

Southeast Rural Opioid Technical Assistance Regional Center



Project Description

The Southeast Rural Opioid Technical Assistance Regional Center (ROTA-RC) is an integral initiative under the Stoop's Center for Communities, Families, and Children (CFC Center) umbrella at the Florida State University College of Social Work. Under the grant, the CFC Center is partnered with the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) Cooperative Extension Program and the Department of Social Work to assist in the outreach, education, and engagement of rural communities in the region.

ROTA-RC develops and disseminates training and technical assistance to address opioid and stimulant use affecting rural communities in the eight states in Region 4. We expand awareness of opioid and stimulant use, harm reduction, and options for treatment in collaboration with our Southeastern Higher Education Rural Opioid Consortium (pictured to the right).

Southeastern Higher Education Rural Opioid Consortium Map





Project Timeline

The two-year project launched in September 2022. Throughout the project's second year, the ROTA-RC project team will continue to address the opioid epidemic that significantly affects rural communities in the region at an unprecedented level. The project will continue providing cutting-edge online training on opioid misuse and related disorders, evidence-based prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery services. By December 2023, the project aims to accomplish its content development goals, including creating training programs, certifications, and courses, primarily focusing on their widespread dissemination and training.



Project Achievements



2 Courses developed



14 Webinars with live Q&As



2 Professional certifications developed



1 Podcast developed



2 Interactive map locators with over 700 treatment facilities and harm reduction resources



2,850 Trained in harm reduction, prevention, treatment, and/or recovery of OUD and/or stimulant use disorders



2,055 Continuing education units awarded



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