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News Headlines



AHI's Clear the Air in the Southern Adirondacks Program Launches New Website, Social Media Pages

AHI's [Clear the Air in the Southern Adirondack \(CASA\)](#) program has launched a new website and social media pages to promote its mission of building healthier communities through tobacco-free living.

CASA is an advancing tobacco-free communities partnership grant funded by the [New York State Department of Health Bureau of Tobacco Control](#) and serves Warren, Washington, and Saratoga counties.



CASA's goal is to reduce the impact of retail tobacco marketing on youth and adults, establish a tobacco-free community norm through tobacco-free outdoor air and housing policies, and decrease tobacco imagery in youth-related movies and the tobacco industry's presence on social media.



The new website features information on the program's four key initiatives - retail environment/point-of-sale, tobacco-free outdoors, tobacco-free multi-unit housing, and smoke-free movies. In addition, the site spotlights Reality Check, a free youth-led, adult-supported CASA initiative involving those 13-18 years of age who lead positive change in their communities through the education of business leaders, legislators, and

other community representatives and entities. The site also includes resources, news and updates, a list of upcoming events, and more.

Coinciding with the website launch, the program has also unveiled new Facebook and Instagram pages, along with a new YouTube Channel. The program will use these pages as vehicles to help promote their mission and encourage community participation in its activities.

To learn more about CASA, email casa@ahihealth.org.

[Visit the CASA website.](#)

[Visit the CASA Instagram page.](#)

[Visit the CASA Facebook page.](#)

Other News

Relocated Ticonderoga Health Center Opens



The Ticonderoga Health Center has relocated to a newly renovated building and is now open and accepting patients. A joint venture of [Hudson Headwaters Health Network](#) and the [University of Vermont Health Network - Elizabethtown Community Hospital](#), the new health center, located on the UVMHN - ECH Ticonderoga Campus, offers patients convenient access to primary care. The new site also offers laboratory and radiology services, physical therapy and sports rehabilitation, and has an emergency room and long-term care facility.

[Click here to visit the Ticonderoga Health Center's web page.](#)

CMS Issues Roadmap to Accelerate Adoption of Value-Based Care to Improve Quality for Medicaid Beneficiaries

Earlier this week, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued guidance to state Medicaid directors designed to advance the adoption of value-based care strategies across their health care systems and align provider incentives across payers. Under value-based care, providers are reimbursed based on their ability to improve quality of care in a cost-effective manner or lower costs while maintaining standards of care, rather than the volume of care they provide.

This guidance includes an assessment of key lessons learned from early state and federal experiences in implementing value-based care reforms, as well as a comprehensive toolkit of available federal authorities for states to adopt innovative payment reform efforts within their individual programs.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

2020 Two-Week Virtual Learning Symposium Uniting the Future of Population Health and Virtual Care

September 21 – October 2, 2020

Daily one-hour sessions at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

North Country Telehealth Conference

Week 1: September 21 – September 25

Daily one-hour sessions at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

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The North Country Telehealth Partnership

Sessions will feature regional telehealth experts discussing sustainability, expansion, inventive solutions, innovative programs, removing barriers, and more.



AHI Leadership Summit

Week 2: September 28 – October 2

Daily one-hour sessions at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

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Adirondack Health Institute

Sessions from regional experts will address health disparities, advancing whole-person care, cross-sector collaboration, behavioral health, and more.

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for more details and to register for individual sessions.



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FROM SKID ROW TO CEO RESILIENCY AND CHANGE

- Register Now - Spots are Limited -



SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

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OCTOBER 19, 2020

1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND SERVICE PROFESSIONALS

To Register, Email:

Molly Lawrence, ECHO Coordinator
Essex County Health Department
mary.lawrence@essexcountyny.gov



JOE ROBERTS

aka SKID ROW CEO

Joe Roberts is an expert on resiliency and change. In 1989 he was homeless living under a bridge. Within 12 years, Joe had become the celebrated CEO that he is today. Join us to hear his story as he tackles the stigma of mental health and addiction in a raw, humorous way, and gives insight into achieving resiliency in any situation.



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BABY ESSENTIAL DISTRIBUTION EVENT

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a loss of income because of COVID 19 or
you are struggling to afford necessary baby

essentials...
We are here to help!
FREE BABY ITEMS:
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Children's masks

* Saturday September 26, 2020:

10am-12pm Mountain View Campus, 7530 Court St, Elizabethtown

2pm-4pm Lake Placid Elementary, 318 Old Military Rd, Lake Placid

* Saturday October 3, 2020:

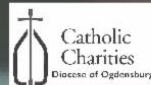
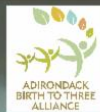
10am-12pm Ticonderoga Elementary School, 116 Alexandria Ave, Ticonderoga

2pm-4pm Moriah Central School, 39 Viking Lane, Port Henry

FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY:
Please remain in your vehicle and
volunteers will come to you!
Staff will follow all safety
protocols, wear gloves and masks.

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A program of the Prevention Council of Saratoga County



DRIVE-THRU TRUNK OR TREAT



**PLEASE WEAR A MASK AND
TREATS WILL BE HANDED TO YOU.**

**THERE WILL BE A SELFIE STATION
WHERE YOU MAY TAKE A PICTURE!**

October 31, 2020 • 3:00-6:00 pm

614 Gansevoort Rd.

South Glens Falls, NY 12803

Contact: ccfw-youth@preventioncouncil.org

Important Information

**Health Insurance Special Enrollment Period
Extended Through the End of the Year**

NEED HEALTH INSURANCE?

**AHI can help—with free, friendly and fast assistance!
Explore your health insurance options today.**

Medicaid: Expanded income guidelines for 2020. You may qualify if you are an individual making less than \$17,609 annually.



Child Health Plus: Regardless of income, every child is eligible to apply with NO co-pays or deductibles.

Essential Plan: Available for lower income individuals and families who don't qualify for Medicaid. Medical-only coverage has a monthly premium of \$20. Medical/Dental/Vision coverage has a premium of \$40. Depending on income, there may be zero premium/zero copays!

Essential Plan Guidelines:

Family of 1.... Max Household Income = \$25,520
Family of 2.... Max Household Income = \$34,480
Family of 3.... Max Household Income = \$43,440
Family of 4.... Max Household Income = \$52,400
Family of 5.... Max Household Income = \$61,360

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or call 1-866-872-3740**

COVID Special Enrollment Period extended to Dec. 31, 2020



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