The CTN framework consists of thirteen Nodes (Regional Research and Training Centers - RRTCs linked with Community-based Treatment programs - CTPs).

Over the past several years, research programs within the NIDA have produced dramatic advances in understanding drug abuse and addiction. This has led to the development of an array of new treatments and therapies to help patients with drug abuse problems. However, the efficacy of new treatments for drug addiction has been demonstrated primarily in specialized research settings, with somewhat restricted patient populations. In order to fulfill their promise, advances achieved in drug abuse research centers must reach patients in the community-based settings where most treatment is provided. To enhance the delivery of scientifically based treatments to drug abuse patients, NIDA has established the National Drug Abuse Treatment Clinical Trials Network (CTN).

CTN Mission

The National Drug Abuse Treatment Clinical Trials Network (CTN) provides a means by which the National Institute on Drug Abuse, treatment researchers, and community-based service providers cooperatively develop, validate, refine, and deliver new treatment options to patients in Community Treatment Programs (CTPs). This unique partnership between community treatment providers and academic research leaders enables the following:

- Studies of behavioral, pharmacological, and integrated behavioral and pharmacological treatment interventions in rigorous, multisite clinical trials to determine effectiveness, practicality, and feasibility across a broad range of treatment settings and diversified patient populations; and
- The transfer of research results to physicians, clinicians, providers, and patients.

Dissemination

Accelerating the dissemination of research-based drug abuse treatment findings into community-based practice is a key priority for NIDA and represents the core mission of the NIDA/SAMHSA Blending Initiative.
**The Life Link (Santa Fe)**
The Life Link provides a broad array of services focused on inter-related problems of substance abuse, mental health, and homelessness. The Life Link offers an Intensive Outpatient Program for clients with substance abuse/dependence or co-occurring issues.

**Addiction & Substance Abuse Programs (ASAP), University of New Mexico Hospitals (Albuquerque)**
ASAP provides a wide range of pharmacologic and psychosocial treatments for addictions and co-occurring disorders, including comprehensive methadone and buprenorphine opioid replacement therapy programs. Dispensing services are reinforced by comprehensive community support services and individual and group therapy.

**Turquoise Lodge Hospital (TLH) (Albuquerque)**
TLH utilizes the ASAM Patient Placement Criteria and serves individuals who are in need of medically assisted detoxification and inpatient rehabilitation services. Patients may leave after completion of detoxification, but many individuals remain for rehabilitation services.

**Na’nizhoozhi Center, Incorporated (NCI) (Gallup)**
Na’nizhoozhi Center, Incorporated (NCI) is a 150-bed facility that provides prevention, intervention, and treatment services for a population that is primarily Native American and in a rural region that is the size of West Virginia. NCI's services are developed to reduce the incidence of public intoxication and substance abuse.

**Research Activities**
The goal is to conduct rigorous multi-site trials of substance abuse treatment interventions—pharmacologic, behavioral, and combined treatments—in real-world settings.

**SW Node serves as Lead Node:**
0047 Screening Motivational Assessment and Referral to Treatment in Emergency Departments (SMART-ED)

**SW Node Current Research Studies:**
0033B Native American Methamphetamine and Other Drug Use and Treatment in the Southwest (MOD)

**Completed Studies:**
0010 Buprenorphine/Naloxone-Facilitated Rehabilitation for Heroin Addicted Adolescents/Young Adults
0013 Motivational Enhancement Therapy (MET) to Improve Treatment Utilization and Outcome in Pregnant Substance Users
0018 Reducing HIV/STD Risk Behaviors: A Research Study for Men in Drug Abuse Treatment
0020 Job-Seekers Training for Patients with Drug Dependence
0021 Motivational Enhancement Treatment (MET) to Improve Treatment Engagement and Outcome for Spanish-Speaking Individuals Seeking Treatment for Substance Abuse
0032 HIV Rapid Testing and Counseling in Drug Abuse Treatment Programs in the US

**Blending Products:**
- Buprenorphine Treatment: Training for Multidisciplinary Addiction Professionals
- Promoting Awareness of Motivational Incentives (PAMI)
- Motivational Interviewing Assessment: Supervisory Tools for Enhancing Proficiency (MIA: STEP)
- NIDA Blending Conference 2010

**Non Blending Products:**
- Evidence-Based Treatments for Alcohol/Drug Problems: A Professional Update Series for Behavioral Health Professionals
- Motivational Interviewing: Collaborating with Clients to Promote Behavior Change
- CRAFT: Community Reinforcement and Family Training
- ACRA: The Adolescent Community Reinforcement Approach

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