

Executive Summary

Implications of Substance/Opioid Misuse and Addiction for the Workforce Development System

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Substance abuse, and in particular opioid misuse and addiction, is a national epidemic. Drug overdoses killed about 72,000 Americans last year, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

Workforce development professionals must have increasingly greater awareness of the issue and its impact on participants and employer partners as well as on workforce service delivery. The U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration hosted this webinar to discuss Federal efforts to support communities in addressing these challenges. Participants also learned about the Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) approach to the delivery of early intervention and treatment to people with substance use disorders and those at risk of developing these disorders.

Key personnel who should listen to this webinar include program directors or managers, program coordinators, case managers, outreach and recruitment coordinators, supportive services personnel, and other personnel that work directly with participants.

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