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A news update from Adirondack Health Institute

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News Headlines

Catalytic Program on Utilizing the Inflation Reduction Act

Funding and tax credits for rural health organizations

In October, Assistant Secretary for Health Admiral Rachel Levine announced that the **Office of Climate Change and Health Equity (OCCHE)** would launch a “catalytic program” early in 2024 to support health care providers and especially safety net organizations in taking advantage of the tax credits, grants and other supports made available by the historic Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). Speaking at a [White House Roundtable](#), Admiral Levine noted that this legislation creates unprecedented opportunities for health sector organizations to make investments in clean energy, building efficiency, infrastructure resilience and more. This initiative is occurring through collaboration with federal partners including the Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Energy and will feature national webinars as well as breakout sessions by provider type to help organizations assess their needs and opportunities.

More information on the Catalytic Program and a full schedule of planned national sessions can be found [here](#).

The Hope of Recovery

Recovery from substance use disorder is different for everyone.

AHI's Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) is pleased to present "[The Hope of Recovery](#)", a documentary highlighting first-person stories to affirm that recovery is a process of change through which people improve their health and wellness in a self-directed way.

Substance use disorder affects not only the person who is battling the disease, but family and friends alike. Every pathway is different. Every story is unique. All empowered by hope. We thank our partners at **Alliance for Positive Health, Champlain Valley Family Center, and St. Joseph's Addiction Treatment & Recovery Centers** for their participation in this important project.

We welcome encourage partners and community members to show this video with groups, high schools, prevention programs, and others. If you are interested in hosting an event with the video and a panel discussion to follow, please contact Sabrina Herlick, Director, RCORP Implementation Grant at sherlick@ahihealth.org.

Please feel free to share this documentary on other listservs. The video can also be found on the RCORP website: www.ahihealth.org/rcorp.

A new edition of the **Family Services Association of Glens Falls, Inc.** newsletter is available.

Click [here](#) to read!

A new edition of the **Moreau Community Center** newsletter is available.

Click [here](#) to read!

Events

LEADERSHIP SKILLS COURSE FOR TEENS

Join us for a FREE event to learn tips on public speaking and professional writing & communication.

This event is open to middle and high school students in Saratoga, Warren and Washington counties.

Refreshments will be available!



All events are smoke-free

Registration is required.

Choose from one of the locations below:

Saturday, 11/18/23
Greenwich Free
Library,
148 Main Street
Greenwich
11:00am - 1:00pm

Tuesday, 11/28/23
Moreau Community
Center,
144 Main Street
South Glens Falls
6:00pm-8:00pm

Saturday, 12/2/23
Crandall Public
Library,
251 Glen Street
Glens Falls
11:00am - 1:00pm

This event is sponsored by Adirondack Health Institute's Reality Check program and facilitated by Hudson Mohawk AHEC.

Reality Check of New York is a free youth-led, adult-supported program focused on those 13-18 years of age throughout New York State. Involved youth lead positive change in their communities through the education of business leaders, legislators, and other community representatives and entities. Major efforts focus on reducing tobacco marketing for teens, eliminating tobacco imagery in youth-rated movies, and helping shape the tobacco landscape for future generations. To learn more, visit:

<https://ahihealth.org/casa/reality-check/#goals>



Register here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ttpci>

Questions? Contact Adrienne Cross at across@hmahec.org



ONLINE
Training!



Drug User Stigma

with Shannon Curry-Izzo, MS, MHC-P • National Harm Reduction Coalition

A comprehensive overview of Harm Reduction with a focus on the practice, philosophy and movement.

Participants will be introduced to harm reduction intersects, types and elements of stigma, and best practices to ensure compassionate engagement with people who use drugs.

DECEMBER 7, 2023 • 10AM-11:30AM

REGISTRATION LINK IN DESCRIPTION

ONLINE TRAINING WITH LIMITED AVAILABILITY!
Course will close when registration is full

Questions: Sabrina Herlick • sherlick@ahihealth.org



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Other Information and Resources

Job Postings

AHI has several career opportunities available! We are seeking:

- **Enrollment Specialists**
- **IT & Security Manager**
- **IT Support Specialist**

For more information on these roles and to apply, visit <https://ahihealth.org/who-we-are/careers/>.

If you are an organization that would like a link to your job posting(s) included in a future AHInformer, please send the information to us at communications@ahihealth.org.

Struggling to afford internet service?

Visit AffordableConnectivity.gov to learn more about and apply for the Affordable Connectivity Program.

Addiction and Mental Healthcare Access Assistance

AHI's **CHAMP (Community Health Access to Addiction and Mental Healthcare Project)** program assists individuals and their families with accessing substance use disorder and mental health treatment services. We can help by breaking down barriers to care, including provider network and other health insurance related issues. We serve nine counties: Clinton, Essex, Franklin, St. Lawrence, Fulton, Hamilton, Saratoga, Warren, and Washington.

CHAMP is a FREE and CONFIDENTIAL service available to everyone, regardless of insurance coverage, including the uninsured.

Call us at **1.866.872.3740** or visit our [website](#) to for more information.

Information sessions can be scheduled, and materials made available upon request – contact us for more details!

Keep New York Covered

Important Changes to New York Medicaid, Child Health Plus and the Essential Plan

Do you or a family member currently have health insurance through New York State Medicaid, Child Health Plus, or the Essential Plan? New York State is resuming eligibility reviews and renewals for people enrolled in these programs. **This means you may need to take action to renew your health insurance or the insurance of your family members.**

AHI's EASE enrollment team can help! EASE provides FREE and CONFIDENTIAL service to everyone, regardless of insurance coverage, including the uninsured.

Call us at 1.866.872.3740 or visit our site at ahihealth.org/knyc for more information.

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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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