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A news update from Adirondack Health Institute

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News Headlines

Open Door Mission Announces Grand Opening of New 5,300 SF Kitchen

Open Door Mission, located at 226 Warren Street in Downtown Glens Falls announced completion of its new 5,300 square foot Kitchen and relocation to Warren Street, formerly, the kitchen was located at 47 Lawrence Street.

Celebrating its 30th Anniversary, Open Door

Mission continues to actively develop solutions that address the challenges of homelessness and food insecurity that has become a daily reality for many families in our communities.

With the expansion, the new Kitchen is able to seat one hundred guests with two hundred daily meals capacity. The space will allow guests to participate in daily support groups, classes, and trainings including a teaching kitchen to train for workforce opportunities.

Kim Cook, President & CEO says, "We are honored to serve in this role and meet the growing needs of those in our region. Having this space opens up endless possibilities and opportunities that we did not have in our old space. That space served us a well for a time, but having the Kitchen relocated to Warren Street will allow our staff to focus more on our guests."

The project was led by Hilltop Construction and AJA Architecture and Planning, with the help Open Door Mission volunteers. Funding for the project came from generous community donors as well as corporate and foundation grants, including: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Charles R. Wood Foundation, Cloudsplitter Foundation, Putnam Family Foundation, and Sandy Hill Foundation.



Citizen Advocates

Citizen Advocates took a different approach to their typical annual Impact Report. In addition to a

traditional printed version, They added an online component that brings their story to life through [video](#). Combining, the print and digital presentation truly reflects the passion, agility and strength they all share for our commitment to Making Lives Better. Both platforms highlight a few of our key accomplishments during the past year that we wanted to share with the community.

Citizen Advocates shares this with the hope everyone gains new perspective into the importance of the vital supports and high quality clinical services our community relies on, especially during such unprecedented times. To watch the video and check out our Impact Report online, [click here](#).

Important Information

Behavioral Health Survey

Over the past year, organizations have seen a rise in behavioral health services, with many provided via Telehealth. As part of the Behavioral Health Workforce Research Center (BHWRC), a joint initiative of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA); The University of Michigan is conducting a survey that takes about 10 minutes and asks some great questions. We encourage all providers of behavioral health services to fill out this very valuable information.

The logo for the National Council for Mental Wellbeing features the text "NATIONAL COUNCIL" in grey, "for" in a smaller grey font, and "Mental Wellbeing" in a large, bold, orange font. The background is a light beige color with abstract shapes.

NATIONAL COUNCIL for **Mental Wellbeing**

The National Council for Mental Wellbeing, in collaboration with the University of Michigan School of Public Health, **needs mental health and substance use telehealth providers and individuals to fill out a [short survey](#)** on their experiences and satisfaction with **delivering or receiving services within the last 12 months**.

We need your input to help guide and prepare for the future of telehealth. The findings of this study will inform policy recommendations for developing strategies and programs to enhance telehealth services.

[TAKE THE SURVEY NOW](#)

This survey is part of the Behavioral Health Workforce Research Center (BHWRC), a joint initiative of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The Center works to strengthen the workforce responsible for prevention and treatment of mental health and substance use disorders by conducting studies to inform workforce development and planning efforts.

Combatting Opioid and Substance Use Educational Offerings

Mohawk Hudson Area Health Education Center is offering an educational opportunity that will be held multiple times over the next 2 months. If you have questions or need assistance registering, contact Brenda Hansson.

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The poster features a yellow background with a purple banner in the top right corner that says "Free Registration!". The AHEC logo is at the top center. The main title is "2021 Webinar Series" in large blue font, followed by "COMBATTING OPIOID AND SUBSTANCE USE IN RURAL COMMUNITIES" in smaller blue font. Below this, five webinar sessions are listed in a vertical column. Each session is represented by a purple arrow pointing right, containing the date and duration, followed by a dark blue box with the session title, speaker information, and a "Register Here" button. Some sessions also include a small icon of a certificate.

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2021 Webinar Series

COMBATTING OPIOID AND SUBSTANCE USE IN RURAL COMMUNITIES

JUNE 9TH 1-3	The Science of Addiction And Recovery Deb Rhoades, LCSW, CASAC, CARC Rhoades to Recovery Register Here <small>2 CASAC, CRPA, CARC CE's!</small>
JUNE 17TH 9-11	Harm Reduction Sabrina Herlick, Alliance for Positive Health Joe Cavallo, CRPA, ACCA Mobile Recovery Unit Register Here
JUNE 24TH 1-3	The Gloversville Police Department Neighborhood Engagement Unit Anthony Clay, Chief of Police Register Here
JULY 8TH 1-3	Overcoming Barriers to Treatment and Services Nydia Hill, CRPA, Matt Forbes, CRPA-P and Sharlee Berenger, CASAC-T New Choices Recovery Center COTI Project Register Here
JULY 22ND 1-3	Organizational Wellness Deb Rhoades, LCSW, CASAC, CARC Rhoades to Recovery Register Here <small>2 CASAC, CRPA, CARC CE's!</small>

For more information contact: Brenda Hansson
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[Click here to register.](#)



Sue McNeil represented AHI at the Adirondack Sports Expo on Sunday 6/6. It was a 2 day event taking place at the Saratoga Springs City Center. Attendance was steady at the very first EASE team in-person tabling event since March of 2020! The calendar of upcoming events is below. You can also reach out to Joyce Porter @ jporter@ahihealth.org.

AHI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Title	Date	Time	Location	AHI Contact
EASE at Regional Food Bank	Wed., Jun 16	10am-12pm	Northville Central School	Joyce Porter
EASE at Outdoor Fridays	Fri., Jun 25	10am-3pm	Family Service Association of Glens Falls	Joyce Porter
EASE at Washington County Fair Food Truck Fridays	Fri., Jul 9	4pm-8pm	Washington County Fairgrounds	Joyce Porter
EASE at Outdoor Fridays	Fri., Jul 30	10am-3pm	Family Service Association of Glens Falls	Joyce Porter
EASE at Washington County Fair 2021	Mon., Aug 23	10am-6pm	Washington County Fairgrounds	Joyce Porter
EASE at Outdoor Fridays	Fri., Aug 27	10am-3pm	Family Service Association of Glens Falls	Joyce Porter

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 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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