

## **Medication-Assisted Recovery Services Offers Beyond MARST™ 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](#) (MARST™), 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 MARST™ 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 MARST™ 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 MARST™ 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 MARST™ project so participants can see the program first-hand and talk to MARST™ peers and peer leaders about the program from their perspective. Every team creates an individual action plan for their implementation effort and receives the MARST™ Manual (to be used at their programs by MARST™ peers), the MARST™ Leader's Guide complete with PowerPoint presentations (to be used by staff and peer leaders) and the MARST™ 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, MARST™ 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 MARST™ Implementation Team Training, or learn more about how to assemble an effective implementation team, contact MARST™ at 718.742.7804 or [BeyondMARS@MARSPROJECT.ORG](mailto:BeyondMARS@MARSPROJECT.ORG).

Said [Suzanne Hall-Westcott](#), Director of the Beyond MARST™ Training Institute, "Nine programs completed the Beyond MARST™ Implementation Team Training during the initial launch of this training, and every single one has implemented the model at their sites. We now have MARST™ 'satellite' programs in California, Texas, Connecticut, New York, Michigan, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Minnesota." Hall-Westcott continued, "The MARST™ concept turns medication-assisted treatment into medication-assisted recovery. This is a powerful message, creating significant demand for training and the Beyond MARST™ Training Institute is steadily expanding to meet the needs of the market."

According to [Walter Ginter](#), MARST™ Project Director, “People from all over the country have been asking how they can replicate the unique MARST™ 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, MARST™ 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 MARST™ model at their programs.”

#### ABOUT MEDICATION-ASSISTED RECOVERY SERVICES (MARST™)

Medication-Assisted Recovery Services (MARST™) 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 MARST™ Community was launched in 2006 with funding from a SAMHSA Recovery Community Services Program (RCSP) grant.

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



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