

# PROJECT ECHO

Linking opioid addiction professionals with providers in local communities

**OVERVIEW:** Through both in-person and virtual connections, the Division of Behavioral Health works with partners to provide Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) - **hub-and-spoke knowledge sharing networks** - to professionals seeking continuing education and/or complex case review with a team of clinical experts in the area of opioid addiction medicine.

**KEY PARTNERS:**

- Avera Health
- University of South Dakota



## ABOUT PROJECT ECHO

Project ECHO is a **learning and guided practice model** that revolutionizes medical education and increases workforce capacity to provide best-practice specialty care and reduce health disparities. The heart of the ECHO model™ is its **hub-and-spoke knowledge-sharing networks**, led by expert teams who use multi-point videoconferencing to conduct virtual clinics with community providers!

## PROJECT ECHO NETWORKS IN SOUTH DAKOTA

### Avera Health teleECHO Hub

#### Opioid Use Disorders & Medication-Assisted Treatment

The goal of this program is to increase the capacity of clinicians to safely and effectively treat opioid addiction through the use of Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT). Avera's teleECHO Hub is staffed by clinical experts that actively treat opioid addiction with MAT. Hub calls generally include a 15-20 minute presentation followed by 30-35 minutes of case-based learning. The program is open to all healthcare professionals.

To register for the bi-monthly Avera Health teleECHO Hub, visit: <https://avera.cloud-cme.com>

### University of South Dakota teleECHO Hub

#### Addiction Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder and Understanding the Assessment of Pain and Implementing Alternative Pain Management Strategies

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Established to better connect addiction treatment professionals, counselors and primary care providers from across South Dakota, delivering education and case-based learning on best-practice care regarding treatment for opioid addiction and pain management.

<sup>1</sup>Project ECHO. University of New Mexico School of Medicine. 2019. <https://echo.unm.edu/>.

If you or someone you know is struggling with opioid addiction - don't wait. Reach out.

[www.AvoidOpioidSD.com](http://www.AvoidOpioidSD.com)  
South Dakota Opioid Resource Hotline  
**1-800-920-4343**

For more information about Project ECHO for opioid addiction, please contact DSS, Division of Behavioral Health at 605-367-5236.

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