



ANNOUNCEMENT

MAT Access Points Project

Prevention and Education in Communities of Color grant:

SOUL SPACE – A Community Health Home for Culturally Responsive Social Supports and Resources to Advance Health and Wellness for African Americans

ONTRACK Program Resources (ONTRACK) (www.getontrack.org) will be offering trainings, consulting, and a "Call to Action" campaign for the Sacramento Black/African American community on how to address the opioid and other drugs crisis in an effective and culturally responsive way, thanks to a *Prevention and Education in Communities of Color* grant from the MAT Access Points Project which is funded through the Department of Health Care Services California MAT Expansion Project and administered by The Center at Sierra Health Foundation. Learn more at <https://mataccesspoints.org>.

ONTRACK seeks your assistance in helping us respectfully recruit 30+ Sacramento Blacks/African Americans, ages 18+ with lived experience with opioid addiction (*including heroin, Fentanyl, and other prescription pain killers, past or present*), for confidential focus groups that will anonymously inform content development of the trainings, TA and other project activities. Incentives and transportation assistance will be available.



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With these eight months of funding, ONTRACK is officially launching **SOUL SPACE** – *A Community Health Home for Culturally Responsive Social Supports and Resources to Advance Health and Wellness for African Americans*. **SOUL SPACE** will address and fill critical gaps in the continuum of behavioral health services that are known to be especially detrimental to the wellbeing of the Black community. Through **SOUL SPACE**, ONTRACK will establish a coordinated network of in-community wellness supports to address the whole person spectrum of prevention and recovery supports, including case management, self-care, support groups, classes, and life and job skills resources. We will start by focusing on increasing knowledge, collaboration, and access to appropriate services, in a way that is aligned with our overarching vision to *eliminate disparities through caring, compassionate, community-centered approaches to health and wellness*.

ONTRACK has 22 years' experience providing training and technical assistance focused on improving behavioral health services for disenfranchised communities. ONTRACK has extensive networks in the substance use disorders field, and deep roots and relationships with the local Black community. ONTRACK has successfully managed over 25 relevant state and county level training and TA projects, including the *African American Substance Abuse Treatment TA and Training Project* for the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs for 12 years.

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