



NADAP News Brief

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In 2011, NADAP Celebrates 40 Years of Outstanding Service!

President's Note

NADAP was formed in 1971 by a group of New York City business leaders concerned about the impact of unemployment, substance abuse, crime and other social issues affecting the City. The goal of our founders was to address these issues by providing employment opportunities for individuals with barriers to employment. Next year marks NADAP's 40th anniversary and I am proud to say that we continue to carry out the mission of helping those in need to become employed and self-sufficient. In the past forty years, we have helped over 500,000 people.



Throughout the decades, NADAP has implemented and successfully operated various programs helping New York's neediest including: public assistance recipients, formerly incarcerated men and women, people living with HIV/AIDS, individuals with chemical dependency, mental health issues, disabilities and other barriers to employment, residents affected by 9/11, job seekers and many more individuals throughout New York City and Westchester County.

Over the years, NADAP developed into a leading social service organization with expertise in assessment, case management, vocational rehabilitation, training and workforce development. We continue to bring our experience and resources to help New Yorkers in need and invite you to share in our vision of "**Empowering the Workforce to Strengthen Communities**".

We hope you join us in celebrating our accomplishments as we continue our journey into 2011.

John A. Darin

New Programs at NADAP

VESID LIVES II—We are pleased to introduce a new NADAP program, *VESID LIVES II*. This program, funded in partnership by the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) and the New York State Education Department's Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities (VESID) system, addresses the income disparity that exists between individuals with and without a disability. NADAP's program prepares, trains and places into employment, individuals who have been unable to obtain/retain employment, or participate in job preparation activities due to physical, mental health, or learning disabilities.

New York City Council Initiative—The Council has awarded NADAP a grant for \$40,000 through City Council Member, Fernando Cabrera. The funds will facilitate employment readiness training for community-based organization professionals and provide job preparation, placement and retention services to job seekers throughout the Bronx.

NADAP Celebrates National Recovery Month

This September, NADAP celebrated the 21st anniversary of the National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month. This designation joins together millions of people throughout the country to celebrate recovery and educate people about addiction. NADAP supports individuals in recovery and recognizes the professionals serving them. During the month, NADAP held a series of staff events including an after work reception and program luncheons to acknowledge their contributions in helping clients with recovery. In addition, NADAP created "Recovery Reflections", a journal of personal and professional insights about recovery, hope and helping. NADAP staff also participated in the 3rd Annual New York Recovery Rally at Randall's Island Park.

NADAP's Training and Professional Development department provides evidence-based training on best practices for workforce development, treatment and mental health professionals. For information, please visit our website www.nadap.org or contact Elizabeth Madison, Vice President, at emadison@nadap.org.

CASAC of the Year Award

Stephanie Tripp, a Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor (CASAC) received the CASAC of the Year Award from the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS). Ms. Tripp is an Assessment Specialist at our Project ACE program where she has distinguished herself with her "person-centered" approach. She provides strong leadership and has exemplary clinical skills. Ms. Tripp is an ordained minister and the coordinator of the Singles Ministry where she provides outreach in the community to help individuals suffering from addiction access the services they need to achieve recovery.

OASAS Commissioner, Karen Carpenter-Palumbo, presented Ms. Tripp with the award on September 24, 2010. OASAS annually recognizes five individuals who exhibit a high level of commitment and professionalism in the addictions field. Commissioner Carpenter-Palumbo said, "the hard work and dedication of addiction professionals exemplifies the highest level of excellence and quality service to the 110,000 New Yorkers served each day. Through their compassion, commitment and expertise, countless individuals and families suffering from addiction are offered the hope for long-term recovery."

NADAP congratulates Ms. Tripp and the other awardees.



Pictured left to right: Commissioner Karen Carpenter-Palumbo; Stephanie Tripp; John A. Darin, NADAP President

Save the Date!

40th NADAP

Anniversary

NADAP will celebrate its 40th Anniversary with an Awards Luncheon honoring Randy M. Mastro of Gibson Dunn with The Lewis Rudin Award at the Grand Hyatt Hotel on May 12, 2011 from 12:00 to 2:00pm.

Please mark the date in your 2011 calendar – we ask you to support NADAP and be a part of this great event!

For more information on tickets and sponsorship opportunities, please visit our website at www.nadap.org or call Karen Rosenberg, Empire Events Group at 212-625-1025.

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