

Cancer Screening: What Behavioral Health Providers Need to Know
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Speaker Biographies



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Tamanna Patel serves as a program director on a variety of national health equity initiatives focused on the intersection of public health and behavioral health (mental health and addiction) including the National Behavioral Health Network for Tobacco & Cancer Control. Patel previously served as Senior Research Associate at Georgia Health Policy Center, overseeing and providing training and technical assistance (TTA) to rural, frontier and tribal communities nationally addressing community- identified health issues through programming. Patel brings over 13 years of experience to her work including meeting design and facilitation, strategic planning, sustainability planning, applying an adaptive approach while addressing complex issues, partnership development, developing tools and frameworks while applying adult learning principles and supporting others in the design of their initiatives from a continuous learning and equity perspective. Patel has a certification in Lean Six Sigma Greenbelt.



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Samara Tahmid currently serves as a Project Manager of Practice Improvement at the National Council for Behavioral Health. In her role as the Project Manager for the National Behavioral Health Network for Tobacco & Cancer Control (NBHN), one of eight CDC National Networks seeking to eliminate tobacco use and cancer disparities among individuals with mental illnesses and behavioral health conditions. Prior to her role at the National Council, Samara served as a Community Coordinator at the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for the ThriveNYC Mental Health First Aid program, where she assisted in addressing the mental health needs and disparities of various NYC communities through her work aimed at improving community resilience, closing mental health equity gaps, and increasing access to mental health care for all New Yorkers.