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**Ensuring Access After Emergencies through Emergency Preparedness Education and Continuity of Operations Planning in Substance Use Disorder Medical Treatment Facilities in Nashua, NH**

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**Abstract:**

Topic: Substance use disorder medical treatment facilities in the Greater Nashua Public Health Region lack comprehensive, all-hazards emergency plans. This creates an inequity in the continuum of care for substance use disorder patients during states of crisis or emergency.

Description: This project focuses on ensuring comprehensive emergency planning and continuity of operations planning in SUD medical treatment facilities in the Greater Nashua Public Health Region through the development of a generalizable and customizable emergency preparedness plan. The plan developed in this project is applicable to any SUD facility and is customizable to fit specific facility needs. Gaps and barriers to emergency planning in SUD medical treatment facilities are identified and addressed through the review and assessment of current plans already in place. Emergency preparedness trainings given to staff of SUD medical treatment facilities as part of the emergency plan were also evaluated for effectiveness and evaluated for the ability of trainings to ensure that medical treatment staff can get to work in an emergency in order to provide vital treatment to clients.

Recommendations: Engage stakeholders in the development of emergency preparedness plans to ensure the most effective and comprehensive plan development process. Identify gaps and barriers to emergency preparedness planning in SUD medical treatment facilities prior to staff training and emergency plan construction.

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**Primary geographic focus of the program or study:**

NH, USA

**Learning outcomes:**

* Demonstrate how to build an effective and facility specific emergency preparedness plan for substance use disorder medical treatment facilities.
* Identify effective methods of delivering emergency preparedness training to substance use disorder medical treatment staff.

**Target Audiences:** Substance use disorder medical treatment staff and emergency preparedness staff

**Keyword(s):** Emergency Preparedness, Accessibility

**Learning Areas:**

Conduct evaluation related to programs, research, and other areas of practice  
Implementation of health education strategies, interventions and programs  
Occupational health and safety  
Planning of health education strategies, interventions, and programs  
Program planning  
Social and behavioral sciences

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