The ACT Institute and NYU Silver School of Social Work Receive a NYU Provost Challenge Grant to Investigate the Social Networks and their Impact on Community Integration for ACT Participants

Dr. Helle Thorning and the ACT Institute is collaborating with Dr. Rohini Pahwa from Silver School of Social Work to get a better understanding of transition and community integration of individuals on ACT using social network analysis.

The study will enable us to look at how individuals served by ACT perceive communities and community integration (the goal of ACT). Network interviews will generate data that will identify the individuals from which the participants derive social support and social resources and get a deeper understanding of stigma. This would enable practitioners to get a richer understanding of the consumers' perspective and their community of choice in order to incorporate the information in their practice and facilitate and support the process of transition and integration.

Process: The study will include qualitative interviews with ACT participants who are between 18 and 65 years of age and who have been on an ACT team for at least 2 months and are situated in the state of New York to get a deeper and more nuanced understanding of their process of community integration. After the study is completed, we will present our findings to the ACT team providers with an aim of using the information to develop innovative ways to serve people on ACT and facilitate community integration.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. If you know of an ACT participant who is between the age of 18 and 65 years and who has been in an ACT team for at least 2 months, and may be interested in participating in the interview, please click here to view the flyer or email us at comm.integ@gmail.com.

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