

Active Drug Users and HIV/HCV Retention in Care and Treatment Adherence - 6.5 FREE OASAS CREDITS

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- Define active substance use and recognize various forms of substance use and stages of use;
- Explore why adherence matters and define Retention in Care; and
- Describe the Continuum of Engagement in Care and identify the six main themes that affect retention to care.

Prerequisite: None

Audience: All health and human service providers.

Building Bridges to Cultural Competency – 1 Day Training - 6.5 FREE OASAS CREDITS

This one-day training explores the broad definition of culture and its relationship to competent and effective health care and human service delivery.

As a result of this training, participants will be able to:

- Discuss invisible privilege and its affect on both receiving and providing services;
- Explore potential obstacles to providing effective services; and
- Describe how these obstacles are created when diverse cultures, Western medicine and human service deliveries collide.

Prerequisite: None.

Audience: All health and human service providers.

Group Facilitation Skills for STD/HIV Prevention Intervention - 2 Day Training - 13 FREE OASAS CREDITS

This two-day training will help to increase providers' confidence, knowledge and skills in facilitation groups, particularly for group level HIV/STD prevention interventions (e.g., Centers for Disease Control and Prevention evidenced-based interventions).

As a result of this training, participants will be able to:

- Increase their understanding of group process and how it influences behavior change;
- Identify qualities of an effective group facilitator;
- Identify strategies for handling group problems; and
- Learn the importance of training, supporting and evaluating group facilitators.

Prerequisite: None.

Audience: Non-physician health and human services providers who work with HIV-positive and/or at risk women of child –bearing age.

HIV Testing in NYS – ½ Day Training - 3 FREE OASAS CREDITS & 3 CNE CREDITS

This half-day training will provide information about new developments in HIV testing as a result of passage of Chapter 308 of the Laws of 2010.

As a result of this training, participants will be able to:

- List the core elements of the 2010 New York State HIV Testing law (S.8227/A.11487) and their importance;
- Recall that HIV testing must be offered to all persons between the ages of 13 and 64 receiving hospital or primary care services with some limited exceptions;
- Describe the simplified process for obtaining patient consent for HIV testing;
- List the elements of HIV pre and post-test counseling with an emphasis on streamlining the process;
- Recall the responsibility of the health care provider to arrange for follow-up medical care for all patients who test HIV positive;
- Describe changes in HIV testing related to occupational exposure; and
- Explain revised disclosure practices.

Prerequisite: Although there is no prerequisite for this training, it is strongly recommended that participants have previous training in basic HIV/AIDS.

Audience: All health or human service providers who offer HIV testing as a part of their job responsibilities and other providers who require clarification on the 2010 HIV testing law.

Additional Training: Participants who would like an opportunity to practice the skills associated with offering HIV testing services may choose to attend the AIDS Institute training, HIV Testing: Skills Practice Session.

HIV Testing: Skills Practice Session – 1 Day Training - 6.5 FREE OASAS CREDITS

This one-day training will provide participants with an opportunity to practice key skills related to offering HIV testing services.

As a result of this training, participants will be able to:

- Recall how to provide streamlined pre-test information;
- Describe how to deliver preliminary positive and confirmed positive HIV test results;
- Describe how to link newly diagnosed HIV positive patients to health care and support services;
- Provide information to HIV positive patients to promote notification of sexual and needle sharing partners; and
- Conduct the NYS domestic violence screening protocol.

Prerequisite: Knowledge of basic HIV/AIDS information and attendance at the AIDS Institute training, "HIV Testing in NYS: 2010 Update" or an equivalent training.

Audience: All health or human services providers who offer HIV testing as part of their job responsibilities.

Hep C: Screening, Diagnosis & Linkage to Care - This **one day** training will help increase non-clinical health and human services provider's knowledge of Hepatitis C screening and diagnosis and the importance of effective linkage to care for persons infected with the hepatitis C virus (HCV).

By the completion of this training, providers will be able to:

- Describe the burden of HCV disease;
- Identify HCV risk groups;
- Describe the NYS law with regard to offering an HCV screening test;
- Distinguish between HCV screening and diagnostic tests and the meaning of their results;
- Demonstrate the delivery of accurate HCV counseling messages based on test result;
- State and explain the importance of linking people infected with HCV to care;
- List two barriers and two solutions to effectively linking HCV infected persons to care;
- State at least two core components of an effective active HCV linkage to care model.

Prerequisite: It is strongly recommended that participants have basic knowledge of HCV or have previously attended, 'Integrating Viral Hepatitis into Your Work,' or, 'HIV and HCV Co-infection,' trainings.

Audience: All non-clinical health and human services providers

Introduction to Co-Occurring Disorders – 1 Day Training - 6.5 FREE OASAS CREDITS

This *one-day* training will introduce non-physician providers to co-occurring disorders (substance abuse and mental illness) and their impact on people living with HIV/AIDS. The training will also review trauma and its impacts on care as well as "red flags" or warning signs that might indicate a problem with substance abuse and/or mental health. Participants will also be offered tools for making referrals for appropriate treatment for clients who may be experiencing co-occurring disorders.

As a result of this training, participants will be able to:

- Define the term "co-occurring disorders" as it applies to substance abuse and mental illness;
- Define the term "trauma" and how it impacts substance abuse, mental illness, and HIV/AIDS;
- List qualities important for a provider in working with people with co-occurring disorders;
- Define the term "red flag" and give examples from case studies; and
- Identify communication skills that help a provider make a referral for co-occurring disorders.

Prerequisites: None

Audience: All non-physician health and human service providers who work with people living with HIV.

Introduction to HIV/STI & Viral Hepatitis – 1 Day Training - 6.5 FREE OASAS CREDITS

This *one day* introductory training will prepare non-physician health and human services providers to address HIV, sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and viral hepatitis in an integrated, client-centered manner. The training will review the similarities and differences in transmission, screening, available treatments and needed support services for each of the diseases. The training will emphasize the connection between these diseases and the skills needed to effectively interact with clients whose sexual or substance using behaviors place them at risk for HIV, STIs and viral hepatitis.

As a result of this training, participants will be able to:

- Recall data showing the overlap of cases of HIV, STIs and viral hepatitis;
- State the rationale and importance of integration of services related to HIV, STIs and viral hepatitis;
- State the similarities and differences in how HIV, STIs and viral hepatitis are transmitted;
- Deliver an integrated prevention message for HIV, STIs and viral hepatitis;
- Provide clients with basic information about the spectrum of illness, testing and treatment for HIV, STIs and viral hepatitis; and
- Link clients to needed HIV, STI, and viral hepatitis testing, treatment and support services.

Prerequisite: There is no prerequisite for this training. It is intended for individuals who have not had prior training in HIV, STIs or viral hepatitis.

Audience: This introductory training is for non-physician health and human services providers who will be responsible for delivering prevention, care or support services related to HIV, STIs and viral hepatitis.

More Choices, Safer Sex: What the Female Condom Can Do – 1 Day Training

This *one-day* training will provide current data on female condom efficacy and acceptability, hands-on practice that addresses proper female condom insertion and use-related challenges, and strategies and skills to help participants provide clients with effective condom negotiation skills.

As a result of this training, participants will be able to:

- Identify values and attitudes that impact provider ability to effectively promote the female condom;
- Identify the advantages of female condom use and importance of promotion;
- Address barriers and strategies to female condom use as related to insertion difficulties and problems with use during sex;
- Provide clients with strategies for negotiating female condom use with partners; and
- Describe ways to integrate the female condom into risk reduction counseling within the context of different client situations.

Prerequisite: None.

Audience: All health and human service providers that provide risk reduction counseling.

Promoting Primary Care & Treatment Adherence for HIV Positive Individuals –6.5 FREE OASAS CREDITS

1 Day Training

This one-day training is designed to increase awareness of non-physician health and human services providers about HIV primary care guidelines and treatment adherence. Providers who are aware of HIV primary care guidelines and strategies for supporting treatment adherence can play an important role in improving the health outcomes of people living with HIV.

At the end of this training, participants will be able to:

- List the components of primary care for patients living with HIV;
- Identify the key elements of the annual comprehensive physical exam for patients living with HIV;
- Identify the routine laboratory screening and assessments used in primary care for people living with HIV, including methods used to assess and measure adherence;
- Recall the different classes of HIV medications and briefly describe how they work;
- Identify common barriers to treatment adherence, including medication side effects;
- List three specific strategies for promoting treatment adherence;
- Identify when referrals to specialty care may be needed;
- Work as a member of the care team to:
 - help patients take advantage of health maintenance services, vaccination, and prophylaxis for opportunistic infections
 - conduct client assessments and make referrals for a variety of psycho-social issues including substance use, mental health, domestic violence, smoking cessation, etc.

Prerequisite: It is strongly recommended that participants have previous knowledge or training on basic HIV/AIDS information.

Audience: All non-physician health and human services providers who work directly with people living with HIV including: case managers, counselors, nurses, support services providers and others.

Sex, Gender, and HIV/STDs - 2 Day Training - 13 FREE OASAS CREDITS

This two-day training is designed to help health and human services providers promote sexual health among their clients by building their capacity to talk sensitively and non-judgmentally about sexual identity, gender identity and sexual behaviors. Topics to be covered during the training include: sexual and gender identity; strategies for talking with clients about sexual health issues; HIV/STD prevention and harm reduction strategies for sexual behaviors.

As a result of this training, participants will be able to:

- Increase their awareness about the range of sexual and gender identities of their clients;
- Describe how homophobia and other forms of stigma and discrimination can impact a client's sexual behaviors and ability to practice sexual risk reduction;
- Increase their comfort in discussing sexual and gender identity with clients;
- Describe how sexual trauma can impact a client's sexual behaviors and risk for HIV/STDs; and
- Offer clients harm reduction options for sexual behaviors.

Prerequisite: Although there is no prerequisite for this course, it is strongly recommended that participants have previous knowledge or training on basic HIV/AIDS information.

Audience: All health and human service providers.

Surviving & Thieving: Older Gay Men & MSM Living with HIV - In NYS, more than 35% of people living with HIV are gay men or men who have sex with men (MSM). The National HIV/AIDS strategy established the goal of increasing the proportion of HIV-diagnosed gay and bisexual men with undetectable viral load by 20%. This training will prepare non-physician health and human services providers to support older gay men and MSM with retention in medical care, achieving viral suppression and promoting behaviors that will prevent transmission of HIV to their partners.

As a result of this training, participants will be able to:

- Recall national and NYS-specific data which demonstrate the disproportionate impact of HIV on older gay men and MSM living with HIV/AIDS;
- Define retention in HIV care and viral suppression and explore specific challenges for older gay men and MSM;
- Define high impact HIV prevention and explore implications for older MSM;
- Recall how experiences related to “coming out”, stigma, social isolation, presence or absence of family/ peer support and co-morbidities can impact participation in health care and prevention;
- Discuss options for health insurance coverage for older adults living with HIV;
- List the ways a provider can support or enhance a client’s personal and social assets to ensure linkage to care, retention in care and treatment adherence.

Prerequisite: It is strongly recommended that participants have previous training in basic HIV and have taken the following AIDS Institute training: "Overview of HIV Infection and AIDS" (training offered at www.hivtrainingny.org) and have attended the training “Working with Older Adults Living with HIV.”

Audience: Non-physician health and human services providers who work with clients/ patients with HIV including case managers, health home care managers and coordinators, social workers, client services staff and others.

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May's Topic: Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Guidance

Guest Presenter:

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After attending this webinar, participants will be able to:

- Discuss the specific guideline and information that non-clinical providers should know to help improve daily work, and
- Identify the actions that a provider can undertake to support their clients' positive health outcomes.

Target Audience: Non-physician health and human services providers including case managers, care managers, patient navigators, outreach workers, and others.

July 9, 2014

Understanding How Antiretroviral Therapy Works

This **two** hour webinar is designed to provide information to support service providers on the importance of antiretroviral therapy and discuss the how the different classes of antiretroviral drugs disrupt HIV replication. Participants will also receive information on understanding and preventing drug resistance and the benefits of early initiation of antiretroviral treatment. At the end of this training, participants will be able to:

- Recall the HIV life cycle and how antiretrovirals disrupt replication
- Discuss the different classes of HIV medication and the goal of HIV treatment.
- Understand the importance of preventing drug resistance to antiretroviral treatment
- Identify the benefits for early initiation of antiretroviral treatment

Prerequisite: Participants should take the AIDS Institute training, "Overview of HIV Infection and AIDS" or basic training covering HIV/AIDS information.

Audience: All health and human services providers.

July 9, 2014

Active Drug Users and HIV/HCV Retention in Care and Treatment Adherence - Part I

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- Explain why treatment adherence is important and be able to define and understand retention in care; and
- Describe the Continuum of Engagement in Care and identify the six main themes that affect retention in care.

Prerequisite: None

Audience: All health and human service providers.