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A news update from Adirondack Health Institute

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News Headlines

Transportation Assistance Program Launches for Warren, Washington County Residents with Recent Health Issues

A program that offers free transportation assistance to individuals in Warren and Washington counties who have had recent health issues has launched. Uplift Warren Washington, billed as “A Ride Back to Health,” is an initiative that provides bus tokens/passes, taxi vouchers, and gas cards to eligible individuals who have been discharged from a hospital or emergency room within the past 30 days.



“Through increased access to needed services, we hope to prevent further emergency room visits and hospitalizations, while promoting preventive health,” stated Cassandra Fleury, the program’s Transportation Coordinator.

According to Fleury, transportation assistance is available for:

- Medical appointments not covered by Medicaid transportation;
- Department of Social Service appointments;
- Care/case management appointments;
- Obtaining prescriptions, medical supplies, or equipment;
- Participating in community-based support groups;
- Immediate access to needed groceries.

The program is a partnership of Adirondack Health Institute, Baywood Center, Greater Glens Falls Transit, and Tri-County United Way.

For more information or to enroll, contact Fleury at 518.320.6692, or upliftwarrenwashington@gmail.com.

Partner Success Story



**AHI Helps Planned Parenthood
Mohawk Hudson Earn NYS PCMH
Recognition**

[Planned Parenthood Mohawk Hudson](#), with free technical assistance from AHI's Practice Innovation Solutions team, has secured NCQA New York State Patient-Centered Medical Home (NYS PCMH) quality recognition for seven of its locations, including health centers in Glens Falls, Johnstown, and Saratoga Springs.

AHI's Provider Services Manager, Jolene Munger, helped guide the organization through the entire recognition process. "Jolene was integral in helping us navigate the changing rules of NCQA. She worked diligently to help us stay on track with our deliverables and was an exceptional and accommodating project manager," said Emma Corbett, the organization's Vice President of Marketing, Communications, and Engagement. "We are grateful to AHI for the support we received and look forward to continuing to work with them to expand and better coordinate our services."

If your practice is considering pursuing such recognition, visit AHI's [Practice Innovation Solutions](#) web page for more information, and then contact 518.480.0111, ext. 421, or innovate@ahihealth.org.

Franklin County Community Services, Collaborators Heavily Invested in Prevention and Education Efforts

[Franklin County Community Services](#) and a myriad of community agencies have been actively involved in a variety of impactful community prevention and education initiatives. A number of the endeavors are supported with DSRIP funding.



According to the Director of Community Services, Suzanne Lavigne, activities have included [Bridges Out of Poverty](#) training, [PESI](#) behavioral health continuing education webinars, a suicide prevention community outreach and engagement campaign, and opioid epidemic learning forums. The first such forum, sponsored by Community Services, [Franklin County DSS](#), and the Franklin County Prevention Task Force, held last August, was so well-received by its 107 participants, a second one has been planned for August 13 in Malone.

Lavigne shares that Substance Abuse Prevention and Recovery of Clinton County (SPARCC), the Essex County Heroin and Opioid Coalition (ECHO), and the Franklin County Prevention Task Force are working collectively as an "Adirondack Consortium" on a number of initiatives, including the creation of a locally-produced documentary, [Addicted to Hope](#), featuring recovering addicts and families whose lives have been changed by substance abuse and addiction.

"An exciting development is the creation of two local grassroots groups," said Lavigne. "The Tri-Lakes Community Alliance for Addiction Prevention, comprised of Community Services, [Stop Domestic Violence](#), [St. Joseph's Addiction Treatment & Recovery Centers](#), CAI, and community members, will host a Wellness Day on September 14 at North Country Community College. Tupper Lake Cares, involving Community Services, [Community Connections of Franklin County](#), St. Joseph's Addiction Treatment & Recovery Centers, [Tupper Lake Central School District](#), and other community members and organizations, are looking to identify a physical location in Tupper Lake for a "recovery center" that will offer expanded services to individuals and families affected by the opioid epidemic with the support of peer support specialists.

"DSRIP funds are used by Franklin County Community Services to support our partner collaborations," continued Lavigne. "Without these funds, we wouldn't be able to initiate these much-needed community activities."

Contact Franklin County Community Services at 518.891.2280 for more information.

Other News

National Health Services Corps Releases Rural Community Loan Repayment Program Application

The National Health Services Corps has released an application and program guidance for its newest expansion, the Rural Community Loan Repayment Program. Up to \$100,000 in student loan repayment will be awarded to primary care and behavioral health clinicians providing substance use disorder treatment in rural communities. In exchange, participants will commit to serving three years at rural health care sites. The application will close on July 18.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

Volume to Value Videos Available on HealthStream

Videotaped sessions from the March event, *Volume to Value: Creative Funding Opportunities in Payment Arrangements*, have been published on HealthStream.



Available videos include Dr. Damara Gutnick's keynote presentation, *Being Person-Centered About Things That Matter*, the panel discussion, *Making the Shift Through Valuable Partnerships*, and event breakout sessions.

If you don't presently have access to HealthStream and would like help creating a free account, contact Kelly Owens at kowens@ahihealth.org, or J.P. Quintal at jquintal@ahihealth.org.

[Visit HealthStream.](#)

Training Sessions, Meetings, and Events

DOH Hosting Stakeholder Meetings Across the State for Medical and Transportation Providers

The New York State Department of Health oversees the administration of Medicaid transportation and works closely with its contracted transportation manager, MAS, to ensure quality services are provided to enrollees. DOH will be holding stakeholder meetings across the state this month and next for both medical and transportation providers to garner feedback to help evaluate service quality. Sessions will be offered in person and via webinar. Click the appropriate button below to register. For more information, contact stakeholder_meeting@medanswering.com.

Malone Hosting Food Economy Sessions on June 4 and 5

Malone community members, local producers, buyers, and various agencies interested in enhancing the community through local food economy, are coming together for a one-and-a-half-day workshop, *Local Foods, Local Places, Local Economy*. A public session to share ideas



on connecting local farmers with buyers is being held 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 4, at Franklin County Courthouse in Malone. A second session to develop a plan to support local foods, places, and the economy, will be held 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 5, at the Malone Elks Lodge.

[Click here to register for one or both sessions.](#)



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Join us for a session to improve your skills and knowledge related to grant funding including grant readiness, successfully navigating the NYS Grants Gateway, and countless other grant writing tips, and techniques.

How to Be Exceptionally Grant Ready: A Step-By-Step Guide

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Session Includes:

- How to be an exceptionally "grant ready" grant seeking organization overall
- How to be a "grant ready" potential federal grantee
- How to be a "grant ready" potential state grantee
- How to be a "grant ready" potential foundation grantee
- How to create a proactive grant seeking strategy
- How to judge if your organization will be competitive in an application cycle
- How to assess your growing or shifting capacity as your grant seeking strategy grows

June 6th

**Franklin County
Court House**

355 W Main St
Malone, NY 12953

Speaker: Amy Bonn from DH Leonard
consulting & Grant Writing, LLC

July 16th

Hand House

8273 River St
Elizabethtown, NY 12932

Speaker: Diane H. Leonard from DH
Leonard consulting & Grant Writing, LLC

**Registration Starts at 8:30am
9:00am - 4:00pm**

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Register for the June 6 session.

Register for the July 16 session.



THURSDAY, JUNE 6TH
1PM TO 4PM

REGIONAL ORIENTATION FOR NEW STAFF

These trainings are available free of charge for OMH licensed and/or funded providers.

Do you have new staff and don't have the time or the resources to train them?

Through our 'New Hire Orientations', NYAPRS trains all new staff across NYS in regional clusters. These regional events bring staff from various provider organizations together to gain the knowledge and skills in the Foundations of Practice.

Topics include introductions to:

- **Recovery-Oriented Care**
- **Person-Centered Care**
- **Engagement and Strengths-Based Language**
- **Trauma-Informed Care**

**For all new employees –
1 year or less**

**Host Agency:
Behavioral Health
Services North**

2155 State Route 22B,
(Gym Entrance)
Morrisonville, NY 12962

**For more information and
to register, please contact:**

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(845) 641-6242





ADK Wellness Connections Network Partner Forum

June 13, 2019 @ 11:00am

This webinar is open to all current partners and organizations interested in joining. Learn more about our network progress, important updates, and hear from the Unite Us staff and our Coordination Centers.

Register Today

via ZOOM!

Enter Meeting ID:

315 880 526



Don't miss this opportunity to connect via webinar with your network partners and the ADK Wellness Connections team while learning about national best practices from the Unite Us staff.

[Click here to register for the webinar.](#)

2019

AHI Leadership Summit

*Advancing Whole-Person Care
Through a Collaborative System of Health*

SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

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Save the Date

Volume to Value: A Path Towards Data-Driven Health Outcomes

Thursday, September 26, 2019

The Queensbury Hotel, Glens Falls, NY

*Please note that each organization may send a maximum of 3 attendees.





SAVE THE DATE

5th Annual North Country Telehealth Conference

The Value of Virtual Care

Perspectives from Policymakers, Providers, and Patients

Thursday, November 7, 2019

Fort William Henry, Lake George, New York

Pre-Conference Session: **Wednesday, November 6, 2019**

Hosted by the  TELEHEALTH PARTNERSHIP



Share Your Updates

AHI partners in Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Saratoga, St. Lawrence, Warren, and Washington counties are encouraged to share updates with Phil Kahn at communications@ahihealth.org to be considered for inclusion in *AHI Informer*.

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