ACT INSTITUTE
UPCOMING TRAININGS
September 2017

ACT Core Trainings:

- 9/15/17. Visiting Nurse Services, New York, NY -10AM-4PM- Core

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 September 19, 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 excited for our third TMACT/FASE collaborative this 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 last meeting on August 17, we examined the TMACT and reviewed how to implement the Fidelity Self-Assessment tool. As stated during our discussion, teams need to:

- Conduct a preliminary TMACT self-assessment on the first 3 subscales and scan it to Luis

The next online meeting will take place **September 21, 2017 12:30pm - 1:30pm**. We will discuss strengths, resources, and developing an implementation plan.

**Invitees will be receiving meeting info via email.**
We are happy to announce that we have completed 25% of our Substance Use Specialist (SUS) learning community. Agencies from WNY and CNY – as well as clinicians from NYC – are currently participating on the monthly discussions and follow up steps. Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 22, 2017 from 10AM to 11AM. During this meeting, we are going to talk to clinicians about their experience using the screening and assessment tools reviewed in July. On October 27th, we are going to meet F2F team leaders and SUS in Geneva, New York. During this meeting, we are discussing Motivational Interviewing.

Please note that you must first complete a brief pre-test in order to be able to register for the entire training curriculum.

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

We look forward to seeing you!!!
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 September 11, 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
ACT Team Leader
Retreat Downstate

NYC/HR/LI

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

4.5 SW CEU, 4.5 LMHC, 4.5 CASAC/CPP/CPS

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! Register by clicking here.

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
We are excited about our next retreat on **Friday, October 27th**, in Geneva, NY. This year’s event is unique as for the first time, we are inviting Substance Use Specialists (SUS) to attend, as well as Team Leaders. During the morning, we are planning to meet with everyone and discuss the principles and elements of Integrated Dual Disorder Treatment (IDDT) – which include the Stages of Treatment, treatment planning, and group format. After lunch, we will divide into groups. Team Leaders will continue their discussion with Pascale and Luis while Noah will review Motivational Interviewing skills with the SUS. This day will be full of activities—look forward to seeing you in October!
OUR TURN:

A Brief Look at Our New Learning Community with

NYC Shelter ACT Teams & Homeless Shelter Leadership

We are so excited to provide the schedule for our new learning community – OUR TURN. This learning community will provide a platform to

- Provide training, support, and consultation to the new Shelter ACT Teams across New York City;
- Introduce and familiarize NYC Shelters to the ACT Team Culture and Model; and
- Facilitate collaboration between ACT Teams and Mental Health Shelter Staff to best serve consumers with behavioral health challenges.

Please add these dates to your calendar:

- Thursday – 10/05/17.
- Thursday – 11/09, 11/16, 11/30, 12/07 (F2F) Sessions at NYSPI
- Thursday – 01/04/18.
- Thursday – 02/01/18.
- Thursday – 03/01/18.
- Thursday – 04/05/18.
- Thursday - 05/03/18. (F2F)
- Thursday – 06/07/18.
- Thursday – 07/05/18.
- Thursday – 08/02/18.
- Thursday – 09/06/18.
- Thursday – 10/04/18. (F2F)

If you have any questions, please contact Luis at luis.lopez@nyspi.columbia.edu
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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