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SAMHSA's Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies (CAPT) is a national training and technical assistance system committed to strengthening prevention systems and building the nation's behavioral health workforce.

The CAPT works closely with SAMHSA-funded grantees— including states, jurisdictions, and Federally-recognized tribes and tribal entities—to:

- Implement the five steps of SAMHSA's Strategic Prevention Framework
- Use data to inform decision-making in all aspects of planning, implementation, and evaluation of prevention programs, practices, and strategies

The CAPT provides services across the ten U.S. Department of Health and Human Services regions. A national core team provides overall program directions and ensures the delivery of consistent and high-quality technical assistance services and crossregional collaboration. Five regionally-based resource teams are staffed by seasoned prevention practitioners who work and reside in their regions, and who have experience working with the varied demographic, language, and cultural groups they serve.

CAPT services are designed to help grantees:

- Better understand substance abuse, particularly underage drinking, and related behavioral health problems based on careful review of epidemiological data
- Prepare and mobilize prevention systems and resources to address the needs of populations at risk
- Develop strategic plans that link identified prevention needs to clear, measurable outcomes
- Select and implement evidence-based programs, practices, and policies, including environmental strategies
- Enhance the evaluation capacity of innovative substance abuse prevention programs and practices
- Evaluate the effectiveness of prevention strategies that have been implemented

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