

Your Professional Edge

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Developing Competence | Advancing Credentials | Creating Connection.

DEVELOPING COMPETENCE

Resources for Professional Growth

- 1) Revised [Rhode Island Exam Study Guide](#). This Guide was designed as a study aid to help prevention professionals prepare for and pass the Prevention Specialist Certification Exam
- 2) Connect with a like minded agency or colleague in your area.
- 3) Innovate on Funding. Diversify to thrive. Your entire mission collapses when a single grant ends or political priorities shift. Federal grants are one stream, not the ocean.

Consider the "70/20/10" Rule:

70% of effort on core grants,
20% on cultivating local private donors/businesses,
10% on exploring truly innovative models
(e.g., social impact bonds, fee-for-service).

Did you connect with your [IC&RC Member Board](#) or [PTTC Region](#) to discover the latest in your area?

ADVANCING CREDENTIALS

Certification Focused Training

- 1) [Spring Prevention Professional Conference](#) online
March 24-26, 2026 9-12, 1-4 CT 18 CEH's
The theme is "A Blueprint for Sustained Momentum: Assessing and Strengthening the Five Pillars of Your Prevention Program"
- 2) [ATOD Specific Training](#) online- The Call for Presentations is open at <https://preventiontrainingservices.org/call/>
May 20-22, 2026 18 CEH's
- 3) [TIP's Professional Trainer Course](#) Online
May 26-28, 2026 8:30 am- 5:00 pm CT 20 CEH's
"A Professional Development Course for trainers, instructors and presenters."

CREATING CONNECTION

Network with Peers in Prevention

1) **Spotlight:** [Montag Forward Solutions](#) - Bridging Passion and Expertise in Prevention with Louise Montag. She is on a mission to empower leaders and organizations with the tools, knowledge and confidence to create lasting change in their work, lives and community.

2) **Association Network:** Whether you're just getting started or ready to scale your impact, there's a Prevention Leaders membership tier designed to meet you where you are; **Professional, Supervisor, Entrepreneur.**



"Get Connected: You don't have to do prevention work alone."

Question of the Month: "What is something you do to prevent burning out?"
Share wisdom with your peers at [Question of the Month](#) or scan the QR code
Answers will be in next month's [Professional Edge](#)



February QoM- **"What is a great way to retain staff?"**

The best way to retain staff is to create a community of belonging after finding out what motivates them.

Invest in your people as humans who are unique individuals - see them, hear them, respect them. Paraphrasing a quote - people don't leave jobs- they leave environments where they feel unheard, undervalued, or stuck.

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to your peers and fellow prevention professionals.*

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or networking connection for the Professional Edge?
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"Developing a Competent Workforce"

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"The only thing worse than training employees and losing them is not training them and keeping them." – Zig Ziglar