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News Headlines

AHI's Children's Health Home Expands Into Saratoga County

AHI Health Home Care Management

The [New York State Department of Health \(NYSDOH\)](#) has approved Adirondack Health Institute's expansion of Children's Health Home

services into Saratoga County. Previously, the organization was approved to serve only adults in the county. Health Home Children's providers can now enroll and accept referrals through the AHI Health Home Care Management program in the county.

AHI is a New York State-designated lead Health Home that serves all ages. Health Home Care Managers oversee and coordinate access to services to assist in meeting Medicaid-eligible individual's needs to help them stay healthy.

Visit the [AHI Health Home website](#) to learn more.

Look Media Resource, Foothills Business Daily Promote Launch of Adirondack Food System Network

Brittany Christenson, Executive Director of [AdkAction](#), was recently interviewed by [Look Media Resource](#) about the launch of the Adirondack Food System Network. Christenson, co-chair of the initiative, appeared on the show, *Look This Week*, to discuss the program's origins, structure, and goals. Click on the link to the right to watch the interview.



Christenson and Nancy Gildersleeve, an Executive Director at AHI, were also interviewed by [Foothills Business Daily](#) about the program's efforts to lessen food

insecurity and create a more sustainable food chain in the region.

[Click here to read the article.](#)

Glens Falls Hospital Receives Magnet Recognition

The Commission on Magnet Recognition earlier this week unanimously voted to credential [Glens Falls Hospital \(GFH\)](#) a Magnet Organization. GFH is one of only eight percent of all hospitals in the United States and less than 10 percent of hospitals world-wide to currently hold this distinction.

To receive this gold standard in nursing excellence recognition from the [American Nurses Credentialing Center \(ANCC\)](#), an organization must demonstrate excellent quality outcomes, satisfied patients, and engaged nurses.



Glens Falls Hospital

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Glens Falls Hospital began its Magnet journey in 2013. Over the next seven years, the nurses at GFH formalized a structure of shared leadership, evidence-based practice, continuous quality improvement, and nursing research. After submitting a 700+ page document last year showcasing evidence to prove its world-class outcomes, three appraisers spent three days in February of this year observing each nursing area and meeting with hundreds of staff members to verify, clarify, and amplify what was written in the document.

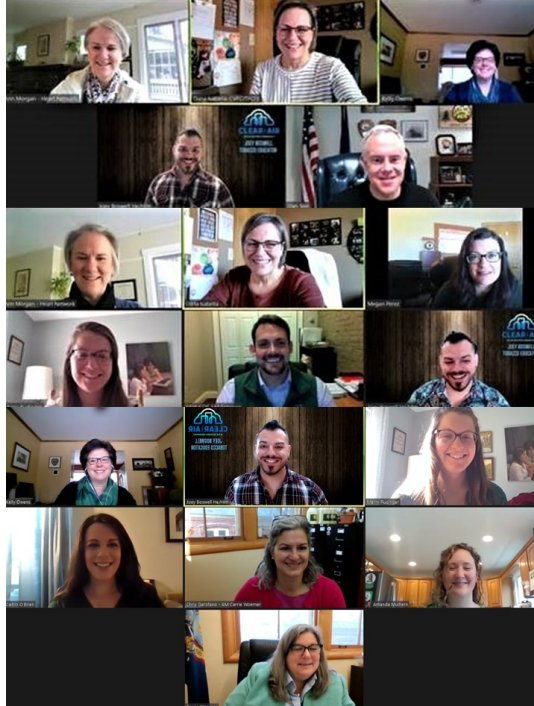
The final step occurred as GFH announced at a live event on Tuesday of this week they had successfully completed the Magnet journey. During the announcement, the Commission notified the hospital that seven of their document sources of evidence were cited as industry exemplars.

Important Information

CASA Team Thanks Local Legislators

The [Clear the Air in the Southern Adirondacks \(CASA\)](#) team would like to thank our local legislative representatives who took time to meet with us during March and April. The team appreciates the time and support offered so we may continue to build healthier communities with smoke-free environments. Over the last few weeks, we enjoyed meeting with Senator Dan Stec, Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner, Matt McDonald, Chief of Staff for Assemblyman Matt Simpson, and Samantha Torrey, Chief of Staff for Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh. Thank

you to all of you for allowing us to share information about our mission to protect youth from a future of nicotine addiction and outline our future work.



Events

DRUG TAKE BACK EVENT



Saturday May 1st 10:30 am – 2:30 pm

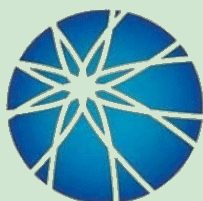
Moreau Emergency Squad

1583 U.S. Route 9 Moreau

Bring all your unused, unwanted medications and prevent them from falling into the wrong hands. Please no liquids, needles or radioactive materials. This event is brought to you by:



Prepared4ALL Initiative Announces Launch of Online Training



The Prepared4ALL initiative, offered by the Association of University Centers on Disabilities' new Technical Assistance and Training Center on Disability Inclusion in Emergency Preparedness, recently announced the launch of an online training, *Prepared4ALL: Whole Community Inclusive Emergency Planning*.

This free self-paced online training aims to help disability organizations increase their knowledge about emergency planning so they can begin or continue to get involved in these efforts in their local community while also building sustainable partnerships with their local emergency and public health professionals. This training is centered around the Prepared4ALL process, a strength-based model which helps organizations creatively and flexibly navigate inclusion and accessibility issues.

[Click here to learn more and enroll.](#)

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*. This edition and past issues of the newsletter are available at <https://ahihealth.org/ahi-news/ahinformer/>.

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