



A MATTER OF SUBSTANCE: At-a-Glance

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DIVISION QUICK FACTS

Matrix Model Training: Thirty-three participants attended the two-day Matrix Model trainings held in Altoona and Des Moines last month. A representative from the Matrix Institute in California conducted the trainings which were funded by SAMHSA in response to a technical assistance request from the Division's Access to Recovery staff. As follow-up to the trainings, some participants may have the opportunity to attend Key Supervisor Training. For more information, contact Kevin Gabbert at 515/281-7080 or at kgabbert@idph.state.ia.us.

Iowa Receives NIATx-SI Grant: Iowa was one of six states chosen by the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) for a new technical assistance project. NIATx-State Implementation (NIATx-SI) is a learning collaborative intended to spread and sustain NIATx system change efforts. The 9-month project will include coaching, webinars, and meetings to support work on state-directed aims and goals. Iowa's project will focus on: 1) transition to a Recovery Oriented System of Care, 2) Data-Informed Decision-Making 3) Pay for Performance.

A Day of Healing: On Saturday, November 21, 2009, simultaneous conferences for survivors of suicide loss will take place throughout the U.S. This unique network of healing conferences helps survivors connect with others who have survived the loss of a loved one to suicide. To learn more visit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention website at www.afsp.org

Seeking Safety: Two "Seeking Safety" trainings will be offered in December for professionals working with clients who are survivors of trauma and recovering from substance abuse. The first training will be December 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. On December 15th, an advanced course for those who have already been doing Seeking Safety groups will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Both trainings will be held in Des Moines at the Polk County Riverview Complex. The trainings are free, with a small fee for lunch. To register, contact Sheri Floyd at IowaCASA at community@iowacasa.org or 515/244-7424. Details are available at www.iowacasa.org.

Director's Corner: This section of the newsletter is always the last part to get written. I tell the editors (who are usually up against a publication deadline at this point!) that I do this section last because I want to read the final draft of the rest of the newsletter and then connect what I say to what everyone else has contributed — and that actually is true! This time, however, I must admit that reading the final draft of the newsletter isn't the only reason I'm writing the Director's Corner right at the deadline. As you probably know, we at State government have been working on budget reductions. And, as you also know, our decisions impact you. We know that, too. While these are difficult economic times and we may all feel the impact in some way, I assure you that we are doing our best to protect and preserve direct services to Iowans — outreach, prevention, treatment and support. That's our priority. Thanks, Kathy Stone

UPCOMING EVENTS

2009 Prevention Symposium November 5 in Des Moines.
To register, go to www.livemeeting.com/lrs/8002049490/Registration.aspx?PageName=d743xzt3qlbmdrjt

Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist Ethics
December 8 in Johnston.

For more information, go to www.counterdrugtraining.com.

Treating Trauma Related to Substance Abuse November 5 in Marshalltown.
For more information, go to www.satuci.com

Developing a Mental Health Service Capacity for Youth in Rural Communities Webinar November 11.
To register, go to www.livemeeting.com/lrs/8002049490/Registration.aspx?PageName=d743xzt3qlbmdrjt.

Building Bench Strength: Finding New Coalition Leaders Webcast November 19.
For more information, go to <https://secure.macroiinternational.com/mctft/webcasts/w.aspx?ID=586>.

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