WE'VE GOT A NEW LOOK!
ACT INSTITUTE'S NEW LANDING PAGE

The ACT Institute, with the help of CPI's Help Desk, developed a new landing page to make information and resources more accessible for everyone! Click the link below to check out our new look!
Are you planning a team retreat for your ACT team? Have you and your team identified an area in which you could use some more training? The ACT Institute will come to you!

In the link below, you will find our current on-site training offerings and the length of each training.

If you have identified an area of training not listed here, let us know so that we can work on including this in our offerings.

For more information or to schedule a training, please contact the ACT Institute at ACT_inst@nyspi.columbia.edu or Pascale Jean-Noel, Director of Training, at Pascale.Jean-Noel@nyspi.columbia.edu

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.
ACT TEAMS

Core Principles & Person-Centered Treatment Planning Training

* 02/07/2020: ACT Person-Centered Treatment Planning: NYC
* 02/21/2020: ACT Core Training: LI

Trainings are from 10AM to 4:30PM. For training site addresses and to register, please click on the dates above.

Learning Communities

*Clinical Care Call Focused on Justice-Informed Practice*

Please join us for the next Clinical Care Call Focused on Justice-Informed Practice on Tuesday, February 25 from 11 – 11:45 AM

NYS New Bail Reform:

Let's continue the conversation. Dr Merrill Rotter will join the call answer any questions that you have regarding news new bill.

If you have any questions about Justice Informed Practice and this call, please contact Helle Thorning at Helle.thorning@nyspi.columbia.edu

The monthly Clinical Care Call focused on Justice-Informed Practice 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.

More Info
NEW! ACT - SUGI (Supervision Guidelines Initiative)

We are pleased to announce our next learning community – the ACT Supervision Guidance Initiative. The Supervision Guidance Initiative (or ACT-SUGI) will provide a platform to gather information and discussed best practices related to supervision in ACT Teams. Additionally, we would like to pilot our supervision guidance documents for each of the roles in ACT teams. This will offer us the chance to develop a protocol for supervision practices in ACT Teams in NYS.

The initiative will welcome the last 10 teams that recently started operations in late 2017. These 10 teams (4 in NYC and 6 in the rest of the state) will participate on this short (and important) learning collaborative.

Please join us for the next call on Thursday, February 13, 2020. We look forward to your participation!

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 invites Program Assistantd to join the discussion this month!

This monthly call time provides an open forum for Team Leaders and/ Assistant Team leaders to ask questions or raise concerns relevant to the Team Leader role.
The next call will be on Monday, February 3, 2020 from 2:30PM to 3:30PM.

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 note: There is no call in December or January but we will resume in February.

Join us for the next Administrator Support Call on Thursday, February 20, 2020 from 12:00PM - 1:00PM.
NEW! ACT Profile Call

Please join us for the **ACT Profile Call on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 from 11:30 AM - 12:30PM**.

The ACT Team Profile is designed to provide a monthly snapshot of each ACT team’s overall functioning based on data from CAIRS. Previously, the ACT Team Profile was a static PDF limited to your team’s metrics.

The new version provides much more information and flexibility in looking at how well your team is doing, and compares your performance with the rest of the ACT teams in your region and state. It will be utilized for licensing and monitoring, and may motivate CQI processes within your team or agency.

The ACT Profile Support Call takes place **every first Tuesday of the month from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM**. The Support Call will offer live assistance in navigating and interpreting your team’s ACT Team Profile.

To access your profile prior to the call please download the Tableau Reader at the following link: [https://www.tableau.com/products/reader](https://www.tableau.com/products/reader).

If you’re experiencing any challenges accessing your profile you can contact Rebecca Hoen at Rebecca.Hoen@omh.ny.gov or Laura Elwyn at Laura.Elwyn@omh.ny.gov.

We look forward to your participation!
ACT PRESCRIBERS

ACT Clinicians ListServ

After hearing from a number of you about what might be helpful to your work on ACT teams, we are pleased to announce a new ACT Listserv for ACT Clinicians delivering medical and psychiatric care to ACT Participants – Psychiatrists, Nurse Practitioners and Nurse. Team Leaders are invited to participate as well. The Listserv will allow ACT practitioners to communicate and learn from one another about clinical, logistical and administrative issues, and importantly, to do so at their convenience.

Dr. David Lowenthal, Medical Director at the Center for Practice Innovations will moderate the listserve in place of the monthly “Clinical Care Call.”

To join the ACTPRAC listerve send an email to David.Lowenthal@nyspi.columbia.edu.
ACT SUBSTANCE USE SPECIALISTS

*SUS Clinical Care Call*

Please join us for the next SUS Clinical Care Call on **Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 3 PM.**

We will be continuing our conversation about engaging people that are using drugs and alcohol. We will talk about what has worked for people as well as some of the challenges. We will also look at strategies like motivational interviewing, harm reduction, and creative ways to use medication-assisted treatment.

We look forward to a great conversation!

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.
Greetings Peer Specialists!

Please join us on Tuesday, February 11th at 11 AM for our next Peer Specialist Support Call.

This call will be an introduction to an upcoming Learning Community for Peer Specialists in the Spring, around the Scope of Practice Document. Please, take some time to look over the scope of practice in the LMS.

We will talk about our goals, the structure of our meetings and how to best involve peer specialists state wide.

Thank you so much, looking forward to our upcoming discussion.

If you have any questions, comments or would like additional support you can reach to Abbe Duke at Abaignal.duke@nyspi.columbia.edu.
ACT NURSES

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ACT Team Nurses Common Health Conditions Training

WHEN: March 12, 2020
WHERE: NYC Field Office
330 Fifth Avenue, 9th Fl. Classroom A
This half-day, in-person training will provide ACT team nurses with information regarding prevalence of co-occurring physical and behavioral health conditions, particularly among ACT Team members. We will describe how to screen for and manage common physical health conditions such as hypertension and diabetes. Motivational interviewing strategies for engaging individuals at various stages of change will be detailed including giving advice with permission, readiness ruler, and affirmations. Finally, concrete referral ideas to specialty care will be discussed for ACT Participants with co-occurring disorders with an emphasis on integrated care options.

After this training, you will be able to:

1. Describe prevalence, health disparities, and cultural considerations for common physical health disorders in Medicaid and Medicare populations
2. Identify strategies for engaging and referring ACT Participants with co-occurring behavioral and physical health conditions

The training facilitator, Melissa Hinds, RN, BSN, is currently working towards her master's in nursing education. Ms. Hinds oversees and coordinates the administrative activities, develops curriculum, and coordinates projects and implementation activities for the System Transformation initiatives of the Center for Practice Innovations (CPI). Her primary focus is to educate, train and support the existing and emerging behavioral health workforce in clinical core competencies and integrated health care.

Click the link below for more information and to register!
NOTE NEW TIME!

Please join us for next the Family Specialist Clinical Care on **Friday, February 21st from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

**Family Engagement Strategies – PART 2**
How to move beyond NO

On this call, we will focus on **STRATEGIES TO ENGAGE FAMILIES AND NATURAL SUPPORTS.**

Tools to be presented:
Value Clarification & Family Involvement
Decisional Balance

Please join us!

If you have any questions about the Family Specialist role or upcoming training for Family Specialists, please contact Helle Thorning at

**Helle.thorning@nyspi.columbia.edu**

Click here for more info on the next call on Friday, **February 21** from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Please join us for the next Vocational Specialist Clinical Care Call on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 10AM.

Please note the calls will be held on Wednesdays in February and March (3/18) then return to Friday in April.

This will be an open call for Vocational Specialists to share their experiences, success and challenges providing vocational services to ACT participants. We will also continue to talk about the Individual Placement and Support (IPS) model and how it may be helpful in supporting participants to find and keep employment.

The Vocational Specialist Clinical Care Call is a joint effort between the ACT Institute and the IPS initiative at the Center for Practice Innovations.

We look forward to your participation!
**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.