



Updates

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Synar Updates

STATE FY25 (FFY 2026) SYNAR STUDY

The study timeframe will be **December 9, 2024 – February 28, 2025**, or **March 7, 2025 – May 30, 2025**. This is dependent upon which group you are in.

- Group 1: **Regions 2 and 3** are December 9 – February 28. If you are requesting an extension due to extenuating circumstances, you must submit the request in writing to DAODAS by **February 14, 2025**. Paperwork must be mailed to DAODAS by **March 7, 2025**.
- Group 2: **Regions 1 and 4** are March 7 – May 30. If you are requesting an extension due to extenuating circumstances, you must submit the request in writing to DAODAS by May 9, 2025. Paperwork must be mailed to DAODAS by **June 6, 2025**.

Regions 2 and 3 must complete the “Synar Regulation: Implications for South Carolina” training on Relias between October 18, 2024, and November 8, 2024. Regions 1 and 4 must complete the “Synar Regulation: Implications for South Carolina” training on Relias between January 17, 2025, and February 7, 2025.

If an outlet you have received exists, as far as you know, but is not in your county, you must inform state Synar staff **by December 6, 2024 (Regions 2 and 3), or by February 27, 2025 (Regions 1 and 4)**. You can lose your bonus for not doing this.

During the initial review process, if the coordinator has reliable knowledge that an outlet does not sell cigarettes and/or electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS), the outlet could be marked for non-consideration and replaced. **All outlet exclusions must be confirmed with a telephone call or a physical site visit to ensure that the business does not sell tobacco products.** If an outlet is deemed to not sell cigarettes and/or ENDS, inform DAODAS by **December 6, 2024 (Regions 2 and 3) or by February 27, 2025 (Regions 1 and 4)** to receive a replacement outlet. Questions: email prevention@daodas.sc.gov

FY2025 Synar Important Dates and Instructions

Please follow the instructions below to complete the Synar Study during FY25. Note that the terms "Youth Access to Tobacco Survey (YATS)" and "Synar Study" will be used interchangeably; they are the same thing. **The study timeframe and protocols are listed by group. Group One = Region 2 and Region 3. Group Two = Region 1 and Region 4.**

FY2025 Synar Important Dates and Instructions			
Please follow the instructions below to complete the Synar Study during FY25. Note that the terms "Youth Access to Tobacco Survey (YATS)" and "Synar Study" will be used interchangeably; they are the same thing. The study timeframe and protocols are listed by group. Group One = Region 2 and Region 3. Group Two = Region 1 and Region 4.			
Pre-YATS Tasks - Group One (Regions 2 and 3)	Deadline	Pre-YATS Tasks - Group Two (Regions 1 and 4)	Deadline
Provide the name, email address and phone number for the Synar Study Coordinator and Back-up coordinator for your county(ies). Email to Prevention@daodas.sc.gov	10/25/2024	Provide the name, email address and phone number for the Synar Study Coordinator and Back-up coordinator for your county(ies). Email to Prevention@daodas.sc.gov	1/10/2025
Complete the mandatory Annual Synar Training and email Prevention@daodas.sc.gov the training completion certificates (with your names printed or signed on the certificates)	10/18/2024-11/8/2024	Complete the mandatory Annual Synar Training and email Prevention@daodas.sc.gov the training completion certificate (with your name printed or signed on the certificate)	1/17/25-2/7/25
YATS Timeframe - Group One (Regions 1 and 4)	Deadline	YATS Timeframe - Group Two (Regions 2 and 3)	Deadline
Outlet Verification (start recruiting youth and adult volunteers during this time) Outlet list will be provided by November 7 th Prevention Quarterly	12/6/2024	Outlet Verification (start recruiting youth and adult volunteers during this time). Outlet list will be provided by February 6 th at the Prevention Quarterly Meeting	2/27/2025
Complete the Synar Study	12/9/24-2/28/25	Complete the Synar Study	3/7/25-5/30/25
Request an extension due to extenuating circumstances	2/14/2025	Request an extension due to extenuating circumstances	5/9/2025
Send all YATS forms to DAODAS at 1801 Main Street, 12th Floor, Columbia, SC 29201 (see the Synar Manual); postmarked by:	3/7/2025	Send all YATS forms to DAODAS at 1801 Main Street, 12th Floor, Columbia, SC 29201 (see the Synar Manual); postmarked by:	6/6/2025

STEP Updates

Counties can earn STEP points for some or all of the following efforts:

- Conducting tobacco compliance checks,
- Reporting new tobacco outlets and cleaning their list frame,
- Merchant Education,
- Tobacco Education Program,
- Point-of-Sale Taskforce development,
- Merchant Pledge(s),
- Establishing multi-jurisdictional law enforcement agreements around tobacco.

Please use the following designated STEP email address to ask DAODAS questions regarding STEP:

daodas.stepprogram@daodas.sc.gov

Additionally, all templates, forms, and the new STEP Cover Sheet are on the SC Documents webpage: Search STEP. Submit by **Friday, June 6, 2025**, for points to be counted this fiscal year.

TEP Updates

Updated Process

The following steps must be followed before an individual is allowed to facilitate TEP on their own:

Individual must take the Relias self-paced recording of the new TEP curriculum. Then send this certificate to DAODAS.

Individual must attend a TEP TOT taught by a certified TEP instructor/facilitator.

Individual must facilitate a TEP class while being observed by a Certified Facilitator.

- At this point you will email DAODAS for access to the password-protected TEP materials located on the DAODAS website.
- This can be done with the certified facilitator attending virtually or in-person. The certified facilitator must provide feedback at the end of the observed class for the in-process facilitator in order for certification to be complete.

TEP COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- a. Region 1: Dana Brock
- b. Region 2: New Member Needed
- c. Region 3: Trevor Brown
- d. Region 4: Sandra Wigfall, Tonya Avery

PREP Updates

All materials are on DAODAS

website: <https://www.daodas.sc.gov/services/prevention/merchant-initiatives/>

PREP Training Materials- this is a password protected site

Password will be provided via email once staff members complete TOT

TOT training on Relias: The video can be found under the following title and individuals can self-enroll **South Carolina Palmetto Retailers Education Program Training of Trainers 2022 (PREP TOT)**

Please use the fillable forms-all names and addresses should be typed into the new forms-handwriting is difficult to read and postage is being wasted when cards are returned to the agency.

Committee will meet in near future to discuss any updates/revisions

*****Mailing Update: If your class has 10 or more participants, the class will be mailed to one address.*****

AET Updates

NIAAA Fall/pre-Holiday Resources

[Stay mindful of alcohol's adverse effects on health this fall | National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism \(NIAAA\) \(nih.gov\)](#)

[Support your team and your guests: Tips for hosting a party including guests who may not be drinking | National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism \(NIAAA\) \(nih.gov\)](#)

[Holiday party? Here are tips for hosting a party including guests who may not be drinking | National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism \(NIAAA\) \(nih.gov\)](#)

AET OOTH Holiday Social Media Calendar – COMING SOON!

Masterword Updates

Current Translations

For your reference, here is a list of materials currently translated or in process:

CTC Survey – Spanish

DAODAS Standard Survey – Spanish

Open Conversations Materials – Spanish

- Palm Cards
- Bookbag and Conversation Jar Starters
- Conversation Catchers

PREP Participant Manual and Certification Test:

- Hindi
- Gujarati
- Spanish
- Portuguese
- In Process: Turkish

Open Conversations Placemats and Cards – In process: Spanish

One Fake Pill Can Kill material – In Process: Spanish

Embrace Recovery: Language of Recovery – In Process: Spanish

Out of Their Hands Logo – In Process: Spanish

Open Conversations, JPK, and Embrace Recovery Campaign Updates

Utilizing various funding sources (SOR 25, State funds, ARPA, SUPTR BG, etc.):

DAODAS is working with State Procurement to post two RFPs: The first RFP will be for a media firm that can assist with developing content for running PSA spots for each campaign on various mediums (network/cable TV, streaming services and over-the-top television) during the grant.

The second RFP will be for DAODAS to secure a vendor that can provide content development and management of the three campaign's social media platforms when the previous vendor contract ends (February 2025-September 2025). The scope of work will include development of content (to include the creation of graphics), weekly management of the campaigns' social media channels and placement of content via paid and organic posts.

Finally, DAODAS will continue to work with various vendors such as I-Heart media for terrestrial radio and streaming platforms; National CineMedia (NCM) to air PSA messages before new release movies in the theaters across the state; and work with colleges/universities in South Carolina to place ads on the college campus venues such as football, basketball and baseball stadiums, digital boards in the library, dining hall and student centers. DAODAS will also seek additional large-scale events in SC to place messages in the communities such as high school state championship sporting events, NASCAR, SC State Fair, etc.

Open Conversations – Spanish Order Form Link



GMS/Prevention Data Portal Updates

Reporting Updates will be deployed Monday, November 11th (Veteran's Day Holiday). Reminder will be sent out on Friday.

Reporting - Volunteer Hours

- Created a new report titled “Volunteer Hours” to display time entry for Volunteer participation.
- Organization and County are filtered based on the authenticated user’s Organizations.
- Grant is filtered based on the Organization.
- Objective is filtered based on Grant.
- Performance Measure is filtered based on Objective.
- All filter criteria is required to run the report, except Volunteer ID.

NOTE: The Volunteer Hours report will be updated in a future sprint to allow reporting at the Grant level as well as more granular at the Performance Measure level.

Override Start Date	<input type="text"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NULL	Override End Date	<input type="text"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NULL	View Report
Year	2024		Reporting Period	Calendar Year for the period Jan 1 - Dec 31		
Strategy	Community-Based Process		County	Pickens		
Organization	Behavioral Health Services of Pickens County - J200AGC039		Grant	SAPBG22.PREV.Primary.PIC.20220701-20230630		
Objective	Community-Based Process-Needs Assessment-Underage Drinking		Performance Measure	Needs Assessment: By June 30, 20		
Volunteer Type	Volunteer Id		Volunteer Id	<input type="text"/>		

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Volunteer Hours

Organization: Behavioral Health Services of Pickens County - Reporting Period: 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2024

J200AGC039

County: Pickens

Grant: SAPBG22.PREV.Primary.PIC.20220701-20230630

Performance Measure	Volunteer Type	Volunteer Id	Direct Hours/Min*	Indirect Hours/Min*	Total Hours/Min*
Needs Assessment: By June 30, 2023, Behavioral Health Services of Pickens County will conduct focus groups reaching 30 youth in Pickens County on the dangers of underage drinking.					
	Volunteer ID	09302024Z	2	8.5	10.5
	Volunteer ID	09252024Y	1.5	16	17.5
			3.5	24.5	28

*Hours/Mins are rounded up to the nearest 15 minutes.

Portal Updates: Add Strategy Description: Introduced a description under each Strategy on the portal Prevention page.


[Contact Us](#)
[Prevention](#)
[My Forms](#)


[Home](#) > **Forms List**

From the drop down menu under each CSAP Strategy, please select the form to complete for the service implemented. Data from each form submitted will be applied to the Performance Measure selected on the form. Once a form is submitted, it cannot be edited without assistance from DAODAS. Please contact DAODAS at prevention@daodas.sc.gov if you need assistance editing a form that has been submitted.

Where staff participants are captured, in the event a contact is not available, please contact DAODAS at prevention@daodas.sc.gov.

Community-Based Processes ▾

Provides ongoing networking activities and technical assistance to community groups or agencies using action planning and collaborative systems planning.

Information Dissemination ▾

Characterized by one-way communication from the source to the audience, with limited contact between the two.

Environmental ▾

Establishes or changes written and unwritten community standards, codes, and attitudes, thereby influencing incidence and prevalence of the abuse of ATOD.

Education ▾

Involves two-way communication and is distinguished from Information Dissemination by the fact that interaction between the educator and/or facilitator and the participants is the basis of its activities.

Alternatives ▾

Participation of target populations in activities that exclude ATOD use.

Problem ID & Referral ▾

Aims to identify those who have indulged in illegal/age-inappropriate use of ATOD, and those who have indulged in the first use of illicit drugs, in order to assess whether their behavior can be reversed through education. This strategy does not include any activity designed to determine if a person is in need of treatment.

Portal - Update Java Script to hide fields on READ ONLY forms: Updated the JavaScript on submitted forms to hide the fields listed below that are not relevant to the form content (example below)

Form Name	Fields to Hide
AET Casual Contacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dropbox Location Meeting Minutes section Presentation Type Weight of Medication Collected (round up to nearest lb)
Alcohol and Drug Free Social & Recreational Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dropbox Location Presentation Type Weight of Medication Collected (round up to nearest lb)
Clearinghouse/Information Resource Centers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dropbox Location Meeting Minutes section Presentation Type Weight of Medication Collected (round up to nearest lb)
Community and Volunteer Training/Technical Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dropbox Location Weight of Medication Collected (round up to nearest lb)

Portal - Set Required Fields: Added a “required to submit” error message to the forms listed below to set fields as required upon **submission**

Example: Multi-Agency Coordination/Collaboration/Coalition Meetings

Strategy	Form Name	Fields
Community-Based Process	Multi-agency Coordination/Collaboration/Coalition Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Date and Time ● Targeted Population ● Total Number Served

Updated Synar Form to be like the compliance check form. One form will be completed per Synar visit

Added JavaScript to the forms listed below to validate the Demographics for Age, Race, Gender, and Ethnicity are complete AND the counts in each section equal the field to increment the Amount on the Performance Measure.

Form Name	Demographics Validation Field
Controlled Party Dispersals	Total # of Individuals at Party (estimate)
Public Safety Checkpoints	Estimated # of Cars
Public Safety Saturation Patrols	Total Number Served
Shoulder Tap Operations	# of People Approached
Bar Checks/Fake Id Sweeps	# of Patrons in Establishment

One more additional update will be deployed in December.

SOR Updates

Intervention Services: Harm reduction contracts for overdose reversal agent, fentanyl test strips and xylazine test strips are in the process of being sent out to agencies.

Primary Prevention Services: DAODAS is working on an RFP to fund up to 10 local community coalitions or non-profit organizations to implement evidence-based primary prevention educational programs with the goal of reducing the consequences of opioid misuse among youth and young adults in South Carolina.

A minimum of 100 school-aged youth/young adults from each site, for a total of 1,000 across the state, will be reached each year of the grant. The organizations will select an evidence-based program from a list provided by DAODAS and must be implemented with fidelity to maximize the potential for desired positive programmatic outcomes.

In addition to the requirement of implementing the educational program, funded sites must also select other primary prevention strategies to implement based on their local community data. Strategies can include information dissemination, alternative and/or environmental primary prevention activities to increase protective factors and reduce risk factors among youth and young adults related to opioids and stimulants in their community.

Working on developing a web-based application for youth/young adults similar to Washington State's "Check In With Yourself" app ([Check-In With Yourself – Young Adult Emotions & Health](#))

Upcoming Trainings – Prevention Pop Ins

Prevention Pop In: Advocacy and Community Organizing (Deborah DePaoli)

Nov 12th 2:00-3:30 via Zoom

Prevention Pop In: STEP Overview (Kallie Snipes)

Nov 21st 2:00-3:30 via Zoom

Prevention Pop In: Transdisciplinary Supervision (HOPE WWR)

December 10th 10:00-11:00 via Zoom

*Future Prevention Pop Ins will be sent out via email in January.



Advocacy



STEP Overview



Transdisciplinary Supervision



Upcoming Trainings

Prevention Pop In – Call for
Presenters!!



2024 Conference: November 18-20

The 37th National Liquor Law Enforcement Association Annual Conference will be held in **Wilmington, North Carolina** in conjunction with the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, Alcohol Law Enforcement Division. Check out the conference details and registration [HERE](#)



HIGH IN PLAIN SIGHT: CURRENT DRUG TRENDS

This FREE workshop is for school administrators, educators, law enforcement, first responders, probation officers, treatment providers, medical personnel, coalition members, and parents.

Attendees will gain the knowledge and confidence to help prevent and quickly identify:

- Alcohol and/or drug use and abuse trends, to include Vaping, THC products, etc.
- Indicators of possible at-risk individuals
- Products, stash compartments, clothing brands, lingo, music lyrics, etc.



National Presenter:
Officer Jermaine Galloway
AKA Tall Cop



THURSDAY, FEB 20, 2025
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Central Carolina Technical College Building
M400- Room M401
506 N. Guignard Dr., Sumter SC 29150
Registration begins at 7:45am

Hosted by Sumter Behavioral Health Services
&
Clarendon Behavioral Health Services

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE
REGISTER SOON!



Questions: Scott Myers
fsmyers1972@gmail.com
or 843-307-4229

High in Plain Sight: Current Drug Trends

Thursday, February 20, 2025

8:30 am –12:30 pm

Central Carolina Technical College Building
506 N. Guignard Drive
Sumter, SC 29150

Hosted by Sumter Behavioral Health and
Clarendon Behavioral Health Services

HIGH IN PLAIN SIGHT
Current Drug Trends
FREE EVENT FOR ALL FIRST RESPONDERS

This event is open to outside agencies from the entire region including SRO's and Hospitals.

Tuesday December 10th, 2024
8:30AM-11:30AM

Speaker:
Jermaine Galloway

Gateway Conference Center
3200 Commerce Dr, Suite C Richburg, SC

Contact April Spruell-COSSUP Coordinator:
803-377-6188

TALL COP SAYS STOP
YOU CAN'T STOP WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW

Registration Link for December 10th:

[High in Plain Sight: Current Drug Trends Event for First Responders](#)

-DAODAS Tall Cop Training: Monday, Feb 3rd in Columbia

- More information to come.

35th ANNUAL NATIONAL LEADERSHIP**FORUM**SAMHSA's 21st Annual Prevention Day**February 3-6, 2025** Gaylord National, National Harbor, MD

Join us from **February 3 – 6, 2025** for the premier training event for community leaders, coalition members, and advocates committed to the prevention field. CADCA equips coalitions with the tools, knowledge, and support necessary to create positive change in their communities, and this year's Forum promises to be our most impactful yet. With over 4,000 attendees from across the globe, we will share insights, learn best practices, and network with like-minded professionals. Featuring over 100 workshops, plenary sessions with renowned speakers, and countless opportunities for professional development, the 2025 CADCA Forum is your chance to gain the resources needed to drive positive change. And the ever-popular SAMHSA Prevention Day and Capital Hill day will be highlights for all to experience.

[Individual Registration](#)



The 2025 Lifesavers Conference provides a national platform with approximately 70 workshops in ten tracks, plenary sessions, and an extensive exhibit hall. The Lifesavers Conference program is designed to engage federal, state and local government, law enforcement, public health, injury prevention, advocacy, and non-profit organization professionals in an exchange of ideas, strategies, and programs to reduce preventable injuries and deaths.

Don't miss this opportunity to network with highway safety professionals highlighting research to practice efforts across the country!

lifesavers25.eventscribe.net/aaStatic.asp?SFP=TkxXTkhRV1VAMTk3NDc



Rx and Illicit Drug Summit

The largest national collaboration of professionals from local, state, and federal agencies, business, academia, treatment providers, and allied communities impacted by prescription drug misuse and illicit drug use. **This year it will be held April 21-24, 2025, in Nashville, TN.**

[Register | Rx and Illicit Drug Summit 2025](#)

11th Biennial Northwest Alcohol and Substance Abuse Conference

July 14-15, 2025

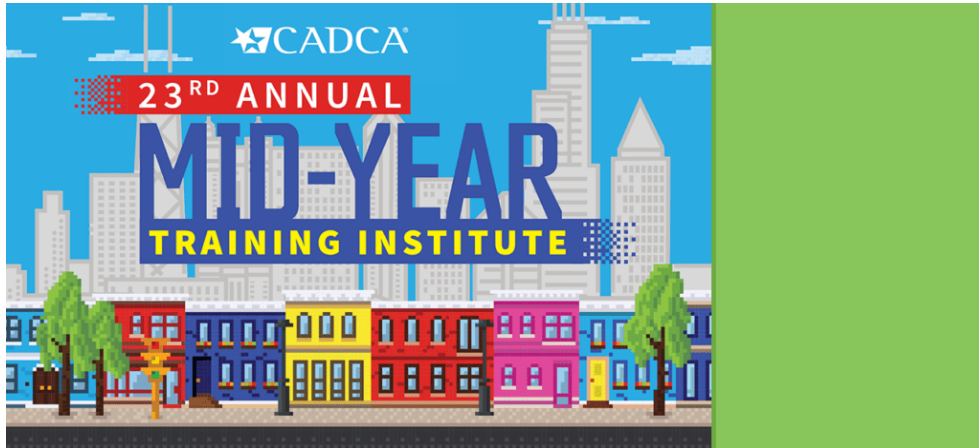
Boise Riverside Hotel Conference Center

2900 W. Chinden Blvd., Boise, Idaho



At the Northwest Alcohol (& Substance Abuse) Conference, many types of individuals come together to collaborate, learn, network, and share ideas on drug and alcohol abuse prevention. Attendees include police officers, juvenile probation officers, educators, government leaders, prevention specialists, coalition leaders, and many others. The Northwest Alcohol Conference considers itself one-of-a-kind, with the focus on collaboration rather than one type of audience.

[Call for Proposals Is OPEN!](#)



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Held for 4 days during the summer, the Mid-Year Training Institute (MYTI) offers in-depth, interactive training sessions geared specifically for community coalition leaders and staff. MYTI also includes two levels of training for the National Youth Leadership Initiative activities (i.e., Key Essentials and Advanced). From fundamentals of coalition building and strategic planning to evaluation and research, you will walk away motivated and inspired.

The next event will take place at the Gaylord Opryland, located in Nashville, TN from July 20–24, 2025.

More information will be posted on the website soon.



National Prevention Network

The 2025 National Prevention Network Conference will be hosted from **August 11-13, 2025**, at the Grand Hyatt Washington in Washington, D.C.

Details will be posted on the website in the upcoming months.

[NPN Conference](#)

UPCOMING DAODAS PREVENTION TRAININGS FOR 2025:

FEBRUARY 12, 2025

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

[Prevention Ethics Refresher \(February 2025\)](#)

MARCH 24-27, 2025

March 24, 2025 @ 8:30 am - March 27, 2025 @ 4:00 pm

[SPF Application for Prevention Success Training \(March 2025\)](#)

MAY 13, 2025

May 13, 2025 @ 9:00 am - May 14, 2025 @ 2:00 pm

[Prevention Ethics \(May 2025\)](#)

Upcoming meetings for 2025:

- February TBD-changing due to CADCA
- May 1, 2025
- August 7, 2025
- November 6, 2025



National Prevention Week is a public education platform showcasing the work of communities and organizations across the country that are preventing substance use and promoting positive mental health.

Purpose of National Prevention Week

Each Year, Our Work Includes:

- Involving communities in raising awareness of substance misuse and mental health issues, implementing prevention strategies, and showcasing the effectiveness of evidence-based prevention programs.
- Fostering partnerships and collaborations with federal agencies and national organizations dedicated to improving public health.
- Promoting and disseminating quality substance use prevention and mental health promotion resources and publications.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the South Carolina DAODAS website. The browser's address bar shows the URL ncweb.pire.org. The website header features the DAODAS logo and the text "South Carolina Prevention/Evaluation Resources". A contact email, prevention@daodas.sc.gov, is visible in the top right. Below the header, there are two tabs: "Search" and "Browse by Category". The "Search" tab is active, showing a search input field with the text "Step". To the right of the input field are buttons for "SEARCH", "SHOW ALL", "CLEAR", and "HELP". Below the search bar, there is a dropdown menu set to "10" entries. A table of search results is displayed with the following columns: Title, Category, and Subcategory.

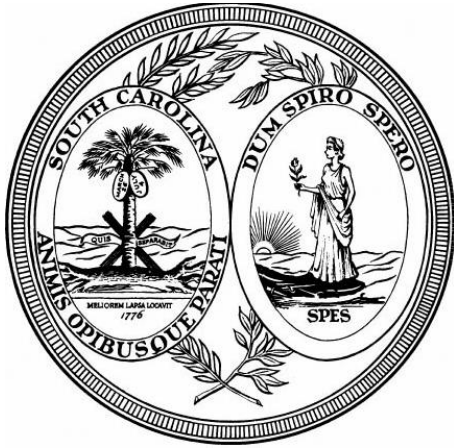
Title	Category	Subcategory
A Guide to SAMHSA's Strategic Prevention Framework	Strategic Prevention Framework	
STEP Manual	Synar	
STEP Points	Synar	
STEP Points Submission Cover Sheet	Synar	
STEP Tobacco Prevention Strategies Graphic	Synar	
Synar Tobacco Enforcement Partnerships (STEP) graphic	Synar	
Synar Tobacco Enforcement Partnerships (STEP) Rewards Graphic	Synar	

Evaluation Link



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Questions?



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