



Show Taping 6/27/11 at 12 p.m. *Supporting National Recovery Month*

Show Topic:

Treatment and Recovery in Behavioral Health for Americans With Disabilities

Host: Ivette A. Torres, Associate Director for Consumer Affairs, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Invited Panelists: H. Westley Clark, M.D., J.D., M.P.H., CAS, FASAM, Director, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); John de Miranda, Executive Director, National Association on Alcohol, Drugs and Disability, Inc., President and Chief Executive Officer, Stepping Stone of San Diego; Barbara Kornblau, JD, OTR/L, FAOTA, DAAPM, ABDA, CDMS, CCM, CPE, Professor, School of Health Professions and Studies, University of Michigan - Flint; Ed Hammett, Consumer Advocate

Program Abstract:

Persons with disabilities in our society experience substance use and mental disorders at relatively high rates, yet special challenges exist for those who want to access and use treatment and recovery support services. The Americans with Disabilities Act prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities, but how does this protection apply in providing treatment and recovery services for individuals with substance use and mental disorders? What are the barriers to access disabled persons face and how can these barriers be overcome? This show will explore a range of issues associated with treatment and recovery in behavioral health for disabled persons, including barriers to access, differences in outcomes, and options to diminish the incidence of discrimination.

Key Questions:

- Are individuals with substance use or mental disorders defined as having a disability and covered by the ADA?
- How many Americans have a disability? How many persons with disabilities have a substance use disorder?
- Do persons with a disability receive treatment and recovery services for substance use and mental disorders at the same rate as others?
- What are the barriers facing persons with disabilities in accessing treatment and recovery services?
- For persons with a disability and a substance use and/or mental disorder, why is it important to take an integrative approach in treatment and recovery? What needs to be done to reduce the prejudice and discrimination for people with disabilities and substance use and/or mental disorders?
- What informational resources are available to persons with disabilities?

Taping Location:

ICF Macro Studio

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Panelists should be at the studio by 12 p.m. for pre-taping instructions, sound checks, and staging.

Show Air Date: August 3, 2011

Event to be archived online at <http://www.recoverymonth.gov>.