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Addiction training courses offered

The NCADD-New Jersey Center for Training has announced the 2001 schedule of trainings for the Addiction Severity Index (ASI) and the ASAM Patient Placement Criteria. All courses have been approved for initial certification or recertification credit.

The Center also announced that the Spring/Summer 2001 Training Schedule has been released. The Center for Training Resources publishes the most comprehensive catalog available in New Jersey of classes for those seeking education or certification in the areas of addiction prevention and treatment, and maintains a website with a database of these classes for those seeking such certification or recertification. Individuals who would like a copy of this catalog can contact the Center at the numbers below, or send an email to training@ncaddnj.org.

These ASI and ASAM courses, supported by a grant from the state Department of Health and Senior Services, Division of Addiction Services, help to hone the skills of treatment professionals at agencies using these instruments. Four types of courses will be offered:

- Basic ASI training, for professionals who will administer this severity instrument and who have had formal training.
- Basic ASAM Patient Placement Criteria Training, for professionals who will use this instrument to determine necessary level of care for clients.
- Advanced Clinical ASAM/ASI Training, for professionals who have had some experience with these instruments, and who might be providing supervision to others
- Training in the ASI and ASAM for supervisors and administrators, for those who might influence how these instruments will be used by agency staff, or who might be involved with procedure decisions about level of care and client placement.

The 2001 schedule includes:

■ **BASIC ASI**, taught by Ellen Meyers, with over 15 years' ASI instruction experience, **CURA**, Secaucus: March 5 and 6 and April 23; **Burlington County Council on Alcoholism and Drug Addiction**, Mt Holly, March 12 and 13 and April 30; **Alcohol//Drug Abuse Council of Ocean**, Lakewood, May 7 and 8 and June 25; **Turning Point**, Verone: May 14 and 15 and July 9; and **Carrier Clinic**, Belle Mead, June 11 and 12 and July 23. The cost is \$87.50.

■ **BASIC ASAM**, taught by Gerry Shulman, one of the co-authors of the ASAM PPC2, **Bergen County Community Services**, Paramus, March 5, 6 and 7; **Substance Abuse Resources**, Oakhurst, March 26, 27 and 28; **NCADD of Southwest Jersey**, Vineland: April 2, 3, and 4; and **Sunrise House**, Lafayette, April 23, 24 and 25. The cost is \$87.50.

■ **ADVANCED CLINICAL TRAINING**, taught by David Mee-Lee, MD, one of the co-authors of the ASAM PPC2, **NCADD of Southwest Jersey**, Vineland, March 29; **Substance Abuse Resources**, Oakhurst, May 23; and **Trinitas Outpatient Services**, Elizabeth, May 24. The cost is \$32.50.

TRAINING FOR SUPERVISORS and ADMINISTRATORS, taught by Dr. Robert Lynn, professor of addiction studies at Fairleigh Dickinson University: **Bergen County Community Services**, Paramus, April 19, and **Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council of Ocean**, Lakewood, May 17. The cost is \$35.

For information regarding costs and attendance contact NCADD-New Jersey Center for Training Resources, 1675 Whitehorse-Mercerville Road, Suite 205, Hamilton, NJ 08619-3825; call 609/689-2658; fax 609/689-3244; or e-mail training@ncaddnj.org.