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A news update from Adirondack Health Institute

January 7, 2021

News Headlines

ADK Wellness Connections Update



ADK WELLNESS CONNECTIONS

Adirondack Health Institute sponsors [ADK Wellness Connections](#), a free referral network that connects individuals to a wide range of area resources.

Beginning January 1, AHI began partnering with the [Alliance for Better Health](#) which runs the [Healthy Together](#) network, covering Albany, Fulton, Montgomery, Rensselaer, and Saratoga counties.

Both networks have been integrated from the start using [Unite Us](#) technology. In a change, the Healthy Together network will now be taking over the management of in-house referrals, acting as the main Coordination Center within AHI's nine-county region (Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Saratoga, St. Lawrence, Warren, and Washington) in addition to their current five counties, two of which overlap (Fulton and Saratoga).

AHI extends a big thank you to the [St. Lawrence County Health Initiative](#), [Family Service Association of Glens Falls](#), and [Behavioral Health Services North](#), the organizations that have been the program's Coordination Centers for more than two years. This was an initiative subcontracted out through the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) program, which ended on March 31, 2020. We are happy to have been able to continue working with these organization through the remainder of 2020.

"During this time, we have worked very closely with the Coordination Centers and can't thank them enough for their fine work. We are grateful for the supportive role they have played in connecting providers to the network and community members to so many services — we couldn't have reached this level of growth and success without them," stated Nancy Gildersleeve, Executive Director of DSRIP Operations and Fulton Population Health Network, AHI. "Although we are sad to see them transition out of this role, we are excited about this new opportunity with the Alliance for Better Health and feel this model will be efficient and the most sustainable course moving forward. Our AHI team assures you we will continue to play a supportive role for our ADK Wellness Connections network partners, sustaining the network standards you have come to expect with this referral platform."

If you have any questions, contact Victoria Knierim at vknierim@ahihealth.org, or

Other News

SHIN–NY Connection Funds Still Available for EMS, Pharmacies

Enrollment in the Data Exchange Incentive Program (DEIP) is no longer available for most previously-eligible provider types, but remains open to EMS agencies and pharmacies across New York State for another two months. Eligible organizations can receive up to \$13,000 to help offset the cost of connecting and contributing data to the SHIN-NY through a Qualified Entity.

If you are interested in the program, the deadline to enroll is March 2. If you have any questions, email deip@nyehealth.org.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

Important Information

FREE TAX RETURN ASSISTANCE

Available for families and individuals whose household income is **\$57,000** or less per year in Warren, Washington and Northern Saratoga counties



VOLUNTEER
INCOME TAX
ASSISTANCE

A Tri-County United Way Collaborative



To schedule an appointment*, please call:



1-800-211-5128

*SERVICE AVAILABLE FROM JANUARY–APRIL

Training Sessions, Meetings, and Events



No one should face Alzheimer's alone.

Register for one of our free virtual programs for information and resources about Alzheimer's and other dementias from the safety of your own home. View all listings at alz.org/events.

JANUARY

Facilitating Storytelling for Caregivers:
presented with SUNY Oswego

- January 14, 2021 | 10am
Register at RecollectionProject.net

Effective Communication Strategies

- January 20, 2021 | 3pm

Meaningful Engagement, Activities at Home

- January 21, 2021 | 2:30pm

1:1 Conversation: Coffee with a Consultant

- January 21, 2021 | 3:30pm

Know the 10 Warning Signs

- January 25, 2021 | 6:30pm

Managing Difficult Behaviors

- January 26, 2021 | 4pm

COVID Tips for Caregivers

- January 28, 2021 | 11am

FEBRUARY

**Hard Conversations: presented with
Helios Care**

- February 4, 2021 | 2pm

1:1 Conversation: Coffee with a Consultant

- February 4, 2021 | 3pm

Effective Communication Strategies

- February 5, 2021 | Noon

**Legal and Financial Planning: presented with
Burke & Casserly, PC**

- February 9, 2021 | 4:30pm

Managing Difficult Behaviors

- February 12, 2021 | Noon

Understanding Alzheimer's Disease

- February 16, 2021 | 5:30pm

Meaningful Engagement, Activities at Home

- February 23, 2021 | 10am

Registration is Required. You will receive a video conference link to access and can sign in as a guest to enter the virtual program.

RSVP at alz.org/CRF, via our 24/7 Helpline at 800.272.3900, or by contacting Sierra Snoddy at 518.675.7214.

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HEALTH DISPARITIES IN THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY

Presented By:

PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF GREATER NY &
ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION, NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION, NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK
WILL ALSO PRESENT THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM:

10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's

Drive Awareness & Help Combat Disparities in
the LGBTQ Community

DATE:

Thursday, January 21

TIME:

Noon – 1:30 PM

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of Greater New York

Share Your Updates

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

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