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A news update from Adirondack Health Institute

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News Headlines

More Than 200 Stakeholders Attend AHI Leadership Summit, Rural Health Champions Honored



More than 200 stakeholders from nine counties and beyond convened in Lake Placid on September 19 for the [2019 AHI Leadership Summit, Advancing Whole-Person Care Through a Collaborative System of Health](#).

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Sponsored by [Gallagher](#), seven 2019 Rural Health Champion Award recipients were honored at the event. AHI's Nancy Gildersleeve (far left) and Gallagher's Todd Edwards (far right) flank four of this year's winners (left to right): Jennifer Neifeld, [820 River Street, The Baywood Center](#), Lee Rivers, [Community Connections of Franklin County](#), Susan Allott, [Essex County Health Department](#), and Leah Breeyear, [Planned Parenthood Mohawk Hudson](#). Not pictured are honorees Edward "Trip" Shannon, [Hudson Headwaters Health Network](#), Valerie Ainsworth, [Mental Health Association in Essex County](#), and Maggie Rowley, [Nathan Littauer Hospital & Nursing Home](#).



[Click here to view the event's presentation slide decks.](#)

Data-Driven Health Outcomes Explored at Fifth Volume to Value Workshop

The fifth in a series of Volume to Value workshops, *A Path Towards Data-Driven Health Outcomes*, attracted more than 170 participants from three Performing Provider System regions last week in Glens Falls.



The event, sponsored by the [AHI PPS](#), the [Alliance for Better Health](#), and [Better Health for Northeast New York](#), featured a keynote presentation by [Hixny](#) CEO Mark McKinney, *The Road Ahead: How Information Exchange Can Create Healthier Communities*. Additional feature presentations on the value of data in health care transformation were provided by [St. Catherine's Center for Children](#), [CDPHP](#), [Health Catalyst](#), [NYS Office of Mental Health/PSYCKES](#), [Unite Us](#), [Adirondacks ACO](#), [Northwinds Integrated Health Network IPA](#), and [Capital Behavioral Health Network](#).

The sixth workshop in the series is slated for March 2020. Stay tuned for more details.

[Click here to view the event's presentation slide decks.](#)

Salvation Army Latest to Join AHI Health Home Network



[The Salvation Army Empire State Division](#) is the latest organization to join the AHI Health Home Care Management Network.

With a drop-in center located in Saratoga Springs, the Empire State Division offers a plethora of services, among them an after-school program, a shop-with-a-senior program, traditional and mobile food pantries, and emergency, family, women's, and transitional housing and utility assistance.

According to Lt. Trisha Smouse who operates the Saratoga Springs Corp, the care management arm of the organization facilitates collaboration between providers, clients, family, and support members to establish a continuing plan of care, including referrals to additional support services based on client need. "Building on strong local leadership and vigorous stewardship, our mission is to transform lives in the communities we serve through effective social service and vibrant spiritual ministries," shared Smouse. "Joining the AHI Health Home Care Management Network will help us increase our exposure and get connected to more people who need our services and we're excited about that opportunity."

If your organization is interested in learning more about the AHI Health Home Care Management Network, contact Ann Hutchison at ahutchison@ahihealth.org.

Hadley-Luzerne School-Based Health Center Opens

In coordination with Hudson Headwaters Health Network, the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District this week launched an on-campus student health center to provide access to primary care for all students within the district.

"We recognize that successful learning begins with a physically and mentally healthy child," said District Superintendent Beecher Baker, Sr. "We are very excited about this new relationship with Hudson Headwaters and all the valued services they provide."

"Hadley-Luzerne Student Health is an exciting new venture for Hudson Headwaters," said Dr. Tucker Slingerland, CEO, Hudson Headwaters Health Network. "Providing this care, in conjunction with the school district, allows us to align with another organization that has the care and well-being of young people at the forefront of its mission. We are incredibly proud to be part of this important initiative."



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The Family Counseling Center Opens Satellite Mental Health Clinic in Gloversville



The Family Counseling Center, a provider of mental and behavioral health services for more than 40 years, has announced the opening of its fourth satellite clinic. The new clinic, which opened on August 12 in Gloversville, has been established in response to the organization's growing waiting list for mental health services.

According to Michael Countryman, The Family Counseling Center's Executive Director, the new clinic has five mental health providers. "Our clinicians are trained in a wide variety of specialties. We offer mental health services to children, adults, families, and individuals whose lives have been disrupted by situational, emotional, or mental health issues," explained Countryman. "Adding just five providers will cut back on wait times tremendously." Countryman added the number of clinicians will increase to 10 within 90 days, with plans to serve an additional 300 clients in the coming months. The clinic is a temporary solution as the organization earlier this year received approval to move forward with plans to build a larger facility in Gloversville. Construction is expected to begin early next year on that facility which will house all of the agency's programs under one roof.

Training Sessions, Meetings, and Events

ADDICTION Conference

EXPLORE

**TUESDAY, October 15, 2019
SUNY Plattsburgh**

The ADDICTION conference will feature these presentations:

- › Mental Health, Adult Addiction and Medication-Assisted Treatment
- › Emerging Drug Trends
- › Abuse of Psychiatric Medication
- › Narcan—Kit Exchange Program
- › Confronting Challenges to Prevention, Treatment and Recovery
- › Needle Exchange Program

The EXPLORE Addiction Conference is designed to increase the knowledge and competence of healthcare professionals on a wide spectrum of common issues encountered by primary care providers.

REGISTER TODAY! Go to www.explorehealthcareconferences.com

**Tuesday, October 15, 2019 from 7:30am-3:30pm
Yokum Hall, SUNY Plattsburgh**

\$125 general registration; \$50 healthcare students
Includes all presentations, online conference materials, lunch and breaks.
Purchase Orders and government vouchers accepted.

For information contact Melanie Bliss-Hall, 518-314-3846 or mbliss-hall@cvph.org

EXPLORE (*Experience and Professional Learning Opportunities Result in Excellence*) conferences are designed to increase the knowledge and competence of healthcare professionals by bringing expert presenters and frontline practitioners together to share and learn. Past topics have included Dermatology, Aging, Psychiatry, Trauma and more.

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Click here to register.

Act with Respect™ Always

Join us for our October Family Wellness Forum featuring motivational speaker Coach Rich Johns. Coach Johns will be addressing parents and students with his message of respect for others, personal character development and paying it forward.

All are welcome to attend!

Wednesday October 16, 2019, 6 pm – 7:15 pm

South Glens Falls Senior High School LGI Room

For more information visit: ccfwsgf.org



[Click here to learn more.](http://ccfwsgf.org)

Structural Competency

Friday, October 18, 2019

8:30 am to 1:30 pm | SUNY Adirondack

Northwest Bay Conference Center, 620 Bay Rd, Queensbury NY 12802



Training Objectives:

- Describe what the common Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) are and their impact on population health.
- Identify the ways to address SDOH using screening tools.
- Understand how to collaborate with Community Based Organization to address SDOH and social needs.
- Explain the differences between structural competency and cultural competency.
- Identify next steps for implementing screening and addressing SDOH in your own organization.

Target Audience:

Individuals who work in the medical and human services field with an interest in connecting with the ADK Wellness Connections Referral Network or are already involved in the network.

Presented by:

Martine Hackett, Ph.D. and Betsy Campisi, Ph.D.

Lunch Provided -- Registration Required

Register Before October 12, 2019:

<https://structuralcompetency.eventbrite.com>



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5th Annual North Country Telehealth Conference

The Value of Virtual Care

Perspectives from Policymakers, Providers, and Patients

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US



PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION

Wednesday, November 6, 2019
12:30pm – 4:30pm

FULL CONFERENCE

Thursday, November 7, 2019
8:00am – 4:00pm

LOCATION

The Fort William Henry Hotel and
Conference Center
48 Canada Street, Lake George, New York

**\$45 for both Pre
and Full Conference**

**\$35 for Full
Conference**

*Includes Breakfast, Lunch,
and Refreshment Breaks*



Dr. Jonathan Neufeld
Keynote Speaker

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Jonathan Neufeld
Director, Greater Plains Telehealth Resource Center
Extended Reality: The Future of Virtual Care

AFTERNOON PLENARY SESSION

NYS Telehealth Regulation & Reimbursement Updates
from DOH, OMH, OASAS, & OPWDD

This event
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For more information or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities, contact Katy Cook, kcCook@ahihealth.org

Click here to register.

BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY

Bridges is for anyone who works with those in poverty, who wants to understand the environment of poverty, or for policymakers and leaders in human service organizations.

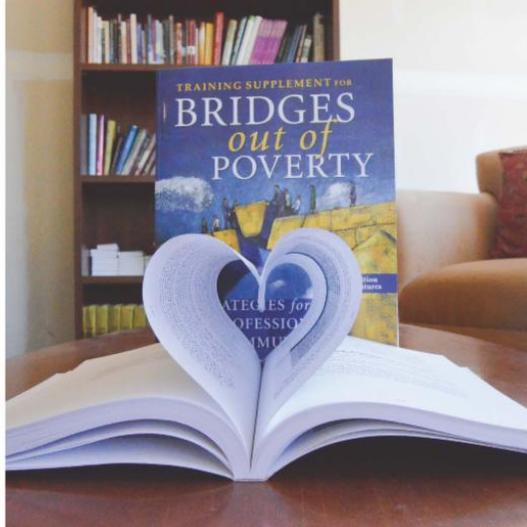
\$40 Workshop includes materials, refreshments, and lunch.

NOVEMBER 13, 2019

9 AM - 5 PM

226 Warren St. Glens Falls

opendoor-ny.org/bridges



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2019

PHIP Stakeholder Meeting

Wednesday, November 13th, 2019

9:30am-2:00pm

Golden Arrow Lakeside Resort

2559 Main Street, Lake Placid, NY

[Click Here to Register](#)



Adirondack Health Institute

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

GET SCREENED TODAY

The Cancer Services Program of Warren, Washington & Hamilton Counties provides breast, cervical and colorectal cancer screenings at no cost to eligible men ages 50-64 and women ages 40-64 who do not have health insurance.

If breast, cervical or colorectal cancer is found, eligible men and women may be able to enroll in the NYS Medicaid Cancer Treatment Program to receive full Medicaid coverage for the entire time they are being treated for cancer.



Warren, Washington and Hamilton Counties
Cancer Services Program
Your partner for cancer screening, support and information



Glens Falls Hospital

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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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