

Tobacco-Free Recovery Learning Community Application

Purpose of Tobacco-Free Recovery Learning Community: Support states/territories/nations in using inclusive processes to convene Leadership Academies to develop and implement a Tobacco-Free Recovery Action Plan that meaningfully contributes to reduction in commercial tobacco use for people with mental health and/or substance use conditions.

If you have any questions about Tobacco-Free Recovery Learning Community application or your eligibility to participate, please contact CoE-TFR Project Director, David Davis, at ddavis@caiglobal.org and Project Manager, Nicole Fillion, at nfillion@caiglobal.org.

[Click here](#) to review the CoE-TFR Tobacco-Free Recovery Learning Community Charter and [click here](#) to apply

For an at a glance look at information you will be sharing in your application, see below:

Application Information

1. Contact Information

- Organization/Agency Name
- State, U.S. Territory, Native Nation
- Address
- Key contact information
- Proposed State Team members

2. Reason for Applying:

- Why are you interested in participating in the Tobacco-Free Recovery Learning Community?

3. Previous and/or Current Activities - Advancing health equity by reducing tobacco use among people with behavioral health conditions is a national priority. We know states may already be addressing this priority. This is an opportunity available to all states; however, priority will be given to those who have not already convened a Leadership Academy in the past. We strive to meet you where you are and aim to tailor our approach to align with your current and local context.

- Has your state ever convened a Leadership Academy to address Tobacco-Free Recovery?
- Does your state/territory/native nation have a plan that details actions that state, partners (internal and external), and people with lived experience and

their families can take to drive reductions in tobacco use among people with behavioral health conditions?

4. Current Context – Please answer the questions below to the best of your ability

- To what extent does your state/territory/ native nation collaborate and coordinate activities between tobacco and behavioral health divisions/departments?
- Do you have access to data that describe tobacco use rates for people with mental health and/or substance use conditions?
- To what extent does your state/territory/native nation provide insurance coverage for tobacco cessation treatment that is comprehensive, barrier-free and widely promoted?
- To what extent does your state/territory/native nation engage or partner with individuals with lived experience with mental health and/or substance use disorders and their families to inform the development and implementation of action plans to reduce tobacco use?

5. Additional Information

- Is there anything else you would like us to know about you or your application?

Over 18 months, starting in March 2025, 4 states will convene and work together, and in their own state, to develop and implement state-specific action plans to reduce tobacco use among people with mental health and/or substance use conditions. Key activities and timelines associated with participation in the Learning Academy are described below. **Please review and ensure you are available during the dates listed in blue.**

Table 1. Tobacco-Free Recovery Learning Community Timeline of Key Activities- Cohort 2

Activity	Month	Time
Dissemination of Learning Community Application	December 16, 2024	3pm ET
CoE-TFR Learning Community Overview and Application Process Webinar	January 14, 2025	2-3pm ET
Applications Due	February 14, 2025	5pm ET
Review of applications including 30-minute interviews	February 15- March 1, 2025	TBD
Selection of states/territories/native nations announced	March 3rd	5pm ET
Learning Community Kick-off Orientation Webinar	March 12, 2025	3-4pm ET

Completion of Pre-Work Assignments	March 12 - May 15, 2025	5/15/2025, 5pm ET
Learning Community In-Person Opening Session	June 11-12, 2025	2 full days in NYC
Learning Community Virtual Session 1	September 18, 2025	2-4pm ET
States Convene State/Territory/Native Nation-Specific TFR Leadership Academies	October-December 2025	TBD
Learning Community Virtual Session 2	January 14, 2026	2-4pm ET
Learning Community Virtual Session 3	March 11, 2026	2-4pm ET
Learning Community In-Person Closing Session	May 12, 2026	9-5pm ET in NYC
TA to plan Leadership Academy	March 2025-December 2025	Monthly huddles
TA (on site) toward Leadership academy design session	July – December 2025	TBD
TA toward implementation of TFR Action Plan	January-June 2026	TBD
Leadership Academy Learning Community Summative Congress (All Cohorts - 12 states/territories/native nations)	2028	TBD