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Greetings,

ASTHO is recruiting coroners and medical examiners to participate in a new training and technical assistance opportunity *Project ECHO: Overdose Fatality Investigation Techniques (OD-FIT)*. The purpose of this opportunity is to train coroners and medical examiners on investigating and completing the death certificate for overdose deaths through a hub and spoke model known as ECHO.

The opioid epidemic has increased the burden on coroners and medical examiners and highlights the need for additional training and mentoring. Additionally, many medical examiners and coroners feel isolated from peers and training resources, making it difficult for professionals to collaborate and share knowledge.

Participants will join monthly virtual sessions through July 2021. Each session will be 90 minutes long and will include a didactic presentation, case presentations from participants, and time for peer-to-peer discussion.

- Where: Zoom Virtual Platform
- When: Last Tuesday of each month, 3:00 to 4:30 Eastern, 2:00 to 3:30 PM Central, and 12:00 to 1:30 Pacific.
- Continuing Education: Sessions have been approved for 1.5 ABMDI CEU and 1.5 MedChi CME for those who register.

What is an ECHO?

Project ECHO was designed to improve patient health outcomes by providing online communities of learning for different health and medical specialties. This is especially helpful for rural parts of the country where practitioners may have less access to trainings and mentorship. The ASTHO ECHO Hub (consisting of expert coroners, medical examiners, and forensic toxicologists) will provide coroners and medical examiners (the spokes) in local communities with knowledge and support for investigating and certifying overdose deaths.



ECHO HUB
Team of Specialists



ECHO SPOKE
Coroners and
Medical Examiners



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