



Responsibility House

The beginning of a sober life

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April Workshop on Integrated Treatment

Responsibility House is working to improve mental health and substance abuse treatment through our Integrated Treatment Training and Education Program (ITTEP). As part of the program, we held our third clinical training workshop on April 30. Dr. David Mee-Lee presented on "Why Integrating Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment is Hard and What to Do About It." In his presentation, he helped clinicians identify the obstacles to integrated treatment and outlined concrete tools for overcoming them. The workshop, held at Celebration Church, was well attended, attracting over 100 clinicians and graduate students.

Though there is a high rate of co-occurring mental illness among substance abusers, traditionally there have been many barriers to integrated treatment. Thanks to the generous funding of Baptist Community Ministries, we are changing the way co-occurring disorders are treated in our

community and beyond. In addition to the biannual clinical workshop, Responsibility House is designing a graduate course curriculum to teach integrated treatment techniques to the next generation of counseling professionals. We are also accepting graduate student interns for supervised clinical training on Integrated Treatment. Together we can move toward a more holistic and complete model of treatment.



Responsibility House is a non-profit organization committed to changing our community through compassionate service to those most in need. We provide counseling and supportive services to persons struggling with homelessness, substance abuse, mental illness and/or HIV/AIDS. If you have any questions about our organization or programs please call (504)366-6217.

Celebrate Recovery September 17!



Come join us on September 17 for our third annual Recovery Day celebration.

As part of National Recovery Month, we want to spread the word that people really can and do recover by bringing the community together for great food, door prizes, and guest speakers. The Four Columns in Harvey has generously offered us use of their facility for the occasion so this year we will celebrate in style! Don't miss this exciting **FREE** event on September 17, 10 AM to 2PM at 3711 Westbank Expressway in Harvey.

If you or your organization would like to contribute to Recovery Day by donating door prizes or other supplies, please contact Leandra at (504)366-6217.

We hope to see you there!

Program Spotlight Social Detoxification

Did you know that our Social Detoxification Program serves over 350 chemically dependent persons each year? SDP provides clients with an introduction to the 12 steps that puts them on the road to recovery. Thanks to the dedicated staff at SDP, over 90% of those admitted are placed in primary substance abuse treatment programs at discharge.

