ACT INSTITUTE
UPCOMING TRAININGS
August 2017

ACT Core/Treatment Planning Trainings:

- 8/4/17. Westchester Medical Behavioral Health Center, Valhalla, NY - 10:00AM-4:00PM- Tx Planning
- 8/11/17. CNY Field Office, NY - 10:00AM-4:00PM- Tx Planning

To register, please click here.

Focused ACT Learning Community for New & Existing Forensic-Focused ACT teams

The next Learning Community meeting (via conference call) will take place on August 15, 2017 from 2:30 – 3:30. At this meeting, a team will present a consumer from their ACT team and lead a discussion on best practices and challenges. Forensic-focused ACT team leaders will be emailed the call-in information. All FACT team members are encouraged to attend.
TMACT Learning Collaborative

We are very happy to announce that the FASE / TMACT Self-Assessment initiative started last month. This initiative is truly represented by many regions of New York State! We have 18 teams involved in this learning community. Through the monthly online meetings, participating ACT Teams will have the opportunity to share information, observations, and ideas with each other - with the overall goal of enhancing the performance of ACT teams. During our first meeting on July 20, we examined all of the tools necessary to support a TMACT self-assessment. As stated during our discussion, teams need to review the following curricula:

- Review the TMACT fidelity items
- Review the Standards of Care
- Review the Transition Module

The next online meeting will take place **August 17, 2017 12:30pm -1:30pm**. We will review how to do the TMACT self-assessment.

**Invitees will be receiving meeting info via email.**
Attention Team Leaders & Substance Use Specialists in HR, WNY, and CNY regions!
You still have time!!!

The ACT Institute would like to invite you to a yearlong training with substance use/IDDT specialists (SUS) and team leaders. This training curriculum seeks to enhance and strengthen these clinicians in the implementation of dual recovery treatment on ACT teams. The training targets both experienced and new clinicians. The training uses a blended learning curriculum consisting of face-to-face, online meetings, and support calls geared toward skill-building, problem-solving and collaboration. Upon completion of the training, SUS/IDDT Specialists will be able to earn Social Work, CASAC, or LMHC continuing education credits.

Learning Objectives: SUS will

- Describe their roles on the ACT teams.
- Understand and apply harm reduction principles.
- Demonstrate how to screen and assess for dual diagnosis/co-occurring challenges
- Identify and interpret a consumer’s stage of change and provide appropriate stage-based treatment.
- Demonstrate basic Motivational Interviewing skills.

Please note that you must first complete a brief pre-test in order to be able to register for the entire training curriculum. Our next online collaborative meeting will be on Friday, September 22, 2017 from 10AM to 11AM.

This yearlong training is in progress. If your program is interested but has not yet signed up, please contact Noah Lipton Noah.Lipton@nyspi.columbia.edu or Luis Lopez Luis.Lopez@nyspi.columbia.edu
Upcoming Training for Family Specialists

The ACT Institute will offer a webinar series for family specialists and other interested ACT Providers starting in July. The ACT Institute this spring held four brainstorming sessions across the state with Family Specialists and Team Leaders. We learned a lot about the many opportunities and challenges that ACT teams face when outreaching to and engaging families (or natural supports) of consumers served by ACT. Moreover, we learned about what kind of training and knowledge exchange would be helpful for Family Specialists to enhance their work with consumers and their families. We look forward to continuing our dialog.

--Helle Thorning

ACT Team Leader Support Call

Pascale Jean-Noel, Director of Training, will host a Team Leader Support Call, held on the first Monday of each month. The next call will be on August 7, 2017 from 12pm-1pm. This call time is an open forum for team leaders and/or team leader assistants to ask questions or raise concerns relevant to the team leader role on ACT.

Questions and discussions can include:

- Team training
- Community visits
- Treatment plans
- Transition
- Administrative issues
- Accessing the LMS

To join the call:
1. Please dial: 866-776-3553
2. Enter the participant number 95504940, followed by #
3. You will need to hit # again to confirm you are not the host
Coming in September
NYC/HR/LI Team Leader Retreat
New York State Psychiatric Institute
Multipurpose Room, 6th Floor
1051 Riverside Drive
New York, NY 10032
September 29, 2017
10:00am-4:00pm

Helle Thorning, P.H.D, Luis Lopez MA, Sascha Altman DuBrul, LMSW, Pascale Jean-Noel, LMSW

1 SW CEU, LMHC

Does your team meet fidelity to the ACT model? At this year’s retreat, we will bring back the Tool for Measurement of ACT (TMACT) self-assessment tool and discuss areas that will allow you to further assess and or review to promote high fidelity. Peer Specialist also play a unique role on ACT! We will discuss how Peer Specialists are part of the team’s focus in supporting our consumers’ journey to recovery!

Learning Objectives -
- To understand the application of TMACT Fidelity Tool in ACT work
- To identify areas in the TMACT for further review and discussion
- To understand challenges and opportunities to that successfully integrating Peer Specialists onto your ACT Team
Are you interested in hosting Social Work Interns on your ACT team?

The Evidence-Based Practice in Mental Health Project is a formal partnership between graduate programs of social work in New York state colleges and universities, and the NYS OMH. The goal of the affiliation is to prepare Master’s level social work students to enter a changing workforce that focuses on empirically validated treatments for individuals diagnosed with a serious mental illness.

The project works with 11 participating NYS Schools of Social Work to offer students an opportunity to participate in multi-modal educational experience consisting of:

- A specialized semester-long course curriculum which was developed by faculty from five of the participating schools of social work together with OMH, including a syllabus and curriculum guide. This was updated and revised in summer 2007, by faculty from eight of the ten participating schools.
- A yearlong internship in an approved OMH licensed program that offers opportunities for evidence-based treatment approaches including ACT, Supported employment, Family Psycho-education, Integrated Dual Disorders treatment, and Wellness Self – management, and
- A series of integrative colloquia that are coordinated by the faculty liaisons within each participating school that provide an opportunity for students to apply and connect the course content and material to their field experience.

Annually, between 30 and 50 MSW students successfully meet the requirements for the project, earning a certificate of completion issued by OMH and a financial award.

Please contact
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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@nyspi.columbia.edu (*note new email address).

ACT Listserv

The listserv provides a forum for discussion amongst 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@nyspi.columbia.edu (*note new email address).

Please watch for announcements of future events.

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