ACT INSTITUTE
UPCOMING TRAININGS
July 2017

ACT Core/Treatment Planning Trainings

❖ You can also find 2017 training dates on our website

❖ 7/13/17. Westchester Medical Center, Valhalla-10:00AM-4:00PM-Core Principles
❖ 7/14/17. Buffalo Psychiatric Center, Buffalo -10:00AM-4:00PM- Tx Planning
❖ 7/21/17. NYC Field Office, New York, NY -10:00AM-4:00PM- Tx Planning

To register, please click link: https://rfmh.csod.com

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

The next Learning Community meeting (via conference call) will take place on July 18, 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.
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 this yearlong training with substance use/IDDT specialists 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.
- SUS will understand and apply harm reduction principles.
- SUS will demonstrate how to screen and assess for dual diagnosis / co-occurring challenges.
- SUS will identify and interpret a consumer’s stage of change and provide appropriate stage-based treatment.
- SUS will 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 learning collaborative meeting will be on **Friday, July 28, 2017** from 10:00 am to 11:00 pm.

**To register, please click link:** [https://rfmh.csod.com](https://rfmh.csod.com)
ACT Team Leader Webinar

How to Lead your Interdisciplinary Team in Performing their Best

July 18, 2017
11:30-12:30

This webinar will highlight leadership strengths and challenges with managing multi-disciplinary team. Participants will be able to

- Identify leadership challenges of managing interdisciplinary teams
- Learn tips that promote team members’ individual strengths and support growth with challenges
- Identify effective leadership practices that promote team buy-in

To register, click here.

Coming in August 2017

ACT Team Leader Support Call

Pascale Jean-Noel, Director of Training, hosts a Team Leader Support Call held on the first Monday of each month. The next one will take place on Monday, August 7th, from 12pm-1pm. This call time will be an open forum for team leaders and/ or Program 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

Future calls will take place on the following dates in 2017:

- 9/4
- 10/2

To join the call.....866 776 3553, then enter: 95504940 then #/hit # again
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 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 continue our dialog.

--Helle Thorning
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.

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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 at pascale.jean@nyspi.columbia.edu

ACT Listserv

The listserv provides a forum for discussion amongst everyone connected to ACT in NYS. 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

Please watch for announcements of future events.

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