

How The Evidence-Based Workgroup (EBW) Can Support Your Substance Misuse Prevention Efforts

What is the Evidence-Based Workgroup (EBW)?

Established in 2018, the Evidence-Based Workgroup (EBW) supports the State Department of Health's Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division (ADAD) to enhance the state system of substance misuse prevention in its use of a data-driven and evidence-based approach. The EBW is a collaborative team of experts and volunteers who work alongside community partners to build capacity, select and implement proven strategies, and use data effectively so prevention efforts have the greatest possible impact statewide.

How Can the EBW Help You?

We are here to help you navigate the complexities of prevention work by providing support:

How does the EBW support prevention providers?

The EBW can help you select evidence-based programs, practices, and policies that fit your goals and community needs. You can also get technical assistance on interventions, logic models, planning, and implementation so your work is grounded in strong prevention science.

Can the EBW help with data and evaluation?

Yes. The EBW offers guidance on data collection strategies that strengthen your reporting now and may help your program qualify as evidence-based in the future.

What about implementation quality and fidelity?

You can receive support to improve monitoring and ensure your program is delivered with fidelity to its core components.

Can the EBW help with cultural alignment?

Absolutely. The EBW can work with you on adapting programs in culturally meaningful ways while maintaining the integrity of the evidence-based model.

Does the EBW offer training?

When needed, the EBW can provide structured presentations or training on specific prevention topics to support your team's capacity.

How Can You Connect With Us?

Ready to connect? Submit technical assistance requests through ADAD, find more information at spfhawaii.org, or reach out directly to Kathleen Gauci (kt728@hawaii.edu) with your questions and ideas.