— **Monique Zantop, Peer Parent Expansion Coordinator, Michigan DHHS**

SAMHSA-funded Grant Programs

SAMHSA's Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for SFN and CMHI grants were released for 2026 and awards are pending. They are included here to



help grantees understand and prepare for program implementation requirements.

[Statewide Family Network](#)
[Children's Mental Health Initiative](#)

New SAMHSA Publications

[Serious Emotional Disturbances in Children, Youth, and Young Adults](#)

[Cross-System Collaboration to Support Children and Youth With Behavioral Health Needs and Their Families](#)



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***Together, we're building the future of child, youth, and family mental health—
and we look forward to sharing every step of the journey with you.***

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