

## FAMILY AND ADDICTION

Addiction is a **family** disease affecting not only the addict, but also the family structure. Addiction affects your family mentally, physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

## FAMILY SESSION

- Scheduled with patient's primary counselor as requested.
- Do **not** arrive while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
- Do **not** bring in alcohol, other drugs or prohibited\*\* or personal items (e.g., purse, bags, etc.).
- Do not smoke or use tobacco products.
- Do **not** use profanity or argue.
- Patients are **not** allowed to accompany you outside the building.

## \*\*PROHIBITED ITEMS\*\*

Alcohol/Tobacco/Aerosol products  
Illicit & non-ATC prescribed medications  
Over-the-counter drugs  
Sexually-explicit material  
Cell phones and cameras  
Weapons (of any kind)  
Purses, Personal Bags

## If in doubt, ASK.

Weekday mail services are provided.



## TREATMENT IS CONFIDENTIAL

Patients are protected by federal confidentiality laws. Patients have a right to refuse to see you, and may refuse to answer your questions about their treatment here. Patients must provide written consent for us to discuss their treatment with you.

## CONFIDENTIALITY OF OTHERS

Who you see here, what you hear here, **let it stay here.**

## VIDEO SURVEILLANCE

The ATC is equipped with a video surveillance system that monitors inside and outside areas. Video surveillance is intended to better ensure patient safety and well-being.

## PATIENT DISCHARGE

Length of stay is clinically-driven and is based on the patient's individual needs, problems, and complexity of recovery plan. Patients will be discharged when completing treatment. However, patients are voluntary and may discharge themselves at any time. All patients completing treatment will have a discharge plan that includes continuing addiction treatment.

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Office of Alcoholism and  
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# St. Lawrence Addiction Treatment Center

A TOBACCO AND SMOKE-FREE FACILITY



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The St. Lawrence Addiction Treatment Center is fully staffed by a multi-disciplinary team of professionals including:

- Physicians
- Registered Nurses
- Credentialed Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counselors and Addictions Counselor Assistants
- Social Worker
- Psychiatrist
- Recreational Therapist
- Dietician
- Pastoral Counselor

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The St. Lawrence Addiction Treatment Center at Hamilton Hall is one of 12 inpatient addiction rehabilitation facilities operated and governed by the NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS). It is located in Northern New York on the St. Lawrence River (on the campus of the St. Lawrence Addiction Treatment Center). The ATC provides addiction treatment services to the New York's North Country, Lake Champlain and Saratoga Regions, and Capital District.

The Center:

- is CARF-accredited
- is OASAS-certified
- opened in 1967
- maintains 40 beds for adult men and women

These services are provided within a health care context that recognizes psychoactive substance dependencies and pathological gambling as treatable diseases of and by themselves, although they may co-exist with other physical and emotional illness. This Center focuses on stabilization and provides for basic health care needs of each patient while addressing specific physical, psychological and social symptoms associated with psychoactive substance abuse.

## MISSION

We seek to engage the patient in a supportive and therapeutic experience in a residential setting where an addicted person or pathological gambler is presented with the opportunity to learn skills to promote recovery, experience benefits of abstinence and develop a plan for ongoing recovery.

To accomplish this mission, the ATC shall:

- Provide patients the opportunity to acquire recovery education and skills.
- Focus clinical effort on nurturing healthy lifestyles.
- Model appropriate behavior to include a caring attitude, punctuality, consistency and unconditional positive regard.
- Ensure a safe and drug and gambling-free environment that recognizes the dignity of the individual.

## ADMISSION PROCEDURE AND CRITERIA

Questions or arrangements regarding admission are to be directed to the Admissions Office. Call (315) 393-6602 or (315) 393-1180 extension 13. Basic information will be required at that time. Criteria for admission is:

- Evaluation supports a psychoactive substance use-related diagnosis or pathological gambling.
- Referring source supports inpatient treatment as the appropriate level-of-care.
- The patient must be free of alcohol or other drugs.
- The patient exhibits no overt or unmanaged psychiatric symptoms or suicidal ideation, and is not a danger to self or others.
- The patient is able to care for him or herself and has the ability to responsibly respond to life-threatening conditions.
- The patient agrees to the conditions of treatment by signing a Treatment Agreement.

For help call or text:

**1-877-8-HOPENY**

Text: HOPENY (467369) **1-877-846-7369**