



# Albany Citizens Council on Alcoholism and Other Chemical Dependencies, Inc.

## Free Informational Sessions

### So you want to be a Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor (CASAC)

Did you know that there is a shortage of credentialed addiction counselors? Did you know that the average age of a credentialed counselor in New York State is 55 years old? This means that the job opportunities for caring people who want to make a difference in the lives of those suffering from chemical dependency will only be increasing in the next decades as CASACs retire and the demand for addiction counselors increase. If you ever thought about becoming an addiction counselor or are currently working with chemically dependent people but are not yet credentialed, this session can get you on your way to fulfilling your dreams of a credential.

This session will present an overview of the 350-hour course that meets every Tuesday and Thursday evening at ACCA and is co-sponsored with St. Peter's Addiction Recovery Center (SPARC). Pre-requisites for the program, application to the program, program fees, funds available to help with tuition fees, payment plans and college credit available for completing the program will be discussed. An overview of the curriculum will be presented as well as the steps necessary to obtain the CASAC Trainee certificate after the coursework is completed. The required work experience and successful completion of required tests for completion of the state credential will also be reviewed.

**Held on the 1st Wednesday of each month      5:30 pm - 7:00pm      Presented by: Julia Fesko, CPP**

### So you want to be a Credentialed Prevention Professional/Specialist (CPP/CPS)

This session will present an overview of a career as a Prevention Professional/Specialist. If you would like to work everyday to develop and implement programs to keep communities and individuals healthy and prevent the many tragedies that can occur from addiction, then this career is for you. The steps necessary to become a CPP/CPS will be reviewed as well as pre-requisites for the credential. An overview of the course that ACCA offers to fulfill the education requirements for the Prevention Credentials as well as the tuition fees and payment plans to attend the courses will be reviewed.

If you currently work in prevention but are not yet credentialed it is important for you to know that state officials are currently considering requiring the prevention credential in a similar way in which they require the CASAC credential for counseling.

Whether you find yourself working in prevention without a credential or think a career in prevention is right for you please attend this session to find out more about this rewarding career and how to obtain a credential.

**Held on the 1st Wednesday of each month      7:00pm - 8:30pm      Presented by: Julia Fesko, CPP**

**Pre-Registration is Required! No OASAS hours are awarded for these information sessions**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Credentials: \_\_\_\_\_

Training: **So you want to be a CASAC**     Sept 6, 2006     October 4, 2006     November 1, 2006     December 6, 2006

**So you want to be a CPP/CPS**  Sept 6, 2006     October 4, 2006     November 1, 2006     December 6, 2006

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