This workshop is designed to help substance abuse practitioners understand how research-based treatment can improve client outcomes. **Workshop Objectives** are: (1) to identify a number of current evidence-based practices in the adolescent addiction treatment field; (2) to become familiar with instructional manuals for implementing evidence-based practices; and (3) to examine issues related to adopting innovative practices in community treatment settings.

This is an interactive workshop. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss in groups how best practices can be implemented, the barriers to such implementation, and ways to prepare for system change. A case study of implementing change in a real treatment setting will be presented. This awareness-level presentation is intended to inform practitioners of EBPs — it does NOT provide training on clinical skills and/or competencies.

**Presenters:**

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