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DATE: March 17, 2025

SUBJECT: Building Bridges: A Journey to Community Partnerships in Opioid Use Disorder Treatment for Long Term Care Residents

Join the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), Department of Public Health (DPH) and Healthcentric Advisors for an upcoming webinar on **March 26, 2025, 2-3:30pm.**

Building Bridges: A Journey to Community Partnerships in Opioid Use Disorder Treatment for Long Term Care Residents Register [HERE](#) to secure your spot!

And please share the attached flyer with your networks.

Agenda

2:00-2:10pm- Welcome and Logistics

2:10-2:55pm- Panelist Presentations

2:55-3:30pm- Q&A



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Hear and learn from our amazing panelists on:

1. Understanding the importance of working together across different sectors to create a strong collaborative approach to caring for residents with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD).
2. Exploring the role of community involvement and the impact of local initiatives in addressing OUD for residents in Long Term Care.
3. Identifying key community partners to enhance the management and support of residents with OUD.

Panelists:

- **Liz Evans, Senior Director of Harm Reduction, CLEAR Project Site Lead**
Liberation Programs | www.liberationprograms.org
- **Kevin Shuler RCP, Emergency Department Recovery Coach Program Manager**
The Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery (CCAR) | www.ccar.us
- **Matthew Garcia, Department Head of Medication Assisted Treatment Services**
Recovery Network of Programs, Inc. (Opioid Treatment Program) | www.recovery-programs.org
- **Mark Jenkins, Founder & Executive Director**
Connecticut Harm Reduction Alliance | www.ghhrc.org