ACT Institute
Upcoming Training
February 2019

ACT TEAMS
Core Principles & Person-Centered Treatment Planning Training

*2/01/2019: ACT PCTP, NYC
*2/15/2019: ACT CORE, LI
* 2/22/2019: ACT CORE, HR
Trainings are from 10AM to 4:00PM. For training site addresses and to register, please click on the dates above.

Learning Communities

*Clinical Care Call Focused on Justice-Informed Practice
Tuesday, February 26th, Justice-Informed Clinical Practice Call 11:00 – 11:45 AM

In collaboration with Dr. Merrill Rotter and Sue Batkin from the Academy for Justice Informed Practice, the ACT Institute will introduce and review The Organizational Self-Assessment of Justice-informed Practice Standards.

The Organizational Self-Assessment of Justice-informed Practice Standards was designed by providers for organizations interested in improving their policies, procedures and practices related to their work with criminal justice-involved clients. Whether your organization serves this population exclusively, or justice-involved clients comprise a subset of the population you serve, the domains and their associated standards below can help your organization assess its current level of performance and provide a roadmap for improving and enhancing your work with this population. We are inviting you to participate in helping us pilot and learn from this self-assessment as part of building capacity for justice informed practice on ACT.

*ACT: The OUR TURN TOO Initiative for New ACT Teams (Rest of State)

This is a start-up training plan for new act teams. The next meeting will take place online on Thursday 3/07/2019 from 10:00AM-10:50 AM. During that meeting we are going to review principles of Recovery, Harm Reduction, and Wellness. The institute will introduce some tools to support teams in developing and promoting a recovery-based narrative.

*ACT: The OUR TURN Initiative for New ACT Teams

Our next OURTURN LC on Thursday 3/7/2019, from 2:00PM-3:00PM (Online).
Clinical Care/Support Calls
Thanks for your feedback on the surveys! Based on your feedback we made some changes to the dates and times of the calls. Please view below.

ACT TEAM LEADERS

*Team Leader Support Call*

The next call will be on 2/4/19 from 2:30PM to 3:30PM.

This monthly call time will be an open forum for Team Leaders and/or Program/Administrative Assistants to ask questions or raise concerns relevant to the Team Leader role on ACT. We will also have a brief introduction of the Organizational Self-Assessment of Justice-informed Practice Standards. Click on the link below for meeting details.
NEW! Administrator Support Call for ACT Teams

Starting Thursday 2/21/19 from 11AM to 12PM, the ACT Institute will host an ongoing support call for all Administrators that oversee ACT team programs within their agencies. On this call, you’ll be able to communicate best practices and challenges, provide insight and feedback with your colleagues around challenges, and barriers you encounter in your role of managing the ACT teams within your agencies. We look forward to your participation! Click on the link below for meeting details.

ACT PRESCRIBERS

Psychiatrist and Nurse Clinical Care Calls

The next call will be held on Thursday, 02/28/19 from 10:15am to 11:15am. Drs. David Lowenthal and Diane Lanier lead discussions on topics of interest to ACT prescribers and nurses. Previous discussions have included integrated care,
prescribing in the community, and interacting with potentially aggressive participants.

This call will provide an open forum for ACT prescribers to share role-related successes and challenges, and collaboratively ask and answer questions that arise. This call will be held in the Adobe Room, and joining information will be distributed prior to each call.

**ACT SUBSTANCE USE SPECIALISTS**

*SUS Clinical Care Call*

The next call for ACT Substance Use Specialists will be on 02/26/2019 from 3PM to 4PM.

This monthly call for Substance Use Specialists will provide a forum for providers to share their experiences working with individuals in dual recovery from substance use and mental health challenges. The call will feature case presentations and discussion, tool sharing (via the Adobe room), and opportunities to share successes and ask questions. In addition, we will cover pertinent topics including engagement, stage-wise interventions and language.
ACT PEER SPECIALISTS

*ACT: Peer Specialist Support Call

Please join us for the next call on February 26, 2019 from 11:00AM-12:00PM

The ACT MAPS Training for Peer Specialists
ACT Peer Role Development

*Face-to-Face Kickoff at NYSPI, 10AM to 4PM
February 1, 2019

*Online Session I (Adobe Room), 11AM to 12PM
February 15, 2019

We are excited to invite New York State ACT Team Peer Specialists to the NEW ACT Maps Training.

After a two-year process involving dozens of voices in the development of the Scope of Practice for the ACT Peer Role, the ACT Institute has created a new tool, the ACT MAPS. This tool will give Peer Specialists a concrete way to assist ACT participants in formulating their recovery goals and as such fully engage in their treatment planning process with their ACT team.

The Training is targeted for the Mid-Hudson, NYC and Long Island Regions. Other regions are welcome to participate. We urge all Team Leaders working with Peer Specialists to encourage their peer staff to attend the F2F and the online meetings.
This 10-week training will cover the relevant history of the Peer Movement, use of personal narratives, relational engagement strategies, development of Assertive Practice Values, and development of Assertive Treatment Statements. The training will provide Peer Specialists with a tool for self-reflection, learning, and application based on the ACT Maps model to use with ACT participants.

Training Dates:
-02/01 10 am to 4 pm - Face2Face session at the NYSPI, NYC
-02/15, 03/01, 03/15, 04/05 11 am to 12 pm - Online Meeting
-04/12 10 am to 4 pm - Face2Face session at the NYSPI, NYC (with Team Leaders from 3-4pm)

For more information contact sascha.dubrul@nyspi.columbia.edu (917) 733-9316

Please register by clicking the button below!

ACT NURSES

*Psychiatrist and Nurse Clinical Care Calls*

Please note there will be no call in December. The next call will be held on **Thursday, 2/28 from 10:15 am to 11:15 am**

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**ACT FAMILY SPECIALISTS**

We look forward to all Family Specialists and anyone else on ACT teams serving in the role joining us **February 6th from 3PM to 4PM**, on the Family Specialist Clinical Care Call. We will discuss Intimate Partner Violence. Jennie Dixon, Family Specialist, will present a clinical care situation with an ACT participant who is experiencing physical and sexual abuse by her partner. Dr. Mayumi Okuda, MD will consult with us on this topic and also introduce the Danger Assessment tool.
ACT VOCATIONAL SPECIALISTS

Attention Vocational Specialists and Team Leaders!

On February 1, 2019 from 10-11 am. We will be starting a monthly clinical care call for Vocational Specialists and Team Leaders to support and build on the great vocational work that you are doing. Noah Lipton, LCSW, MPA from the ACT Institute will be joined by leading experts from the Individual Placement and Support initiative at CPI, Paul Margolies, PhD, and Gary Scannevin, MPS, CPRP.

More Info

ACT Consultations

The ACT Institute provides consultations to support teams in various areas including developing Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) projects, providing programmatic technical assistance and/or training for teams at your site. Please contact Pascale Jean-Noel to schedule a time to visit your site Pascale.Jean-Noel@nyspi.columbia.edu.

ACT Listserv

The listserv provides a forum for discussion among everyone connected to ACT in New York State. Please encourage your ACT team colleagues to join this listserv. Feel free to forward the
newsletter and forward their email addresses to Pascale Jean-Noel at Pascale.Jean-Noel@nyspi.columbia.edu.

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