REMINDER:
ACT PROVIDERS
PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CPI LMS ACCOUNT

We need all ACT Providers to update YOUR CPI LMS Accounts with accurate Functional Job and Specialty to ensure all correct training is added to their transcript and receipt of the correct emails.

Please click the Instructions button below for more information. Contact the ACT Institute at ACT_inst@nyspi.columbia.edu if you have questions.

Instructions
Congratulations to Fully Trained Teams

St. Mary's Healthcare
The Guidance Center of Westchester, Inc.
Central Nassau Guidance and Coun. Svcs. Inc.
Family Service League Inc.
Family Service League Inc.
Family Service League Inc.
Pilgrim Psychiatric Center
So.Shore Association f/Independent Living In
WellLife Network Inc.
WellLife Network Inc.
Center for Alternative Sentencing & Employment
Center for Alternative Sentencing & Employment
Community Access, Inc.
Creedmoor Psychiatric Center
Institute for Community Living, Inc.
NYC-HHC Bellevue Hospital Center
NYC-HHC Coney Island Hospital
NYC-HHC Coney Island Hospital
Postgraduate Center for Mental Health Inc.
Samaritan Daytop Village, Inc.
Services for the Underserved
Services for the Underserved
The Bridge Inc.
The Bridge Inc.
The Bridge Inc.
The Bridge Inc.
The Mental Health Association of New York City
Visiting Nurse Service of NY Home Care II
WellLife Network Inc.
WellLife Network Inc.
Elmira Psychiatric Center
Elmira Psychiatric Center
MH Servs-Erie Co SE Corp V dba Spectrum
HSvcs
SAVE THE DATE:
TEAM LEADERS RETREAT
OCTOBER 10-11

The Desmond - Albany, NYC

ACT Shelter ACT Teams and NYC Shelters 3rd Annual Meeting

Please join OMH, DHS & DOHMH for the Shelter Partnered ACT Teams Annual Meeting on Tuesday, September 10th at New York State Psychiatric Institute

ACT TEAMS
Core Principles & Person-Centered Treatment Planning Training
*7/12/2019: ACT Core Principles Training: NYC
*7/12/2019: ACT Core Principles Training: WNY
*7/19/2019: ACT Core Principles Training: CNY
Trainings are from 10AM to 4:00PM. For training site addresses and to register, please click on the dates above.
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Held for New ACT Team

Northern Rivers Family Services hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony last month to celebrate the opening of their new ACT Team. The team will serve 48 adults with Serious Mental Illness in Warren and Washington county. The ceremony was attended by the entire ACT team along with senior executives from Northern Rivers including President and COO, Audrey LaFrenier, and Chief Officer of Behavioral Health Services, David Rossetti.

ACT Team Leader, Owen Allie, expressed gratitude for the continued support from the NYS OMH and from the County LGU in applying the model within Warren and Washington County. “We are grateful for an opportunity to run a great program in a community that everyone cares about.”

(In back, left to right) Melissa Diffee, Program Assistant; Evelyn Stephenson, Peer Specialist; Gordon Hadsell, Registered Nurse; Julita Jastrzab, MD, Psychiatrist; Owen Allie, Team Leader; Steven Borden Substance Abuse Specialist. (In front, left to right) Laura Walters, Family Specialist; Cynthia Varney, Employment Specialist.

Learning Communities

*Clinical Care Call Focused on Justice-Informed Practice*

You are invited to join the next ACT Clinical Call focused on Justice informed treatment on July 16 from 11 – 11:45 AM

Are you working with ACT Participants who are also justice involved? If yes, this call offers an opportunity to talk
to other ACT providers across New York State and Drs. Merrill Rotter and David Lowenthal to discuss the unique challenges in proving justice informed treatment. ACT Providers will be invited to present situations with ACT Participants and receive feedback from other ACT providers and the consultants. We will also present new online training on working with justice involved ACT Participants.

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 Role-Based Events

ACT TEAM LEADERS

*Team Leader Support Call-
Administrative Assistants are invited on this call

The next call will be on Monday, July 1, 2019 from 2:30PM to 3:30PM.
This monthly call time provides 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.
NEW! Administrator Support Call for ACT Teams

The ACT Institute hosts an ongoing support call for all Administrators that oversee 2 or more 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.

Please join us for the next upcoming Administrator Support Call on Thursday, October 17, 2019 from 12:00PM - 1:00PM.

We look forward to your participation! Click on the link below for meeting details.

More Info
**ACT PRESCRIBERS**

*Psychiatrist and Nurse Clinical Care Calls*

The next call will be held on **Thursday, July 25, 2019 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.

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**ACT SUBSTANCE USE SPECIALISTS**

*SUS Clinical Care Call*

The next call for ACT Substance Use Specialists will be on **Tuesday, July 2nd from 3PM to 4PM**.

We will be talking about screening and assessment in dual recovery. We look
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**

*Peer Specialist Support Calls*

If you’re working as a Peer Specialist on an ACT Team, please join us for our next Peer Specialist Support Call on **Tuesday, July 9 from 11 am to 12 pm**.

During this call, we share successes and challenges of peer work. We appreciate your participation!

Over the last three years we’ve been clarifying the Peer role and helping to challenge the medical frameworks of ACT teams together.

We believe in community!
For more information about our next call, please click here:

ACT NURSES

*Psychiatrist and Nurse Clinical Care Calls

The next call will be held on **Thursday, July 25th from 10:15 am to 11:15 am**

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.

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ACT FAMILY SPECIALISTS

Let’s Talk About Parenting and Family

We are pleased to have Margaret Caffery, LMSW, Family Specialist & Jennifer Freed, LMSW, Substance Abuse Specialist from the Bellevue Hospital ACT Program present on their work with the ACT Parent Project to discuss ways in which to dialog about parenting and family with ACT Participants.

Click here for more information on the next call on Wednesday, July 10 from 3 to 4PM:

ACT VOCATIONAL SPECIALISTS

Please join us for the next Vocational Specialist Clinical Care Call, Friday, July 26, 2019, from 10AM to 11AM!

During this call, we will continue to both introduce the Individual Placement and Support Model while discussing the challenges to implementing the EBP in the ACT model. Please join us for the conversation!
This call is a joint effort between the ACT Institute and the IPS initiative at the Center for Practice Innovations.

Save the Date: ACT & IPS Planning Meeting
September 13, 2019 from 9:30am - 4:30 PM
NYC Field Office

Please join us for this special meeting for Vocational Specialists and Team Leaders to talk about the Individual Placement and Support (IPS) approach to supported employment and how it can be adapted to work within ACT.

The IPS model has been implemented in PROS, OnTrack and State operated clinics and demonstrated clear benefits in helping people get and keep employment. We know that ACT participants also want to work. We need your help as ACT providers to think through the IPS principles, practices and fidelity scale items and how they would work for ACT.

Your feedback is vital to us as we will use it to hone future training and a pilot project to evaluate feasibility. Registration information to follow.

Please contact Noah Lipton at noah.lipton@nyspi.columbia.edu with any questions/comments.

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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