



A MATTER OF SUBSTANCE: At-a-Glance

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DIVISION UPDATES

Whole Systems Change: Iowa is one of seven states participating in SAMHSA's NIATx Whole Systems Change project. The project, which began in January 2009, will advance Iowa's substance abuse recovery-oriented system of care by embedding financial incentives related to client engagement in treatment in Iowa Plan IDPH-funded provider contracts, effective January 2010. IDPH and Magellan are reviewing statewide data on admissions and length of stay and will share data and work with providers to establish appropriate performance benchmarks.

Program Licensure Applications Available On-Line: Licensure applications, re-applications, and supporting materials for gambling treatment, substance abuse treatment, and substance abuse assessment/evaluation only programs are available at www.idph.state.ia.us/bh/admin_regulation.asp. Direct questions to Robyn Fisher at rfisher@idph.state.ia.us or to Bob Kerksieck at rkerksie@idph.state.ia.us.

Substance Abuse Disaster Relief Funding: IDPH received \$2.7 million for substance abuse disaster relief services to Iowans impacted by last year's weather disasters. The funding was distributed to IDPH-funded comprehensive prevention and treatment contractors across the state to implement local prevention activities, focused outreach, and enhanced treatment services. Maybe you've seen the billboards or the TV spots or heard about the 24 hour 1-800-447-1985 helpline on the radio? Go to www.idph.state.ia.us/bh/substance_abuse_disaster_relief.asp to learn more.

Director's Corner: I've been thinking about the connection between personal recovery and evidence-based practices and thought I should talk to Iowa's experts. If you consider yourself to be a person in recovery and you work in the field and have ideas about treatment and what works and what matters, e-mail me at kstone@idph.state.ia.us or call me at 515-281-8021. I'd like to talk with you!



UPCOMING EVENTS

2009 Midwest Conference on Problem Gambling and Substance Abuse

August 12-14 in St. Louis, MO. For more information registration, go to www.888BetsOff.org/links/midwest_conference.shtm.

Youth Program Quality Assessment Reliability Check

August 25 in Des Moines. For registration and additional information go to www.ICYD.org.

Transformational Change with Stephen Hacker

September 14 in Johnston. Watch for registration information at www.idph.state.ia.us/bh/substance_abuse.asp.

National Prevention Network Research Conference

September 15-18 in Anaheim, CA. For more information and registration, go to <http://swpc.ou.edu/npn>.

2009 Mental Health Conference

October 6-7 in Ames. For more information and registration, go to www.trainingresources.org.

National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

September 20 at Adventureland in Altoona. For more information, go to www.idph.state.ia.us/bh/substance_abuse.asp.

HIV 2009: An Interdisciplinary Conference

October 16 in Iowa City. For more information and registration, go to www.medicine.uiowa.edu/cme or call 319- 335-8599.

Matrix Model Training

October 19-20 or October 21-22 in Des Moines. For more information, go to www.idph.state.ia.us/atr.

2009 Prevention Symposium

November 5 in Des Moines. For more information and registration, go to www.trainingresources.org.

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