

# PROCCER

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- The Training and Certification Program for Drug and Violence Prevention, Treatment, and Rehabilitation (PROCCER)
- Developed by OAS/CICAD aimed at the following goal:
- The goal of the project is to facilitate the implementation of a high quality, standardized, competency-based training programme in substance abuse prevention, treatment and rehabilitation and to provide certification for the human resources to work in the Caribbean.
- To develop a career path for persons desiring to work in the area of substance abuse prevention and/or treatment in the Caribbean.

# COURSE MATERIAL

- Originally developed in Spanish and implemented in Central America in 2007-2010
- PROCCER was translated to English, reviewed and adapted for the Caribbean context
- Two tracks were developed:
  - Prevention track
  - Treatment & Rehabilitation
- Each track consisted of five (5) modules:

# PREVENTION TRACK-MODULES

- Module 1: Minimum Quality Standards for a Drug Abuse Prevention Programme
- Module 2: Initial Assessment (Needs Assessment)
- Module 3: Models of Intervention and Planning for Drug Abuse Prevention
- Module 4: Communicating Strategies and Outcomes of Drug Abuse Prevention Programmes
- Module 5: Outcome Evaluation of Drug Abuse Prevention Programmes

# TREATMENT TRACK-MODULES

- Module 1: Understanding Substance Misuse: A trans-disciplinary perspective
- Module 2: Professional Ethics and Education for the Patient, Family and the Community
- Module 3: Clinical Evaluation and Coordinating Services
- Module 4: Treatment Plans
- Module 5: Counselling Skills (individual, group and family)

# ROLE OF UWI IN PROCCER

- To implement a quality assurance system for the training programme for persons who work in substance abuse prevention.
- To implement a quality assurance system for the training programme for persons who work in substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation.
- To monitor and evaluate the training programme.
- To certify persons who are trained.
- To implement a system for recertification after a specified period of time.

# THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS

- PROCCER was a Special Project of UWI-Mona
- Managed under the Section of Psychiatry of the Department of Community Health & Psychiatry
- Participants receive a certificate indicating successful completion of the course of training once they met course requirements
- UWI to develop a tract that will allow University recognized certification across the region

# THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS

There are three main evaluation processes that allowed for participants to be certified:

1. *Course Assignments*- Each module in both the treatment and prevention tracks required a coursework assignment.
2. *Final Multiple Choice Examinations*: These examinations consisted of 50 questions each. This was conducted under University examination conditions with two invigilators for each examination.



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*3. Practical/Oral Examination:* For this component of the examinations an external examiner

- The Practical examination consisted of participants' presentation of the Prevention Plan to the External Examiner as well as they were required to implement one activity associated with this plan.
- This consisted of an oral examination. An External examiner evaluated participants based on vignette cases given to them one week prior to exam date. Participants evaluated based on knowledge, skill and attitude.

# BENEFIT OF CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

- Certificates provide evidence of successful completion of a training in substance abuse prevention and treatment
- The UWI insignia shows that the training was endorsed by UWI
- Training designed in a way that certificates can be used as a stepping stone for advancement in proposed UWI programme.

# COMPLETIONS

Completions to date:

- 12 Caribbean countries have had participants who have completed one or both tracks of the PROCCER
- There are a total of 541 persons in the region who have been trained and received certificates of participation
- See breakdown [here](#)

# CERTIFICATION NUMBERS

COUNTRY	TRACK	SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION
JAMAICA	PREVENTION	39
JAMAICA	TREATMENT	42
ANTIGUA	PREVENTION	17
ANTIGUA	TREATMENT	20
SURINAME	TREATMENT	19
SURINAME	PREVENTION	23
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	PREVENTION	20
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	TREATMENT	26
BAHAMAS	PREVENTION	22
BAHAMAS	TREATMENT	27
ST KITTS & NEVIS	PREVENTION	28
ST KITTS & NEVIS	TREATMENT	29
BELIZE	PREVENTION	26
BELIZE	TREATMENT	21
BARBADOS	PREVENTION	28
BARBADOS	TREATMENT	25
ST VINCENT & THE GRENADINES	PREVENTION	18
ST VINCENT & THE GRENADINES	TREATMENT	24
GRENADA	PREVENTION	37
GUYANA	PREVENTION	32
DOMINICA	PREVENTION	18
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>541</b>

# NEXT STEPS-COURSE DEVELOPMENT

- Wrap Up processes for treatment training in Guyana, Grenada and Dominica
- UWI submission to Undergraduate Board for Undergraduate programmes in Substance Abuse Treatment
- Child & Adolescent Programme

# OTHER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES IN SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT

- WHO/PAHO's MhGap: Mental Health Gap Action Programme (mhGAP)
- Primarily geared towards interventions at the level of primary care providers, it offers resources in the form of a tool kit to help general medical practitioners and nurses address and treat mental health concerns.
- This tool kit includes resources for alcohol and tobacco cessation management
- More than 30 doctors and nurses have been trained using this tool kit in Jamaica and is widely available for implementation through WHO/PAHO