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Dear Colleague:

It is my pleasure to announce a major new professional development opportunity: the *Substance Abuse Prevention Skills Training/Training-of-Trainers*, for staff working in our OASAS funded prevention provider system, Prevention Resource Centers (PRCs), and OASAS certified education and training providers.

SAMHSA's Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies (CAPT) has developed the training curriculum *Substance Abuse Prevention Skills Training* (SAPST) and the accompanying training-of-trainers (TOT) model.

The SAPST is a foundational course in prevention for early-career substance abuse prevention professionals, introducing them to the latest prevention concepts and skills. It has been accredited by the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC), signifying that the training meets the consortium's criteria for preparing individuals to become Credentialed Prevention Professionals (CPPs) and Credentialed Prevention Specialists (CPSs).

The accompanying SAPST/TOT model will build the state-level capacity to deliver the new training, and incorporates a range of CAPT services that will ensure trainers have the information, skills, and resources needed to be successful in delivering the SAPST. To participate in the SAPST/TOT, an individual must complete the SAPST course.

SAPST Course - The SAPST training is made up of an online training (up to 5 hours), and a four (4) day face-to-face training (26 hours) totaling 31 hours. The online training should be taken within 2 weeks prior to the face-face SAPST training.

SAPST/TOT – In order to become more familiar with the materials and facilitation process, applicants for the TOT must participate in the SAPST online training and face-to-face training to be eligible to participate in the TOT program. The TOT is three (3) days long, totaling 19.5 hours.

Participants in the SAPST/TOT will be expected to deliver two free trainings of the SAPST within eighteen (18) months of the completion of the TOT. After that requirement has been met, trainers and/or organizations can charge for the delivery of the SAPST.

Dates - The 2013 dates for the face-to-face SAPST trainings in Albany are September 10th – 13th and in NYC on September 24-27. The SAPST/TOT in Albany will be October 1-3 and in NYC October 22-24.

OASAS reserves the right to select SAPST/TOT participants based on geographical need and regional distribution. Providers funded by OASAS should be in good standing in order for their staff to be considered for the TOT.

Please review the enclosed information and SAPST/TOT training application. Should you have a staff member or colleague who meets the qualifications and can commit to taking part in this program, have them complete and submit the enclosed application to Gerry King at Gerry.King@oasas.ny.gov by **August 2nd**. You will be notified if you are selected for the SAPST/TOT by **August 9th**.

If you have any questions, Gerry King can be reached at (518) 485-2108.

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