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American Samoa Supports Behavioral Health And Healthcare Workforce Needs



The American Samoa Government is implementing a multi-faceted approach to address critical behavioral health and healthcare workforce challenges. Supported by the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices (NGA Center), a multi-departmental team led by the Office of the Governor and comprised of relevant ASG departments participated in a yearlong Stimulant and Polysubstance Use Policy Academy, contributing to the formulation of a comprehensive governance framework and effective utilization of available resources. This concerted effort has led to the establishment of the Comprehensive Substance Abuse Council (CSAC) through Executive Order 003-2022, fostering cross-agency collaboration and data-driven decision-making.

Concurrently, American Samoa remains actively engaged in fortifying its healthcare workforce, addressing nursing shortages, and fostering local talent through scholarships and career development opportunities. By championing innovative solutions and prioritizing quality healthcare delivery, the American Samoa Government continues to pave the way for impactful responses to behavioral health and healthcare workforce demands, ensuring a brighter future for the people of American Samoa.

Read more about the innovative framework for effective substance use planning and policies here:

<https://www.nga.org/news/commentary/american-samoa-supports-behavioral-health-and-healthcare-workforce-needs/>

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