



Application

Policy Action Micro Academy: From Readiness to Policy Implementation

Overview

The Policy Action Micro Academy is an advanced-level, comprehensive, four-session virtual training designed to equip decision-makers and key influencers in the field of substance misuse prevention with the skills and knowledge needed to write evidence-based, population-level policies and advocate for meaningful policy change. Participants will delve into the intricacies of creating and managing policy development in the context of working with organizations committed to advancing population-level change.

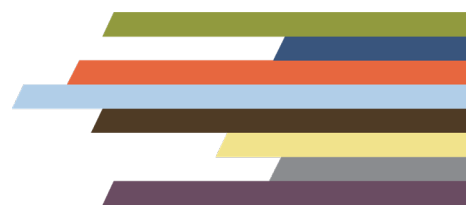
Throughout the Micro Academy, they will work on developing a policy initiative of their choosing, with the goal of reducing substance misuse in their communities. Between sessions, they will have the opportunity to engage in coaching sessions that provide intensive technical assistance, allowing them to refine their policy work, receive personalized guidance, and navigate real-world challenges.

This academy will empower participants to develop evidence-based policies, foster organizational readiness, and take systematic steps toward creating policies that promote healthier communities and address substance misuse.

Who Should Participate

This Micro Academy is an advanced-level training specifically designed for organizational decision-makers and key influencers. Ideal participants are those who lead or guide organizational strategies, shape prevention priorities, or have the authority to initiate or influence policy efforts.

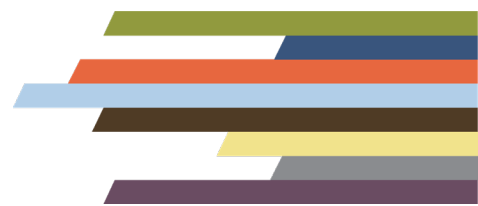
Acceptance is limited to community, tribal, jurisdiction, and state-level substance misuse prevention practitioners and allied health partners located in the Pacific Southwest region, including American Samoa, Arizona, California, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Hawaii, Nevada, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.



4. What specific policy issue do you hope to develop during the Micro Academy?

5. What are you most interested in learning about policy work through this Micro Academy?

6. What are some barriers or challenges to implementing policy changes (e.g., things that have prevented you from starting policy work, or impeded the implementation of a new policy)?



7. Have you successfully implemented policies in the past? If so, what kind of policies?

8. How do you plan to apply the skills gained from this Micro Academy in your community or organization?

