

## ADDRESSING THE OPIOID USE CRISIS

### CASN MARKS ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY WITH IMPACT UPDATE

April marks the one-year anniversary of the NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports' (OASAS) State Opioid Response II Grant Award to the multi-stakeholder partnership making up the Citywide Addiction Support Network (CASN). Highlights from the past twelve months across all three service areas (Prevention, Treatment & Recovery) include:

#### Prevention Services

- Hired and trained ten Prevention Facilitators on “Triple P” (Positive Parenting Program) and “SSET” (Support for Students Exposed to Trauma) subject matter;
- Delivered evidence-based practices to students and families in Bronx, Manhattan and Queens; and
- Developed relationships with private, alternative and public schools, Planned Parenthood, food pantries, NYC’s housing shelter systems and community family programs to continue to provide trainings to community members in need.

#### Treatment & Recovery Services

- Hired fifty Certified Recovery Peers and developed a monthly Peer Support Group for all CASN Peers;
- Collaborated with Manhattan Borough President Initiative to deliver focused outreach to Washington Square Park patrons that included Narcan distribution and referral to Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) and other opioid use disorder (OUD) services where appropriate;
- Launched a 24/7 open access telephone hotline via [Samaritan Daytop Village](#) and integrated 24/7 telehealth services via [NYC Health + Hospitals](#) ExpressCare with referrals to CASN’s provider network;
- Established hospital emergency department lead teams comprised of clinicians and peers via NYC Health + Hospitals

that utilize [CASN’s Geo-map](#) to refer service recipients to CASN providers at time of discharge from EDs; and

- Employed social workers at Pride Centers to work with youth affected by OUD and/or stimulant use disorder diagnoses and connect them to ongoing services and supports within the CASN provider network.

These efforts have had a quantifiable impact that in sum includes:

- 135 unique individuals referred for MAT services at a CASN treatment services provider;
- Telehealth capacity for 530 individuals seeking OUD treatment and recovery services;
- 70 trainings on Narcan use; and
- 325 fentanyl strips distributed at Washington Square Park.

### PROJECT ECHO FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER SERVICE PROVIDERS

The CBC Training Institute (TI) continued its ongoing Project ECHO series supporting opioid use disorder treatment providers over the past month. CBC resident MAT expert Dr. Bruce Trigg informed our community of learners on effects and harm reduction strategies for K2 (“spice”) use, and CBC IPA member [St. Joseph’s Medical Center](#) staff received actionable feedback following two complex OUD case presentations to attendees.



Since its inception at CBC in May 2020, the TI has welcomed 205 unique attendees from 42 unique agencies at an OUD ECHO. For free clinical supervision in a safe place to learn, join CBC TI at a future ECHO! Contact CBC TI Director [Emily Grossman](#) for information.