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A news update from Adirondack Health Institute

July 16, 2022

News Headlines

Clear The Air in the Southern Adirondacks (CASA) Congratulates the Town of Horicon on their Tobacco-Free Outdoor Policy!

The Town of Horicon passed a tobacco-free outdoor policy for their parks, playground, beaches, and municipal owned properties on June 16. Horicon joins more than [500 municipalities in New York State](#) that have tobacco and vape-free outdoor recreation areas.

The Clear the Air in The Southern Adirondacks (CASA) team reached out to the Town of Horicon to discuss concerns from community members that the town's original tobacco-free outdoor policy was limited. CASA attended the Town of Horicon Board meetings and provided the Town Board and community members with education on the dangers of tobacco, policies other municipalities have adopted, and resources to support a more comprehensive tobacco-free outdoor policy. The CASA team highlighted that [tobacco-free outdoor policies protect park users from harmful and damaging effects of exposure to secondhand smoke](#), reduce tobacco and e-cigarette litter, and support smoke-free and tobacco-free environments for community members to enjoy. On June 16, a unanimous vote was passed in support of the new policy.

The CASA team will continue to support the Town of Horicon by providing tobacco-free signage for their grounds as well as any other implementation needs that arise. CASA is available to assist municipalities, businesses, housing units, and other organizations in Warren, Washington, and Saratoga counties to establish tobacco-free and smoke-free policies for their properties.

If you are interested in following the Town of Horicon in their efforts to establish a tobacco-free outdoors policy, please reach out to us at casa@ahihealth.org!

Informational: New Grant Opportunity Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Discretionary Grant Program

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established the new **Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP)** discretionary grant program, funded with \$1 billion over the next 5 years.

It is the first-ever program to help reconnect communities that were previously cut off from economic opportunities by transportation infrastructure. Funding supports planning grants and capital construction grants, as well as technical assistance, to restore community connectivity through the removal, retrofit, mitigation, or replacement of eligible transportation infrastructure facilities.

FY22 Notice of Funding Opportunity is open now through Thursday, October 13, 2022.

The [FY22 Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\) for the Reconnecting Communities Program](#) is available now on the DOT website.

The deadline for applications is 11:59 PM EDT on Thursday, October 13, 2022. All

We want to hear from you!

Are you a health care provider in the North Country?

The North Country Digital Inclusion Coalition, formed by Adirondack Health Institute and Fort Drum Regional Health Planning Organization, is looking for insights on access to telehealth and digital inclusion barriers in our communities.

Please take the 5 minute survey by visiting <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NCDIC2> or by scanning the QR code below!



We want to hear from you!

Are you a community member in the North Country?

The North Country Digital Inclusion Coalition, formed by Adirondack Health Institute and Fort Drum Regional Health Planning Organization, would like to hear about your experience using telehealth services.

Please take the 5 minute survey by visiting <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NCDIC> or by scanning the QR code below!



A new edition of the **Moreau Community Center** newsletter is available.
Click [here](#) to read!

The **Adirondack Rural Health Network** is pleased to announce two new available webinars in collaboration with the **North Country Telehealth Partnership**.

Click each title to review the presentations!

[Telehealth Billing and Coding- Beyond the Basics](#)

[FQHC and RHC Telehealth Billing and Coding- Beyond the Basics](#)

A new edition of the **Family Service Association of Glens Falls, Inc .** newsletter is available. Click [here](#) to read!

Events

SAVE THE DATE

2022 NORTH COUNTRY LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Optimizing Healthcare: Community Collaboration and Workforce Resiliency

September 19th – 23rd, 2022

AHI and FDRHPO present a week long virtual symposium
with presentations on strategies to optimize telehealth and
population health



2022 Sponsorship Information and Nomination Forms Available!

Visit the Summit webpage at <https://ahihealth.org/2022-north-country-leadership-summit/>
to submit your presentation applications, award nominations, and
sponsorship opportunities!

Questions can be directed to ahisummit@ahihealth.org.

The [Alzheimer's Association of Northeastern New York](#) is pleased to present their
July and August programs in Warren and Hamilton counties. Events include sessions
on warning sign as well as understanding Alzheimer's and dementia.

Check out the July programming [here](#) and the August programming [here](#).

Telehealth Learning Collaborative July 18, 2022

The **North Country Telehealth Partnership** will be hosting the next **Telehealth Learning Collaborative** on **July 18** from **2:00 - 3:00PM**. The featured presentation on **Remote Patient Monitoring Challenges, Cost Savings, Telehealth Coordinator Model and Success Stories** will be presented by Jennifer Newberry RN, BSN, Director of Patient Services Home Health Unit, Essex County Health Department joined by Health Recovery Solutions Clinical Services Team.

Register [Here!](#)

Best Practices: Low Threshold MAT Access and Peer Support with Joe Cavallo July 28, 2022

Join **Joe Cavallo**, Director of Mobile Recovery Services, and Certified Peer Recovery Advocate, **Elise Demers**, from First Steps to Recovery to learn more about low-threshold MAT access and the model that they provide to clients to assist people who use drugs.

To register for this free webinar, click [here](#).

Overview of The Mind Science of Bias and Healing Centered Engagement August 9 and 19

Join [Hudson Mohawk Area Health Education Center](#) for introductory sessions on the Mind Science of Bias. The session will offer subject matter, research, and recommended strategies to address and mitigate implicit bias. Trainer **Greg Owens, LMSW**, will provide information on identity anxiety and stereotype as another important consideration to address bias.


Sessions will be held on August 9 and 19; participants only need to attend one session as the content is the same.

Register here!

August 9: <https://bit.ly/ImplicitBiasAug9>

August 19: <https://bit.ly/ImplicitBiasAug19>

WE ARE PROUD TO PRESENT




**Hidden Gems Resource Fair:
What Your Community Can Do For
You!**

September 16 • 2pm - 6pm
FORT EDWARD YACHT BASIN
159 BROADWAY, FORT EDWARD, NY 12828
Rain Date September 30th 2pm-6pm

Drop by to learn more about the resources your community has to offer!
These resources include, but are not limited to, health insurance assistance, advocacy, food assistance, aging, long term care options, LGBTQ+ support, disability services, employment, and more!

Food, giveaways, and additional vendors will be at the event. We hope to see you there!

THIS EVENT IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY:



New Date!

The **Hidden Gems Resource Fair** has been rescheduled to **September 16** from **2:00 - 6:00pm** at the Fort Edward Yacht Basin.

Drop by to learn about resources your community has to offer!

Brought to you by:

[Adirondack Health Institute](#), [Planned Parenthood of Greater New York](#), [Southern Adirondack Independent Living Center \(SAIL\)](#), [LEAP - Learning, Employment, Assistance, Partnership](#), [Washington County, NY Civil Service / Personnel Department](#), and [Washington County, NY Office for Aging & Disabilities Resource Center](#).

Workplace Stability Training September 16, 2022

Join [Hudson Mohawk Area Health Education Center](#) on September 16, 2022 from 8:30am - 3:30pm at the Saratoga Hilton for a professional development training instability in the workplace. Participants will explore a breakdown of the cost of employee attrition—as high as \$11,000 per lost employee for some businesses—before moving on to best practices that boost employee retention. From improved recruiting and onboarding processes to promoting valuable employees from within, Workplace Stability covers every stage of the employee life cycle.

For more information or to register, click [here!](#)

Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT Training) September 28, 2022

Join **Allison Reynolds** from the Council for Prevention for a FREE SBIRT Training! SBIRT is an integrated, public health approach to the delivery of early intervention and treatment services for persons with substance use disorders and those at risk of developing these disorders. SBIRT is an evidence-based training and will assist in identifying individuals with problems using or at risk for substance use disorders. This training incorporates screening for all types of substance use with brief, tailored feedback and advice. SBIRT is reimbursable - billing codes are available.

To register for this event, click [here](#).

Free Summer Meals Available for Eligible North Franklin County Youth

Eligible youth will receive breakfast and lunch at multiple locations in northern Franklin County starting June 27. The program expects to deliver 18,000 meals over the summer to recreation parks, schools and community gathering spaces in Brushton-Moira, Chateaugay, Constable, Malone, Owls Head, St. Regis Falls and West Bangor.

The eight-week program will run through August 19.
Click [here](#) for details and information on meal sites.

Health Insurance Enrollment Assistance

AHI's **EASE (Enrollment Assistance Services and Education) program** assists individuals, families and small business owners enroll in health insurance coverage through the NY State of Health Marketplace. We serve eight counties: Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Saratoga, Warren, and Washington.

We don't charge and we're not an insurance company. We help clients look at available insurance plans and find out if they're eligible for financial assistance.

[Request an appointment online](#) or call toll-free, **1.866.872.3740**, to make an appointment with a certified enrollment specialist. We'll help to review health insurance choices via phone, for free. To learn more, click [here](#).

AHI also provides assistance with helping individuals and families resolve issues in accessing substance use disorder and mental health services, as well as care management services

COVID-19 Resources

For links to various COVID-19 resources for community partners, please visit [AHI's website](#).

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 the AHInformer.

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

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