Medication-Assisted Recovery Services Offers Beyond MARSTM Implementation Team Training: Peer Recovery Support and Education Event Takes Place October 16-18 in New York

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New York, New York (PRWEB) August 29, 2013 -- Medication-Assisted Recovery Services (MARSTM), part of a leading national nonprofit organization that provides peer support services and training to address the needs of the medication-assisted recovery community, announced its upcoming signature training event designed to teach implementation teams from across the country how to replicate the unique MARSTM model at their own programs. This 3-day event will be held October 16th-18th at the Ira J. Marion Wellness Center at Waters Place, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, NY.

The Beyond MARSTM Implementation Team Training offers participants an effective, hands-on and highly interactive learning experience that provides them with all the materials and instruction they need to easily replicate the MARSTM model, including an orientation for new peers, core training topics, and leadership development for peer leaders. Instructional methods are designed to maximize learning using a combination of lecture / discussion, group activities, and application practice exercises. Also included in the training is a tour of the original MARSTM project so participants can see the program first-hand and talk to MARSTM peers and peer leaders about the program from their perspective. Every team creates an individual action plan for their implementation effort and receives the MARSTM Manual (to be used at their programs by MARSTM peers), the MARSTM Leader’s Guide complete with PowerPoint presentations (to be used by staff and peer leaders) and the MARSTM Video (to help teams with their presentations to other stakeholders during the start-up phase of implementation as well as with new peers and other interested parties).

The registration fee for the three-day training is $2,950, which includes instruction, MARSTM implementation materials, and lunch on all three days for a team of 4 individuals from a single program to participate; each program sends an administrator, a counselor, and two patients. For the October training only, scholarships have become available to cover the fee for 2 patients on an individual implementation team, reducing the total team fee by half to $1,475. To register for the Beyond MARSTM Implementation Team Training, or learn more about how to assemble an effective implementation team, contact MARSTM at 718.742.7804 or BeyondMARS@MARSproject.org.

Said Suzanne Hall-Westcott, Director of the Beyond MARSTM Training Institute, “Nine programs completed the Beyond MARSTM Implementation Team Training during the initial launch of this training, and every single one has implemented the model at their sites. We now have MARSTM ‘satellite’ programs in California, Texas, Connecticut, New York, Michigan, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Minnesota.” Hall-Westcott continued, “The MARSTM concept turns medication-assisted treatment into medication-assisted recovery. This is a powerful message, creating significant demand for training and the Beyond MARSTM Training Institute is steadily expanding to meet the needs of the market.”
According to Walter Ginter, MARS™ Project Director, “People from all over the country have been asking how they can replicate the unique MARS™ model at their own programs and we’re enthusiastic about offering this much-needed training. As far as we know, there is no other training like this being offered anywhere in the country.” Ginter continued, “As a nationally-recognized program with a long history of positive outcomes, MARS™ is uniquely qualified to develop this training and bring it to the medication-assisted recovery community nationwide. Participants will come away with valuable information, insight, skills, and most importantly the ability to implement the MARS™ model at their programs.”

ABOUT MEDICATION-ASSISTED RECOVERY SERVICES (MARS™)

Medication-Assisted Recovery Services (MARS™) is a peer-initiated recovery support project, sponsored by the National Alliance of Medication-Assisted (NAMA) Recovery, which improves treatment outcomes and fights the stigma that can negatively impact sustained recovery efforts. In collaboration with the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, the original MARS™ Community was launched in 2006 with funding from a SAMHSA Recovery Community Services Program (RCSP) grant.

In 2012, the Beyond MARS™ Training Institute was formed to replicate this model and implement MARS™ “satellite” programs across the United States. The growing MARS™ Community currently includes ten programs. MARS™ offers a wide range of training and technical assistance services. To learn more about Medication-Assisted Recovery Services, visit www.MarsProject.org

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