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| **Hello from the GTAC!** |
| Hi everyone,  We hope your summer is off to a good start! Welcome to this month’s edition of the PSAP Pulse! In this issue, we’re sharing the latest resources, upcoming events, and evidence-based strategies to support your work in mental health, substance use, and aging care for older adults. Let’s continue advancing the accessibility of aging in place in our communities!  As always, we have relevant resources and upcoming events below. If you have a testimonial or resource that you would like to share, please send it to NYAM by email at ylei@nyam.org. |
| **Staff Highlight: Meeting new NYAM staff, Yuxiao Lei & Dena Javadi** |
| **Yuxiao Lei, MSc,** joined NYAM’s Center for Healthy Aging as the new Research and Program Manager, replacing Grace Morton. She completed her BA in Community and Global Public Health at the University of Michigan and recently graduated with an MSc in International Health Policy from the London School of Economics and Political Science. She has previously worked at NYU on health literacy and pediatric obesity research, and at Pfizer on the socioeconomic valuation of mRNA vaccines. As an immigrant who grew up in Queens, she is passionate about championing research, policy, and advocacy initiatives for older adults in NYC and beyond.  **Dena Javadi, MSPH, PhD,** joined as the new Director of the Center for Healthy Aging at NYAM. She is a social epidemiologist and health systems researcher with an MSPH from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and a PhD in Population Health Sciences from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. She has previously worked at the World Health Organization (WHO) on health systems strengthening, integrated care for older people, and workforce development, and at McMaster University on primary care strengthening to meet the needs of older adults. |
| **OMH Announcements** |
| **Letter from NYS OMH on Federal Funding Cuts**  The letter attached from April 19, 2025, details New York State Office of Mental Health’s monitoring of federal cuts and provides an email address, [CBFM-FederalUnit@omh.ny.gov](mailto:CBFM-FederalUnit@omh.ny.gov), for specific questions about federal developments. In terms of ongoing technical assistance, NYAM and OMH will be inquiring with PSAP grantees during coaching calls about any impacts experienced in response to federal cuts as well as program modifications and adaptations being considered for sustainability planning.  ---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------  **PeerTac On Pause Due to Federal Funding Cuts**  Due to federal funding cuts, the *Peer Support Services Technical Training Assistance Center*, PeerTAC has been paused as of 4/16/25.  We share your disappointment in hearing this news and sincerely regret the impact this will have on your ongoing and future practice. At this time all resources and tools developed to date will remain accessible on our website, [www.peertac.org](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpeertac.cmail20.com%2Ft%2Fy-l-ckixtd-djtlyhuiq-r%2F&data=05%7C02%7CKaren.Choens%40omh.ny.gov%7C09357f8c83ea448c04d208dd8bfe0626%7Cf46cb8ea79004d108ceb80e8c1c81ee7%7C0%7C0%7C638820645330347113%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=8aNu%2FAIjKGkuPOuQZFop1JMIS21YQM4VpMdk2qQmkBs%3D&reserved=0). |
| **Recap: The 2025 Learning Collaborative** |
| On March 12, 2025, the PSAP Learning Collaborative convened all six sites for a full-day event focused on peer learning, partnership-building, and sustainability.  **Key Activities:**   * **Role-Based Roundtables:** Participants broke into role-specific groups (e.g., directors, peers, social workers, care coordinators) for self-facilitated discussions on challenges, best practices, collaboration, and sustainability. * **Community Partnerships Session:** LinkAge, Legal Services of Long Island and EWOGI presented case studies, followed by a group discussion on building and strengthening cross-sector partnerships. Participants reflected on gaps, trust-building strategies, and next steps for the next 3–6 months. * **Sustainability & Value Statements Workshop:** Led by Nina Marshall (Oak Street Outcomes), this session trained participants in crafting compelling value propositions to support funding sustainability.   The event concluded with a reflection session, reinforcing shared learnings and setting intentions for continued collaboration. We thank you so much for your participation! |
| **New and Recent Resources** |
| **Upcoming Webinar on** [[**Supporting the Health & Wellbeing of Older Immigrant New Yorkers**](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcontent.govdelivery.com%2Faccounts%2FNYSDOS%2Fbulletins%2F3e12228&data=05%7C02%7CMHussain%40nyam.org%7C954f7bc104b042e75d7d08dd9a0b430a%7Cc66df947c1334c80bf2914d786853e9c%7C0%7C0%7C638836095343026965%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=bBgv82fvZVU7dU8GP1ZTf7v4Ck5oSI6vXL9gI1Hsm3E%3D&reserved=0)](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcontent.govdelivery.com%2Faccounts%2FNYSDOS%2Fbulletins%2F3e12228&data=05%7C02%7CMHussain%40nyam.org%7C954f7bc104b042e75d7d08dd9a0b430a%7Cc66df947c1334c80bf2914d786853e9c%7C0%7C0%7C638836095343026965%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=bBgv82fvZVU7dU8GP1ZTf7v4Ck5oSI6vXL9gI1Hsm3E%3D&reserved=0)  **Date**: Tuesday, **June 3, 2025**, from **12-1:30pm**  NYS Office for Aging and NYS Caregiving and Respite Coalition will be hosting a*free virtual webinar* on "[[Supporting the Health & Wellbeing of Older Immigrant New Yorkers](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcontent.govdelivery.com%2Faccounts%2FNYSDOS%2Fbulletins%2F3e12228&data=05%7C02%7CMHussain%40nyam.org%7C954f7bc104b042e75d7d08dd9a0b430a%7Cc66df947c1334c80bf2914d786853e9c%7C0%7C0%7C638836095343026965%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=bBgv82fvZVU7dU8GP1ZTf7v4Ck5oSI6vXL9gI1Hsm3E%3D&reserved=0)](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcontent.govdelivery.com%2Faccounts%2FNYSDOS%2Fbulletins%2F3e12228&data=05%7C02%7CMHussain%40nyam.org%7C954f7bc104b042e75d7d08dd9a0b430a%7Cc66df947c1334c80bf2914d786853e9c%7C0%7C0%7C638836095343026965%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=bBgv82fvZVU7dU8GP1ZTf7v4Ck5oSI6vXL9gI1Hsm3E%3D&reserved=0)." If you are interested in attending, please use the hyperlink above to register.  This is a great opportunity, particularly for the mental health and substance use partners, to learn more about aging supports, including caregiver respite, NY Connects, Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program (HIICAP), and Medicare enrollment. It will also provide information about special considerations for immigrants.  -----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------  **Upcoming Webinar on The Health Insurance Information Counseling and Assistance Program (HIICAP)**  **Date**: Wednesday, **June 11, 2025**, from **12-1PM**  Our June PSAP Webinar, hosted by Heather Leddick from New York State’s Office for the Aging, will focus on The Health Insurance Information Counseling and Assistance Program (HIICAP).  This webinar will provide an overview of HIICAP services and answer some common questions that have arisen from past PSAP geriatric service demonstrations. Attendees will learn about Medicare eligibility and enrollment periods, Medicare drug coverage, and differences between Medicare and Medicare Advantage. Whether you're a provider, care manager, or advocate, this session will provide essential insights into HIICAP services and provisions.  If you are interested in attending, please sign up for the webinar using [this link](https://nyam-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3TCW9pAJTqq95SSAZBkAUA#/registration).  -----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------  **Restorative Practice: No-Cost Training & Tools for Schools and Community-Based Organizations**  The NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) is offering free Restorative Practice training and consultation to schools and community-based organizations serving individuals across the lifespan. Rooted in connection, calm, and compassion, this approach helps participants strengthen emotional regulation, resolve conflicts, and foster stronger relationships and community well-being.  Training topics include:   * Building a culture of connection (aligned with the U.S. Surgeon General’s 2023 Social Connection Advisory) * Trauma-sensitive approaches and understanding stress responses (fight, flight, freeze, fawn) * Leadership development and optimal learning environments * Restorative tools like circles and assertive communication * Supporting equity and access through the social determinants of mental health   Training is customized based on an initial needs assessment and can be delivered in-person or virtually. CEUs are available for LMSWs, LCSWs, and licensed psychologists.  For more info or to schedule a session, contact Jon S. Rice at [Jon.Rice@omh.ny.gov](mailto:Jon.Rice@omh.ny.gov) or (518) 473-0596.  -----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------  **Mental Health Outpatient Treatment and Rehabilitative Service (MHOTRS) Program Guidance**  OMH has issued updated guidance to clarify and support implementation of the revised Part 599 regulations, which govern MHOTRS programs across New York State. These updates aim to promote flexible, person-centered, recovery-oriented care for individuals with mental health needs. Key Highlights:  * Program Redesign: Clinic Treatment Services have transitioned to MHOTRS to allow for greater flexibility and integration of rehabilitative and peer support services. * Applicability: Applies to all OMH-licensed Article 31 outpatient mental health programs, including those jointly licensed by OASAS and DOH. * Service Array:   + Required services include assessments, psychiatric care, psychotherapy, crisis intervention, medication treatment, and peer support.   + Optional services (some with prior OMH approval) include SBIRT, psychological testing, complex care management, and Intensive Outpatient Programs (IOPs). * Off-Site & Multimodal Flexibility: Services can be delivered in-person or remotely, and multiple services can be provided on the same day. * Co-Enrollment Guidance: Clarifies when individuals can receive services from multiple MHOTRS programs or in combination with other programs like ACT, PROS, and CDT. * Staffing & Supervision: Updates on credentials for peer specialists and guidance on staffing waivers and student involvement. * Documentation & Planning: Enhanced expectations around treatment planning, case records, progress notes, and collaborative documentation practices.   For full implementation tools and billing guidance, visit the [OMH MHOTRS webpage](https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/clinic_restructuring/part599/) and [PSAP Resource library](https://agingresources.omh.ny.gov/resource-library/mhotrs-programmatic-guidance-document/).  -----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------  **April 2025 Webinar on** **WISE-SBIRT and PSAP: Advancing Substance Use Interventions for Older Adults**  This webinar held in April, presented by OASAS, covered the Wellness Initiative for Senior Education (WISE) and the Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) framework, highlighting their essential role in supporting older adults. If you missed the webinar or would like to revisit any part of the discussion, please find the webinar recording [here](https://nyam-org.zoom.us/rec/play/_NJ9U_YWBkWvsEAvUPX0AqbSSYsPAmxtpg6IK0nl2OwWirF5sZ72qsRKKU4H30HuSNckD0R6JIYboJEn.-igua5nOpVEeyXs_?accessLevel=meeting&canPlayFromShare=true&from=share_recording_detail&continueMode=true&componentName=rec-play&originRequestUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fnyam-org.zoom.us%2Frec%2Fshare%2Fse0UdM5cGrMMK9f8DdcxFhIZAbGFzCQg6x9rT6rs3d4V1DMpDADcsQzS0EVG3Ivt.gSmWbKBwhm3nhrmH) and the webinar slides [here](https://agingresources.omh.ny.gov/resource-library/4-26-substance-use-prevention-wise-sbirt-webinar-handout/).  -----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------  **PSAP Data Collection Refresher Webinar**  This webinar held in April provided a walk-through of client data entry and generating reports within the PSAP portal. The PSAP Evaluation discussed strategies to overcome data collection obstacles and preserve data quality. If you missed the webinar or would like to revisit any part of the discussion, please find the webinar recording [here](https://meetny-gov.webex.com/meetny-gov/ldr.php?RCID=d499a0d0a103d998ba6249b8a3c21b5c) and the webinar slides [here](https://agingresources.omh.ny.gov/resource-library/psap-data-collection-refresher-ppt-slides-april-2025/), and as usual feel free to email the PSAP Evaluation Team any questions about the screening and data entry process.  [monroe.marshall3@omh.ny.gov](mailto:monroe.marshall3@omh.ny.gov) [keane.jones@omh.ny.gov](mailto:keane.jones@omh.ny.gov) [christina.hatten2@omh.ny.gov](mailto:christina.hatten2@omh.ny.gov)  -----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------  **PSAP Resource Library**  As a reminder, the PSAP resource library we’ve been working on is live and ready for you to use. This library serves as a central hub for resources that support the PSAP programs. Find it [here](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fagingresources.omh.ny.gov%2F&data=05%7C02%7CMHussain%40nyam.org%7C02f4f08d9e09444df65908dd6b9727ca%7Cc66df947c1334c80bf2914d786853e9c%7C0%7C0%7C638785019121267256%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=fBgtjGLrUfuaoJm2dguhPX4hiLGdGKpX425klX7KgG8%3D&reserved=0).  We are actively seeking materials to add to the library. If you have any resources that fall into the following categories, or anything else that might be relevant, feel free to send them my way:   * Mobile Outreach and Engagement * Flyers (both program and provider versions) * Behavioral Health Services (Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services) * Aging Services * Peer Services * Technology * Wraparound Funds * Sustainability Plans |
| **Upcoming Conferences** |
| **USAging Conference and Tradeshow**  **Date**: July 20-23, 2025  Hosted by USAging, the national association representing and supporting the network of Area Agencies on Aging, this Conference has become the country’s largest gathering of local leaders in aging well at home. Join more than 1,400 Area Agencies on Aging, tribal aging programs, federal, state and local leaders in aging, home and community-based services and caregiving from across the nation. Click [here](https://www.usagingconference.org/Registration) to register. |