



## Reflecting on Nurses Appreciation Week

This past week, we celebrated our dedicated nurses at our CARE Center clinic and from team Northern COE for their unwavering perseverance, commitment, and exceptional support in maintaining the health of our community.

Nurses are the cornerstone of our efforts, providing not just medical care but also emotional support to clients dealing with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and Substance Use Disorder (SUD). Their expert care is crucial in managing these complex conditions, helping to stabilize patients, and guiding them towards recovery.

We are immensely grateful for their tireless service and the profound impact they have on our clients' lives. Their dedication is a beacon of hope and strength in our community, and we cannot thank them enough for their remarkable contributions.



From left to right Ifeoma Iherobiem, Juanita Howell, Rochelle Turner, and La-Tricia Gordon.

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## LITERATURE / NEWS

### **Camden Coalition Medical-Legal Partnership: Year One Analysis of Civil + Criminal MLP Model in Addiction Medicine Setting**

In 2022, the Camden Coalition Medical-Legal Partnership began providing civil and criminal legal services to patients with SUD at Cooper University Health Care's Center for Healing. This paper discusses findings from the program's first year. The paper also includes takeaways for other programs providing legal services in an addiction medicine setting.

[Click the link for full article](#)



Photo: People Magazine



### **What is a 'functioning alcoholic'? Taylor Swift's lyrics create buzz**

Our very own, Dr. Lewis Nelson, is featured in this article where he speaks about the misconceptions behind the phrase "functioning alcoholic". The term was used in Taylor Swift's song "Fortnite" where she mentions that she was a "functioning alcoholic", but Dr. Nelson breaks down what the phrase really means.

[Click the link for full article](#)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

May is

# Mental Health Month

## Wednesday Webinar Series

may 1

**Mental Health Players  
Presentation: Calling a  
Helpline: There is Hope**

**Lynette Sheard**

*MHANJ Mental Health Players*

Registration link:

[https://dhs-nj-gov.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_0Pr1eAm3TbKMOYiDT03k8Q](https://dhs-nj-gov.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_0Pr1eAm3TbKMOYiDT03k8Q)

may 22

**Youth Focus: Primary Care  
Interventions**

**Puthenmadam Radhakrishnan, MD**

*NJ DCF, Children's System of Care, Psychiatric  
Pediatric Collaborative*

Registration link:

[https://dhs-nj-gov.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_9UoAMSJdSES-YtTdZ7h1GQ](https://dhs-nj-gov.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_9UoAMSJdSES-YtTdZ7h1GQ)

may 8

**Supporting Families  
after Loss**

**Brett Pepe**

*HOPE Program, NJ Traumatic Loss Coalition*

Registration link:

[https://dhs-nj-gov.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_pmtes0icTyKdKoFontVrgQ](https://dhs-nj-gov.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_pmtes0icTyKdKoFontVrgQ)

may 29

**Celebrating and Supporting  
the Role of Peers**

**Susanne Mills, Sandy Snell**

*NJ Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services*

Registration link:

[https://dhs-nj-gov.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_eu9saEsVRqaEcdmBaiQrCA](https://dhs-nj-gov.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_eu9saEsVRqaEcdmBaiQrCA)

may 15

**Is 988 just a 3-digit number?**

**Mary Jean Weston**

*NJ Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services*

Registration link:

[https://dhs-nj-gov.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_3diTBanZSuaSgRS3WxcNIQ](https://dhs-nj-gov.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_3diTBanZSuaSgRS3WxcNIQ)



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and Addiction Services

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## PROJECT ECHO

Project ECHO is straight-forward, specific and applicable. At every live session we explore active patient challenges from multiple perspectives. We each hold a piece of the puzzle and everyone is welcome to share experiences. You'll meet practitioners from across the state through a simple video interface and become part of a collegial community. You'll have a comfortable place to return and will build on what you're learning, month to month.

Please click the link above for more information.

### ***Continuing Education Accreditation***

***CE Accreditation for CME, CNE, CPE, and Social Work credits available  
Licensed and Certified Drug and Alcohol Counselors – Pending***



### **Substance Use Disorder Trainings**

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Fridays through Sept 20, 2024  
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

#### **Next Session:**

Addressing SUD through Trauma Informed Care  
Friday • May 17, 2024  
12:00 PM- 1:00 PM

### **Maternal Opioid Intervention and Care Coordination**

Select Thursdays through August 22,  
2024 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

#### **Next Session:**

Supporting Substance Affected Newborns  
and Their Families: Bridging the Gap  
Thursday • May 23, 2024  
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM



# UPCOMING EVENTS



## OPIOID USE DISORDER AND TREATMENT PHYSICIAN AND STAFF TRAINING

May 2024

### ***Intersection of Mood Disorders and Substance Use Disorders***

Thursday, May 2, 2024

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Presented by Addiction Medicine Faculty and Staff

Virtual [Click here to register](#)

### ***Benzodiazepines***

Wednesday, May 29, 2024

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Presented by Addiction Medicine Faculty and Staff

Virtual [Click here to register](#)

## OPIOID USE DISORDER AND TREATMENT PHYSICIAN AND STAFF TRAINING

June 2024

### ***Buprenorphine Initiation in the Emergency Department and Office-based Addiction Treatment Settings***

Wednesday, June 5, 2024

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Presented by Addiction Medicine Faculty and Staff

Virtual [Click Here to Register](#)

### ***Addiction Care in Perinatal Populations***

Wednesday, June 12, 2024

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Presented by Addiction Medicine Faculty and Staff

Virtual [Click Here to Register](#)

### ***Stimulants***

Friday, June 21, 2024

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Presented by Addiction Medicine Faculty and Staff

Virtual

[Click Here to Register](#)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## MAT lunch hours



Co-hosted with New Jersey's MAT Centers of Excellence, the medications for addiction treatment (MAT) lunch hours are hour-long virtual meetings to hear from experts and discuss the latest in clinical and non-clinical issues affecting the MAT patient population. Providers, OBAT navigators, peers, advocates, and other stakeholders working in New Jersey's substance use disorder field are welcome to attend.

At this month's MAT Lunch hour we welcome Philly HEALS (Healing and Empowerment After Loss), a bereavement program offering safe spaces for peers, clinicians and others grieving following an overdose death. We look forward to highlighting this important topic and learning how we can support each other and our communities during difficult times. Join us to learn how to build resilient teams in the face of grief and loss.

MAT Lunch Hours are held on the following  
Wednesdays at 12 pm ET:

- March 20, 2024
- May 22, 2024
- July 24, 2024
- Sept 25, 2024
- Nov 20, 2024

Registration link:

<https://camdencoalition.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcocOCgrjMtGddM2uzs7DfBwScgeqIW2>

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