ECHO IN THE FIGHT AGAINST OPIOIDS

Project ECHO was created at the University of New Mexico Health Science Center in 2003 in order to connect community providers with specialists at the university to combat hepatitis C across New Mexico. Quickly, the program was adapted to other health care and educational fields. Project ECHO provides web-based education and support for those in rural areas and we hope to implement the Project ECHO Model in our fight against opioid abuse in the Gulf Bend Region.

As part of implementation, our team will provide ECHO EMPOWER sessions to providers and peer recovery specialists on factors associated with OUD, stigma, treatment of pain for patients with OUD, mental health issues, resources to support recovery and trauma-informed care. We believe this education will provide a wealth of resources, support and education for those who are supporting persons in recovery. To learn more about the ECHO model, please visit [https://echo.unm.edu](https://echo.unm.edu).

UPCOMING EVENTS

HRSA GRANTEE MEETING:
On January 31, 2020, our team will host a regional grantee meeting for those who have received RCORP grants in Texas. Individuals from a variety of backgrounds will lead and join in panel discussions, training sessions and networking opportunities. If you or an individual at your organization is interested in attending, please contact Linnae Hutchison, Director of Research, at llhutchison@tamu.edu to RSVP and request additional information about the event.

CBHEC’s 3rd ANNUAL OPIOID AND PAIN MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE:
On February 22, 2020, the Coastal Bend Health Education Center (CBHEC) will host its third annual Opioid and Pain Management Conference in Corpus Christi. Early bird registration closes February 10. For more information, visit: [https://secure.touchnet.com/C21490_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=9567](https://secure.touchnet.com/C21490_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=9567)

TIMELINE

December 2019: Submitted Gap Analysis to HRSA
January 2, 2020: Completed Strategic Plan
January 31, 2020: HRSA Regional Grantee Meeting
March 1, 2020: Workforce Plan Due
Spring 2020: Sustainability Plan Due