



THE “A” TEAM: BUILDING SYNERGY IN PRE-SERVICE PROVIDER TRAINING, HIV, AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

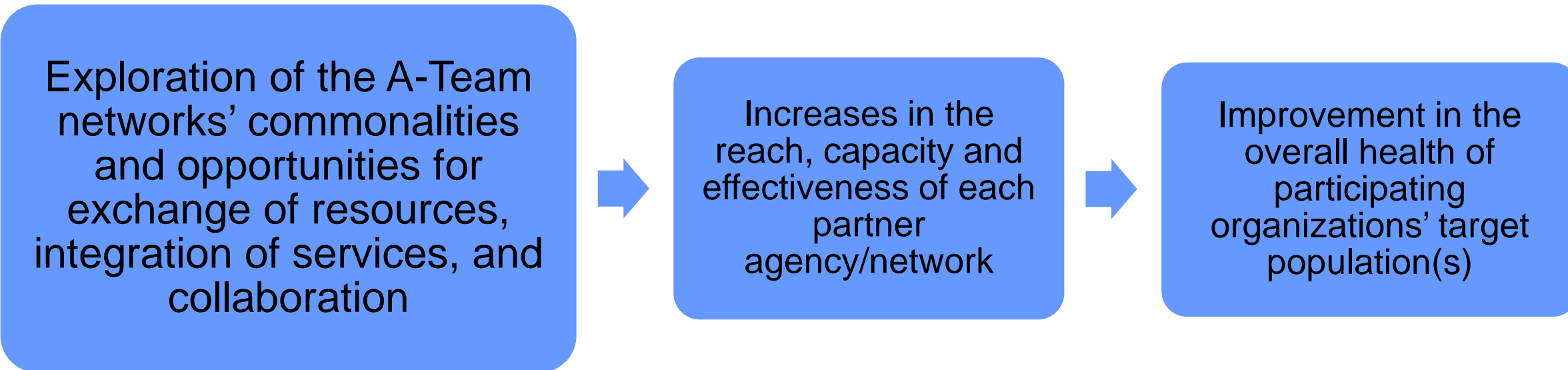
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Why We Started

The A-Team was first convened on April 11, 2012, with an ambitious goal:

- ❖ To improve the overall health of the participating organizations' target populations



Who We Are

AETCs

AHECs

ATTCs

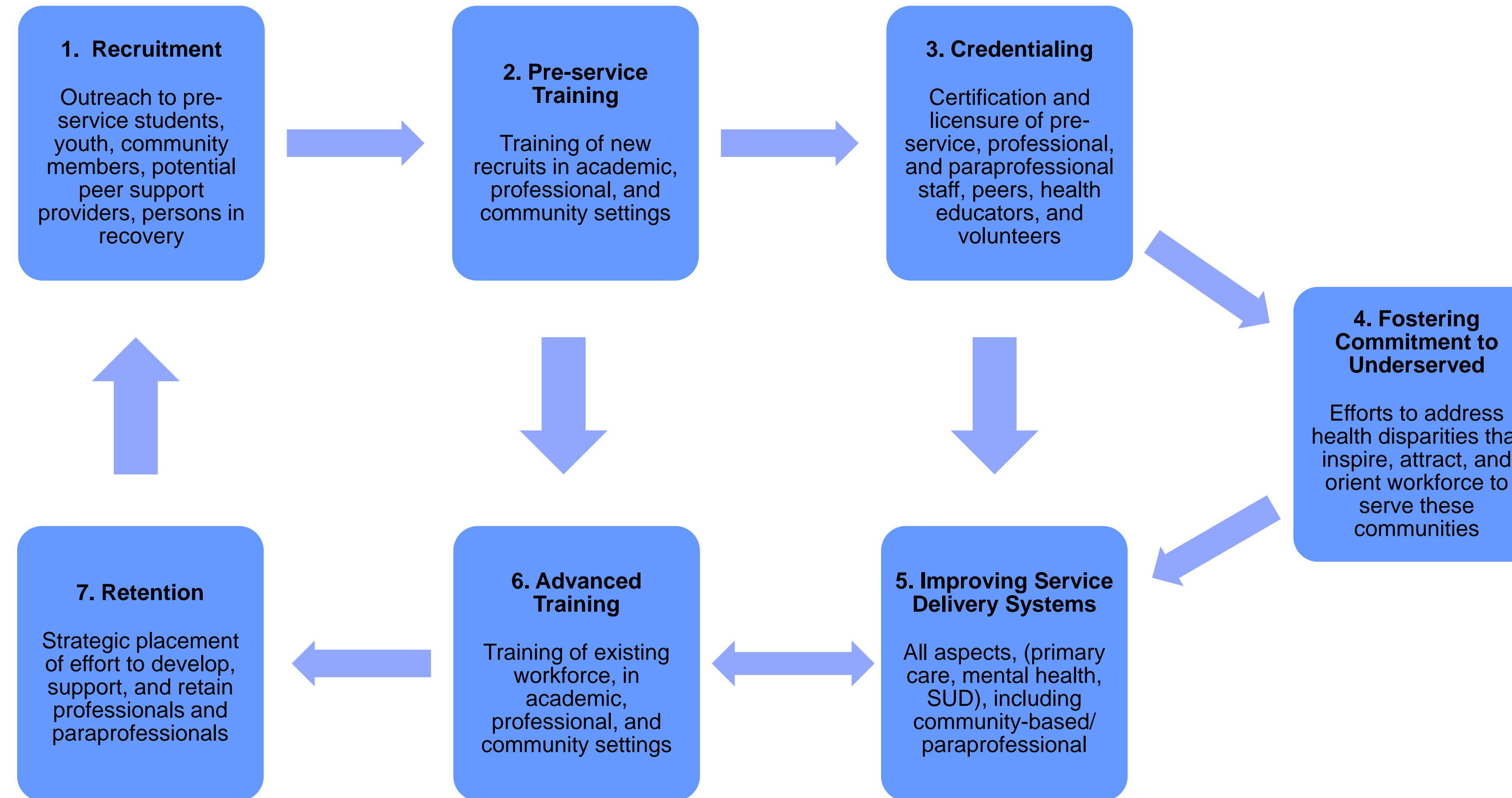


Convened by:

SAMHSA/HRSA, Region V

Where We Can Have An Impact

Health Care Workforce Development Functions



The Way Forward

(some of our ideas)

- ✓ Foster collaboration between IL-AHEC and SAMHSA to create a multi-disciplinary practicum program designed to give public health, behavioral health and counseling students exposure to community-based prevention efforts and policy initiatives
- ✓ Focus on the possibility of developing an “SBIRT-Plus” model that will include not only brief screening for substance use disorders (abuse and dependence), but also for mental health conditions (including serious mental illnesses) and HIV. Begin with self-education on SBIRT (underway)
- ✓ Create a distance-based program for substance use disorder and mental health training, a collaborative effort of MATEC and the ATTCs. Disseminate this program using the IL-AHEC network. (in discussion)
- ✓ Discuss ways in which the ATTCs and AHECs might help the AETCs improve their response to other issues
- ✓ Engage MATEC and ATTCs in IL-AHEC career awareness events, to encourage careers in mental health and addictions counseling
- ✓ Share information about routine HIV testing throughout the ATTCs and the IL-AHEC network. (underway)