

# PROJECT ECHO®

Linking addiction experts with providers in local communities

**OVERVIEW:** In an effort to support professionals seeking resources, case study review, and connection to their peers in the area of opioid addiction medicine, Department of Social Services, Division of Behavioral Health has supported capacity-building for Project ECHO® (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) in South Dakota. The hub-and-spoke knowledge sharing network is used to facilitate complex case review with a team of clinical experts and is accessible at no cost.

## 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 network**, led by expert teams who use multi-point videoconferencing to conduct virtual clinics with community providers!

## PROJECT ECHO NETWORKS IN SOUTH DAKOTA

### Avera Health ECHO

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

- 8 total sessions with 78 total participants
- June 6, 2019 - December 5, 2019

#### Substance Abuse, Mental Health, and Medication-Assisted Treatment

- 20 ongoing sessions with over 400 participants as of September 2020
- To register for the weekly Avera Health teleECHO Hub, visit <https://echo.zoom.us/j/182867969>

### University of South Dakota ECHO

#### Chronic Pain and Opioid Management

- 9 total sessions with 148 total participants
- January 16, 2020 - May 7, 2020

#### Maximizing Telehealth

- 8 total sessions with 323 total participants
- June 18, 2020 - August 6, 2020

#### Stimulant Use in South Dakota

- 7 sessions beginning October 2020
- October 28, 2020 - December 9, 2020
- To register for the USD Opioid ECHO Sessions visit [www.usd.edu/echo](http://www.usd.edu/echo) or email [OpioidECHO@usd.edu](mailto:OpioidECHO@usd.edu)

<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 addiction - don't wait. Reach out.

[www.AvoidOpioidSD.com](http://www.AvoidOpioidSD.com)  
South Dakota 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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