ACT INSTITUTE
UPCOMING TRAININGS
May 2017

ACT Core/Treatment Planning Trainings:

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

- 5/4/17. Pilgrim Psychiatric Center, Long Island – 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM – Tx Planning
- 5/5/17. CNY Field Office, Syracuse-11:00AM-4:00PM- Tx Planning
- 5/12/17. Westchester Behavioral Health, —10:00 AM-4:00 PM– Tx Planning
- 5/19/17. NYC Field Office, New York, NY -10:00AM-4:00PM- Tx Planning
- 5/26/17. Buffalo Psychiatric Center, Buffalo -11:00AM-4:00PM- Tx Planning

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


Fully Trained Teams will be acknowledged in next month’s newsletter!!!
Focused ACT Learning Community for New & Existing Forensic-Focused ACT teams

The next Learning Community meeting (via conference call) will take place on May 16, 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. At the end of the meeting we will ask another team to volunteer to present at the next meeting. 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!

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. We look forward to our first meeting on Friday, May 26, 2017. The meeting is from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.
For New York City Substance Use Specialist and Team Leaders: In order to receive credit you must have completed all of the online modules and sessions. To register for the Substance Use Specialist and Team Leader curriculum, go to https://rfmh.csod.com and see detailed registration instructions. Deadline for NYC SUS to receive credit will end on May 31, 2017.

ACT Team Leader Webinar

Tuesday, May 23, 2017 from 11:30AM to 12:30PM

Maximizing Your Use of the CPI Learning Management System to Manage Your Team's Training Needs - This one-hour webinar series will provide ACT team leaders with supervision techniques on how to identify and support team members’ professional development needs. An overview of all the features in the LMS useful for managing your team members’ progression through the learning activities will be provided.

The ACT Institute is pleased to host a quarterly support call for ACT Team Leaders to discuss the ACT PROFILE. Dr. Steve Huz will be on the call to talk to Team Leaders regarding any questions Team Leaders may have about the ACT profile. The next call will take place on May 24, 3-4PM. Please feel free to invite agency supervisors and QA Departments.

ACT PROFILE Support Call for ACT Team Leaders and Agency Supervisors

To Join Adobe Connect:

If you have never attended an Adobe Connect meeting before: Test your connection: http://researchfoundation-columbia.adobeconnect.com/common/help/en/support/meeting_test.htm

To join the meeting:
http://researchfoundation-columbia.adobeconnect.com/act/

To Join the Audio Conference:

Please dial 866-776-3553 and enter the profile number: 52177374
Steve Huz, PhD, is a Research Scientist in the Office of Performance Measurement and Evaluation at the New York State Office of Mental Health. In that capacity, Dr. Huz oversees statewide performance measurement and evaluation for a number of OMH initiatives including Assertive Community Treatment (ACT), Personalized Recovery Oriented Services (PROS), Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) and assessment of consumer perception of service quality. Dr. Huz received his doctorate in Public Administration from the University at Albany, New York.

**Coming in June 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. The next call will be on **June 5, 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

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The ACT Institute is excited to welcome all NYC ACT Peer Specialists to our first ACT Peer Specialist Learning Community. The event will be held from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Executive Boardroom on the 6th floor of the New York State Psychiatric Institute. The goals for this meeting are:

1. To understand the challenges and opportunities for Peer Specialists working on ACT teams.
2. To establish a network and community of Peer Specialists on ACT teams.
3. To develop a clear Scope of Practice for Peer Specialists on ACT Teams.

Working as a Peer Specialist on an ACT Team has a particular set of benefits and challenges. As the voice with personal experience on a clinical team, you have the ability to engage ACT participants in a way no one else can. At the same time, there are unique challenges to integrating the peer perspective on a multidisciplinary team.

Come, share your voice and perspective, network with other peer specialists, meet Peer Leaders in the field and share skills and tips on working with ACT participants and your fellow team members. This gathering will be a mix of workshops and discussion, and provide a space to build an intentional community. Lunch will be served.

Please register for this event through the CPI Learning Community:
https://rfmh.csod.com/

For any questions about this event, please contact Sascha Altman DuBrul at dubruls@nyspi.columbia.edu
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ACT Transitional Care Practices: Tools for Clinical Practices Webinar

June 13, 2017

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

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.

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. (jeanno@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 jeanno@nyspi.columbia.edu.

Please watch for announcements of future events.

www.practiceinnovations.org
Registration Still Available!

2017 Annual New York State Care Management Coalition Conference

New York State Care Management Coalition

2017 Annual Training Conference
Care Management: The Bridge to Care, Wellness and Recovery

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

May 9-10, 2017
The Conference & Event Center
101 Old Falls St, Niagara Falls, NY 14303

HOTEL RESERVATIONS:
Group Rates Available at the Sheraton at the Falls
300 Third Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14303

CROSS-BORDER TRAVEL IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:
Effective June 1, 2009, both American and Canadian citizens are required to present a WHITI-compliant document for entry into the United States. For information on specific ID requirements, please visit: http://www.peacebridge.com/index.php/auto-passenger-vehicles/id-requirements