



**IMPACT WV**

# Study Summary: IMPACT WV Training Portal

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## TRAINING Portal



### Why was this study conducted?

This study was done to learn if and how people used the IMPACT WV training portal. The training portal is an online learning tool made to support families, caregivers, and providers who are impacted by substance use in rural areas of West Virginia. Often, rural communities face stigma around substance use and have limited access to mental health care or training services.

### What was done?

This study looked at the data from 416 people from rural areas in north-central West Virginia. IMPACT WV looked at how many people signed up and completed training courses, how satisfied they were, and whether they gained any new knowledge. The training portal includes several modules on topics like family support and substance use. Before and after each training session, participants took quizzes to see what they learned from the training. IMPACT WV used this data to record how many people took each training module, and their thoughts and feedback on the training.

### What was found?

The results of the study show valuable information about the people who used the training portal and how well the training worked. Most participants were women (77%) and white (78.1%). Many users were interested in learning more about their topic. The number of people who completed a training depended on the type of training. For example, 73% of people finished the module on stigma-free services, but only 37.8% of people finished the module on children with special health care needs. Most people said that they liked the training they took, but a few topics got lower satisfaction scores than other topics. Quiz scores showed that people learned a lot of information from the training they took, especially in areas like understanding substance use and neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS).

### What do these results mean?

These results show that the IMPACT WV training portal is a helpful tool for teaching people about substance use and family support. Many people signed up and completed different training courses, which shows a strong interest in learning. The increase in quiz scores shows that the training helped people learn the necessary information.