ACT INSTITUTE

UPCOMING TRAININGS

June 2017

Let’s Congratulate ACT Teams that are fully trained!

Mohawk Valley Psychiatric Center-MVPC ACT
Onondaga Case Management ACT Program
Albany County ACT Program
Montefiore Mount Vernon Hospital ACT Program
Rockland Psychiatric Center - Dutchess ACT Team
Westchester Medical Center Behavioral Health ACT Program
Central Nassau Guidance and Coun. Svcs. Inc. - Bi County ACT Team
CNGCS ACT Team - Assertive Community Treatment
Family Service League's ACT-West Team
PSCH Inc. - Smithtown ACT Team
CASES Manhattan ACT Program
Nathaniel Forensic ACT Team III
The Nathaniel ACT Program
Creedmoor ACT Program
Federation of Organizations ACT Program
Goddard Riverside Community Center - Homeless ACT Program
Institute for Community Living Inc. - East Brooklyn ACT Team
Metropolitan Hospital PACT (Team 1)
North Central Bronx Hospital ACT Program
NYC-HHC Queens Hospital Center ACT II
NYC-HHC Woodhull Medical & Mental Health Cent - Assertive Community Treatment
PCMH Bronx ACT Team
PSCH Inc. - Permanent Housing & ACT
PSCH Bronx ACT Program
Services for the Underserved-East Harlem Team II
South Beach Psychiatric Center-Bensonhurst ACT
South Beach Psychiatric Center-South Richmond ACT Team
Elmira Psychiatric Center-Southern Tier ACT Team
Lake Shore Behavioral Health Inc. - STRIVE - Fredonia
Lake Shore Behavioral Health Inc. - Impact
Lake Shore Behavioral Health Inc. Aspire
University of Rochester Medical Center/Strong Memorial Hospital-Project ACT
ACT Core/Treatment Planning Trainings:

- You can also find 2017 training dates on our website.

- 6/16/17. NYC Field Office, New York, NY - 10:00AM-4:00PM - CORE
- 6/29/17. CNY Field Office, Syracuse - 10:00AM-4:00PM - CORE
- 6/30/17. Buffalo Psychiatric Center, Buffalo - 10:00AM-4:00PM - CORE

Please click here to register.

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

The next Learning Community meeting (via conference call) will take place on June 20, 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 this 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. We look forward to our second meeting on **Wednesday, June 28, 2017** from 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm in beautiful Seneca Falls!
ACT Team Leader Webinar
ACT Transitional Care Practices: Tools for Clinical Practices Webinar
June 13, 2017
11:30-12:30

This webinar will provide an overview of transition tools for ACT consumers and discuss clinical challenges and opportunities of working on transition from a person-centered perspective.

Learning Objectives:

- Participants will learn about the transitional care practice framework
- Participants will identify clinical challenges and opportunities in helping consumers transitioning from ACT to less intensive services
- Participants will learn about resources/tools available to begin the transition process with consumers and their families
- Participants will identify tools to enhance ongoing staff development around issues of transitional care practices
Coming in July 2017

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 (with the exception of July's call, rescheduled due to Independence Day). The next call will be on **July 10, 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...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. This spring, the ACT Institute 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 dialogue.

--Helle Thorning, Director of the ACT Institute
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.

(jeanne@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 jeanne@nyspi.columbia.edu.

Please watch for announcements of future events.

http://practiceinnovations.org/