ACT Institute
Upcoming Training
October 2018

Register Now
NYS ACT Symposium October 18 & 19
"Together We CAN ACT"
Join Us!

ACT SYMPOSIUM
October 18 & 19, 2018
Honor’s Haven
Ellenville, NY

Registration Open Now

More Info and Registration
Some Exciting Workshop Topics:

* ACT in Managed Care: denials, Utilization Management and other Managed Care Concepts
* Animal Assisted Therapeutic Interventions for Difficult to Engage Clients
* Art Therapy and the ACT Model
* Better ACT through Data: Improve Quality and Demonstrate the Benefits of Your Work
* Beyond ACT
* Conversations that Matter: Promoting Recovery-Oriented Service Provision
* Co-Occurring Disorders and Harm Reduction
* Evidence-Based Practices & the ACT Program Model
* Forensic Assertive Community Treatment in New York City
* How to "ACT" in rural settings
* Healing and the Power of Hip Hop
* Partnering for Safety, Abridged Version
* Preventing Burnout and Supporting Peers in the Workforce
* Social Determinants of Mental Health
* The Power of Language
* There is no “I” in Group, Either: The Art of The Group Process

On Thursday night at the Symposium you'll also have a chance to be with colleagues in a relaxed atmosphere of dancing and wellness to music played by DJ LOL. Featuring music from the 70's, 80's, Latin, Contemporary, EDM, House, and Techno sounds. Also, come and celebrate the talent of AVICCI, with a 15 minute music tribute to the late DJ.

Follow the music of DJ LOL @LOL Connections via SOUNDCLOUD, Spotify, iTunes, Apple and Facebook.
**ACT TEAMS**

Core Principles & Person-Centered Treatment Planning Training

*10/4/2018: ACT PCTP, NYC
*10/05/2018: ACT PCTP, LI

Trainings are from 10AM to 4:00PM. For training site addresses and to register, please click on the dates above.

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**Learning Communities**

**Clinical Care Call Focused on Justice-Informed Practice**

Tuesday, 11/20/2018, from 11AM to 11:45AM

If you are working with ACT participants who are also justice involved, this is a good call to attend. Drs. Lowenthal and Rotter will be available to address issues related to working with individuals who recently have been incarcerated, challenges and opportunities around engagement, working with probation and much more. Please bring your questions to the meeting.

*We will not have a call in October but look forward to see you at the ACT Symposium. Dr. Rotter will present a workshop entitled Justice Involved ACT Participants: Pathways from Criminal Justice to Clinical Care.*

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More info
**The OUR TURN-TOO Initiative for Traditional New ACT Teams**

This is a start-up training plan for new act teams. The next meeting will take place online on **November 8 from 10:00AM-10:50 AM**. During that meeting we are going to review principles of Recovery, Harm Reduction, and Wellness. The institute will introduce some tools to support teams in developing and promoting a recovery-based narrative.

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**OURTURN – An Online Learning Community for the NYC Shelter ACT Teams**

11/01/2018 is our next OURTURN LC. For more information about this LC, please contact Luis Lopez  _ Luis.Lopez@nyspi.columbia.edu_

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**ACT Team Role-Based Events**

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**ACT TEAM LEADERS**

**Team Leader Support Call**

The next call will be on **November 5, 2018 from 2:30PM to 3:30PM**. This monthly 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.

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my Positionality impact my relationship with my supervisees and the connection with our clients?

*ACT Profile Support Call
The next call TBA

*Please note
There will be no team leader retreat this year. Instead the NYS ACT Symposium will be held on October 18-19, 2018
We look forward to seeing you and your team at the Symposium!

ACT PRESCRIBERS

Psychiatrist and Nurse Clinical Care Calls

The next call will be held on Thursday, **November 29** from **11 am to 12 pm**. Drs. David Lowenthal and Diane Lanier lead discussions on topics of interest to ACT prescribers and nurses. Previous discussions have included integrated care, prescribing in the community, and interacting with potentially aggressive participants.

This call will provide an open forum for ACT prescribers to share role-related successes and challenges, and collaboratively ask and answer questions that arise. This call will be held in the Adobe Room, and joining information will be distributed prior to each call.
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ACT SUBSTANCE USE SPECIALISTS

*SUS Clinical Care Call
The next call for ACT Substance Use Specialists will be on 11/30/2018 from 10:00AM-11:00PM. Please join!!

This monthly call for Substance Use Specialists will provide a forum for providers to share their experiences working with individuals in dual recovery from substance use and mental health challenges. The call will feature case presentations and discussion, tool sharing (via the Adobe room), and opportunities to share successes and ask questions. In addition, we will cover pertinent topics including engagement, stage-wise interventions and language.

*We will not have a call in October but look forward to seeing you at the ACT Symposium. Here, Noah Lipton and Elyse Kusse will present Our Best Tool is Ourselves: Engaging People in Dual Recovery."
ACT PEER SPECIALISTS

*ACT: Peer Specialist Support Call*

This call will take place on **11/27/2018 from 11AM to 12PM.** This call time is an open forum for Peer Specialists to ask questions or raise concerns relevant to their role on ACT Teams.

*We will not have a call in October but look forward to seeing you at the ACT Symposium. Here, Sascha Altman DuBrul, Luis Lopez and ACT Peer Specialist Angel Serrano will present The Critical Role of Peer Specialists on ACT Teams.*

ACT Peer Work Group: The Power of Language

Building on the momentum from our successful ACT Peer Scope of Practice development initiative, we are bringing together a team composed of working peer specialists and recovery leaders from across the state to look at the potential of peer voices and strategies in positively impacting the clinical practice and environment on ACT Teams.

Starting from the understanding that peer workers on ACT Teams are explicitly not clinicians, this work group will review current documentation practices, determine if person center treatment planning is currently occurring on teams, and suggest ways that peer workers might uniquely contribute to writing outside of a traditional clinical framework. By the end of our work group we hope to have solicited new language and perspectives which will help us in developing guidelines and training strategies to clarify the Peer role for ACT Teams in New York State.
If you are interested in participating in our group please respond directly to this email. Our first call will take place on **Tuesday November 13, 2018 from 11am-12pm**. There will be three, bimonthly calls in the series. For each call we will send you brief reading materials and ask that you come prepared to discuss them.

**ACT NURSES**

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ACT FAMILY SPECIALISTS

Please join our next call on **November 21 at 3-4PM**. The focus of this call will be on **Holidays: The meaning & impact on ACT participants and their families.**

We will not have a call in October but look forward to seeing you at the ACT Symposium. Here we will have several workshops focus on ACT participants and their families:

* **Parenting with Dignity: A Recovery Oriented Perspective**
* **The Power of Community: Mutuality, reciprocity and resiliency as key ingredients in engagement and enhancement of community of care among family and natural supports**
* **Social Networks: A means to assess and facilitate community integration**
**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-Noel@nyspi.columbia.edu.

**ACT Listserv**

The listserv provides a forum for discussion among 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-Noel@nyspi.columbia.edu.

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