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Substance Abuse Professionals to Share Latest Ways to Treat Addiction

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. – July 22, 2015 – Substance abuse professionals, addiction specialists and chemical dependency experts will gather to learn how to better treat people with addiction at The Addiction Treatment Symposium, July 29, at the Esther L. Grossman Center in Hollywood.

Prescription drug abuse remains Florida’s “fastest-growing and deadliest public safety issue,” according to a report issued by the Florida Office of the Attorney General. Treatment models are changing fast. Some substance abuse treatments once considered standard are no longer supported by scientific research. The symposium, provided by the [Southeast Addiction Technology Transfer Center](#) (Southeast ATTC) and sponsored by [New Directions Behavioral Health](#)[®], will define best practices in addiction treatment and present the latest, evidence-based approaches to treat opioid and other drug and alcohol addictions.

“Substance use disorders have presented challenges to the health care industry, society, families and individuals for centuries,” said Dave Duresky, training manager with ATTC. “New research enables us to identify evidence-based treatment practices and effectively improve the outcomes of the clients we serve. We are excited to partner with New Directions and implement this research into practice throughout Florida.”

New Directions is offering these educational events to its contracted substance abuse providers across the state with one more scheduled in the fall. “We believe it is vital to support our providers with opportunities to learn about the latest advancements in evidence-based practices,” said Darryl Donlin, vice president of Network Operations at New Directions. “By working together with industry experts such as ATTC and our provider community, we help achieve improved outcomes for our members.”

Panelists and speakers include: **Dr. Jaqueline Boutrouille** (*Medical Director, Addiction and Recovery Solutions*), **Dr. Michael Miller** (Consultant, ATTC), **William Coleman** (Director of Clinical Services, Hazelden), **Dave Duresky** (Florida Training Manager, ATTC), **Dr. John Langlow** (*Medical Director, New Directions*), **Darryl Donlin** (*Vice President of Network Operations, New Directions*)

About New Directions

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About ATTC

The Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC) Network is a nationwide, multidisciplinary resource for professionals in the addictions treatment and recovery services field. The vision is to unify science, education and service to transform lives through evidence-based and promising treatment and recovery practices in a recovery-oriented system of care. For more information, visit nattc.org.

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