

Chicago Harm Reduction Training Collaborative Training Calendar March – October 2008

Co-Sponsored By: Chicago Department of Public Health, Chicago Recovery Alliance, Night Ministry, Test Positive Aware Network, Young Women's Empowerment Project and the Harm Reduction Coalition

Mission: The Harm Reduction Training Collaborative is a Chicago-based grass-roots training and support network by and for people in the street economy, social service providers, administrators, activists, peer educators and community members. We build access to empowerment-based options, life saving interventions and real world strategies in order to nurture harm reduction efforts and create community.

ACCREDITATION STATEMENT

Oakton Community College, ALL/CEHP has been approved as a sponsor of continuing education in the 2005-2008 renewal period by the Social Worker/Clinical Social Worker and Professional Counselor/Clinical Professional Counselor Licensing Board of the State of Illinois, Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

Addictions Counselors (CADC): Oakton Community College, ALL/CEHP is a recognized provider of continuing education by The Illinois Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Professional Certification Association, Inc.(IAODAPCA). All programs are submitted for approval on an individual basis

Target Audience for all trainings: HIV prevention service providers, Substance abuse counselors, educators and outreach workers; medical workers; mental health workers; social workers and counselors, outreach workers; social service providers such as shelter workers, intake coordinators, peer educators, consumers.

To Register:

Please e-mail the following to kstancz@attglobal.net:

- Name **
- Race/Ethnicity
- Gender Identity
- Phone
- Courses Titles, Dates & Times **
- Title, affiliation or agency

****required; other info is helpful for trainer and data collection purposes.**

Walk-ins welcome but space is not guaranteed

Questions, Concerns and Comments:

Contact: Karen Stanczykiewicz, CADC

Phone: 773-860-1803 or see HRTC link:

<http://www.anypositivechange.org>

Trainings are FREE! Donations welcome.

TRAINING LOCATIONS:

CDPH

2045 W. Washington Blvd, basement,
Chicago, IL

MATEC

1640 W. Roosevelt Rd

Chicago, IL

Roosevelt (12) bus stop: Ashland

Ashland (8) bus stop: Roosevelt

Course Descriptions:

Harm Reduction 101

Presenter: Shira Hassan MSW **Date:** 03/05/08 Fri

Location: CDPH, Miles Square **Time:** 9am-noon

This training will review the basic concepts of harm reduction and introduce overarching frame works necessary for making interventions that reflect harm reduction values and ethics. This training is a prerequisite for Harm reduction 102

* CEUs applied for from Oakton and pending.

Harm Reduction 102

Presenter: Shira Hassan MSW **Date:** 03/05/08 Friday

Location: CDPH, Miles Square **Time:** 12:30pm-3:30pm

Participants will continue to gain a deeper understanding of introductory harm reduction interventions through case presentations and learn advance strategies for integrating harm reduction approaches into daily practice. In order to register for this course you must be either registered or have completed Harm reduction 101.

* CEUs applied for from Oakton and pending.

Legal Rights for People in the Street Economy

Presenter: Claudine O'Leary **Date:** 03/21/08, Fri

Location: CDPH, Miles Square **Time:** 9am-1pm

This training will explain the legal rights of people actively involved in using and selling illegal drugs and people involved in the illegal parts of the sex trade. We will build on knowledge of people's popular understanding of legal rights and terms and explore myths and realities. This training will also allow for practice of real life situations and putting the ideas into practice.

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Trauma, Empowerment & Self Injury

Trainers: Shira Hassan, MSW

Date: 03/31/0 Mon **Time:** 12pm-3pm

Location: CDPH, Miles Square

Trauma is common to women, especially those who engage or are engaged by the social service milieu and often, self-injury is an aspect of trauma, unique to each individual. While approaching self-injury can be an overwhelming issue for service providers, this training will address how workshop participants can immediately and constructively engage individuals around trauma and self-injury within a harm reduction framework. Empowering trauma victims and survivors around making positive changes for themselves (rather than the provider's own comfort) will be the focus of this training.

Harm Reduction with High Risk IDU: Opiate Overdose Interventions

Trainer: Sarz Maxwell MD, Medical Dir, CRA

Location: CDPH, Miles Square

Date: 4/11/08 Fri **Time:** 9am-1pm

This training will provide didactic information necessary to perform education of intravenous drug users regarding use of naloxone in the reversal of opiate overdose and how meeting high risk populations “where they’re at” will assist in developing relationships in which to build further risk reduction messages. This training will assist service providers with cultural competency and engagement tools for reaching IDU.

* CEUs applied for from Oakton and pending.

Harm Reduction with High Risk IDU: Safer Injection Discussions

Trainer: Dan Bigg, CRADC **Location:** CDPH, MS

Date: 9/21/07 Fri **Time:** 1-3:30pm

*Immediately follows morning “Overdose” presentation

As an engagement tool in HIV prevention settings it is necessary to address issues most immediate to consumers. This hands-on training will introduce and discuss a pictorial guide to safer injection as both a disease prevention and an engagement tool. Also, this training will assist competence with use of this guide in a variety of settings including health outreach, addiction treatment, and health care.

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Women, Drug Use and Trauma: Successfully Addressing Women’s issues in Recovery

Trainer: Maureen Rule, MSW, Albuquerque, NM

Location: MATEC

Date: TBA (Late Spring) **Time:** 9am-4pm

Ms. Rule, one of the founders of Tierra del Sol (Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless), a harm reduction-based residential program for women with substance use and/or mental health issues. The focus of this program is to improve engagement in services and partner with women to improve their chances of living independently. Maureen says, “We are not dealing with problem people, but rather people with problems. The brain changes that occur with trauma and with constant bombardment of use are very real. Harm reduction...reduces the burden on providers ...The basis is care, respect...Women need to be given a voice, and taught how to do that in a constructive way, to learn how to be validated, how to get others to

be open to hearing them, so that they can feel that they matter.” Ms. Rule will discuss how traditional recovery venues often undermine women’s needs by looking only at their drug use. She will discuss trauma in the role of women’s drug use and how to prevent re-traumatization in drug treatment and other social service programs. Ms. Rule will discuss the role of 12-step programs as one of many choices for addressing women’s addiction and health issues. Language around drug use and new ways of looking at “relapse” will also be discussed, especially as pertains to housing and program involvement stability.

* HR 101 and 102 preferred requisite

Building Safe Communities with Youth and Women: Alternative Approaches to Violence Prevention

Trainer: Shira Hassan & Dominique McKinney

Date: 08/29/08, Fri **Time:** 12:30-3:30

Location: CDPH, Miles Square

Domestic Violence and Trauma are prevalent among women and girls we see every day. Shelters are full, hotlines are busy and still women and girls are at risk. This training will explore harm reduction ideas and approaches to addressing violence that doesn’t rely on more referrals and the police as the only solution. Come with your creativity and readiness to think outside the box, together we will come up with alternatives mainstream options and make room for real change!

Successfully Housing Substance Users

Trainer: Mark Kinzly, Yale University

Location: MATEC

Date: TBA (Fall) **Time:** 9am-4pm

Providers won’t want to miss this training as private and government funders begin to demand that HIV care and prevention address the needs of active drug users. Based on a training he helped develop with funding from HUD and HOPWA, Mark Kinzly, harm reduction researcher at Yale and advocate will assist providers and consumer groups with the skills and resources necessary to house people experiencing substance use issues. This full-day training will address a variety of housing contexts, drug use and recovery, assessments and contracts, housing policies and regulations, community building and more.

* HR 101 and 102 preferred requisite

Harm Reduction Strategies with LGBT Young People

Trainer: Lara Brooks, MSW **Location:** CDPH, MS

Date: 12/05/08, Fri **Time:** 9am-12pm

This interactive training will explore some of the intersecting issues facing LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning) youth of color: disproportionate rates of HIV, homelessness, criminalization, trauma, and experiences with violence. This workshop will provide practical harm reduction tools, frameworks, and approaches for our work in various settings in both individual and group work. We will also explore the struggles and complexities that challenge our programs, workers, and participants.

* HR 101 and 102 referred requisite

Incorporating the Prison Industrial Complex and the Experiences of Queer Youth of Color into our Anti-Violence Work

Trainer: Lara Brooks, MSW **Location:** CDPH, MS

Date: 12/05/08, Fri **Time:** 12:30pm-3:30pm

This workshop will briefly explore the history and roots of the prison industrial complex (PIC) through a lens that places the increasing criminalization and displacement of queer youth of color at its center. We will discuss the connections between increasing state violence, intimate partner violence, disproportionate HIV rates, and homelessness. Through these connections, we will explore the ways in which youth workers, adult allies, and domestic violence service providers can incorporate this framework into their individual and group work with survivors of oppression and trauma.



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