

Your Professional Edge

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Developing Competence | Advancing Credentials | Creating Connection.

DEVELOPING COMPETENCE

Resources for Professional Growth

1) **Campus Drug Prevention**- <https://www.campusdrugprevention.gov/> The Drug Enforcement Administration is pleased to provide institutions of higher education and their surrounding communities with these resources to prevent drug misuse among college students. They are committed to promoting the importance of prevention and its role in helping ensure the health and safety of our nation's college students.

2) It is spring, what are you planting today in your professional garden that will produce fruit this summer?

3) **Cultivate New Champions**. Identify who can be what: a Speaker (tells their story), a Connector (opens doors), an Advocate (meets with policymakers). Your risk if this is weak: You have no authentic voices in the community backing your work, making you seem like an outside agenda. Champions are force multipliers.

Did you connect with a like-minded agency or colleague in your area?

ADVANCING CREDENTIALS

Certification Focused Training

ATOD Specific Training Online May 20-22, 2026 18 CEH's

TIP's Professional Trainer Course Online May 26-28, 2026 20 CEH's
"A Professional Development Course for trainers, instructors and presenters."

Prevention Ethics Refresher 3 hrs June 9, 2026

Prevention Basic Ethics— 6 hrs June 9, 2026

CPS Preparation Course 4 hrs June 11, 2026
"Are you prepared to pass the certification exam?"

Prevention Educator Competency Training July 7-9, 2026
*"A basic overview of prevention developed for the **new** Prevention Educator"*

Certification Coaching Starting July 14
"More than just passing the exam, it's about becoming a competent prevention specialist"

Transformational Training Design August 11-13, 2026
"Learn how to design and develop a presentation or training where learners walk away with a new skill or knowledge that they can immediately apply."

CREATING CONNECTION

Network with Peers in Prevention

1) **Spotlight:** [Shelly Tole-Barnes](#) with [ADACDET](#) fashioned a great graphic for April-

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The design came during a discussion during the [Certification Coaching Community](#) .

We were talking about taking 420 back.

Michele suggested “**we can skip it or flip it**”, Shelly drew the logo and we all agreed that this was something that could be used during our April campaigns.

I don’t know if this is going “viral” but I love when we collaborate and create together.

Feel free to modify or use this design in any of the excellent prevention work you are doing.

Thanks Shelly and the entire Coaching Community Cohort- you all are amazing.

[Prevention is Better Together!](#)

420- Skip it or Flip it

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Skip It or Flip It
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Zero Use/ 24 hrs. per day

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 a prevention awareness slogan you are using or one you saw and thought it was great?”



Share wisdom with your peers at [Question of the Month](#) or scan the QR code
Answers will be in next month’s [Professional Edge](#)

March QoM- March 2026: What is something you do to prevent burning out?

No answers were received :(

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