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An Integrated Humanistic and Cognitive-Behavioral Training Program to Promote Effective and Sustained Anti-Drug Work among Practitioners and Students of Social Work and Healthcare Professions (BDF150015)

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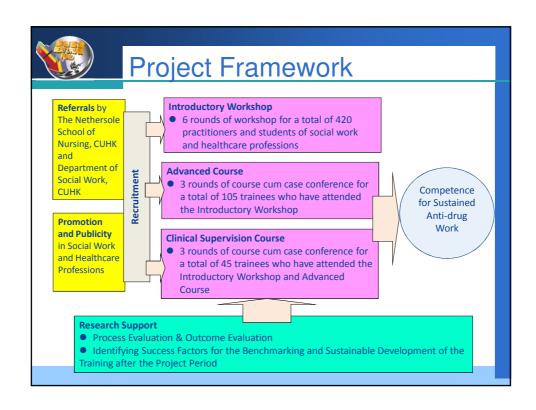
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# **Objectives**

This is a project to render training about integrated humanistic and cognitive-behavioral treatment to the practitioners and students of social work and healthcare professions to raise competence through

- Introductory Workshop (6 rounds): Understanding the needs of drug abusers, motivating drug abusers to face their problems, and making referrals for appropriate care
- Advanced Course (3 rounds): Motivating and engaging drug abusers to change, enhancing protective factors for the abusers in relapse prevention, and sustaining the growth and development of these abusers throughout their rehabilitation
- Clinical Supervision Course (3 rounds): Enhancing treatment of clients with problematic drug abuse in their service settings





## Introductory Workshop

- Drugs commonly abused in Hong Kong
- Counseling guidelines
  - · View drug use along a continuum
  - Individualized treatment: Goals and methods
  - Enhancing self-efficacy
  - Multi-dimensional treatment aimed at long-term recovery
  - Least intrusive treatment
  - Remaining open to new methods and goals
  - Sensitivity to varying needs of diverse client populations, with emphasis on early identification of hidden drug abusers for rendering assistance
- Initial assessment
  - Acute intoxication and/or withdrawal complications
  - Biomedical conditions and complications
  - Emotional/behavioral conditions and complications
  - Treatment acceptance/resistance (stage of motivation)
  - Relapse/continued use potential
  - Recovery/healthy living environment
- Level of care needed
  - Early intervention (e.g. outreaching service, school social work, etc.)
  - Outpatient treatment (CCPSA)
  - Intensive outpatient / Short term hospitalization (SAC)
  - Residential services (medical mixed-mode centers, gospel centers)



## **Advanced Course**

#### 3 full-day courses:

- Overview of an Integrative Humanistic and Cognitivebehavioral Treatment
- Assessment Phase: Screening and Assessment
- Treatment Phase 1: Engagement and Building Motivation to Change
- Treatment Phase 2: Negotiating Some Behavior Change
- Treatment Phase 3: Early Relapse Prevention
- Treatment Phase 4: Relapse Prevention/Relapse Management
- Additional Treatment Component Families and Social Network Members
- Application in Different Settings



# Clinical Supervision Course

#### 12 half-day group supervision sessions:

- Using Integrative Humanistic and Cognitive-Behavioral Treatment for Planning Anti-drug Work
- Demonstrating Appropriate Use of Counseling Skills for the Treatment of Clients with Problematic Drug Abuse
- Monitoring and Facilitating Trainees' Learning of Anti-drug Counseling Skills
- Enhancing Trainees' Self-understanding and Professional Development
- The clinical supervision course has the following features to maximize training effectiveness:
  - Homework assignments for the practice of components of the integrated humanistic and cognitive-behavioral approach
  - Role play and experiential learning
  - Case conferencing to consolidate practice experience systematically



### **Photos**

Mr. Max Szeto (Trainer) at the Advanced Course for Practitioners and Students of the Social Work & Healthcare Professions on 10/9/2016









# Photos

Participants illustrating results of case analysis at the Clinical Supervision Course for Practitioners and Students of the Social Work & Healthcare Professions on 5/8/2017



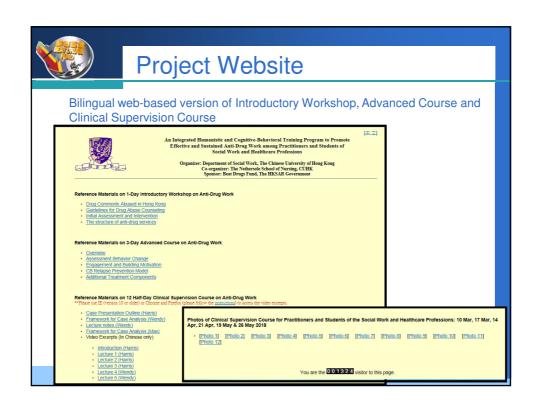


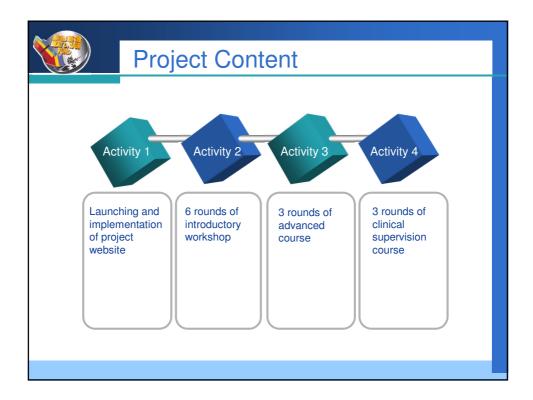
### **Photos**

Group Photo of Mr. Max Szeto (Trainer), Ms. Wendy Hon (Trainer) and Participants at the Introductory Workshop for Practitioners and Students of the Social Work & Healthcare Professions on 24/2/2018











# **Output and Outcome Evaluation**

- Evaluation methods
  - Course attendance record
  - Pre & post training questionnaires
- Output and outcome benchmarks
  - No. of trainees completed the Introductory Workshop
  - No. of trainees completed the Advanced Course
  - No. of trainees completed the Clinical Supervision Course
  - No. of users registered in project website
  - Improvement in knowledge about drugs and drug services, counselling skills and assessment skills; skills and application of the Integrative Humanistic and Cognitive-Behavioral Treatment; and competence in servicing as an anti-drug workers



	Output Evaluation		
	Expected Result	Achieved Result	
Output Indicator 3	45 trainees complete the Clinical Supervision Courses	48 trainees completed the Clinical Supervision Courses	
Output Indicator 4	800 users (who have not attended the training program) registering on the bilingual webbased version of the Introductory Workshop, Advanced Course and Clinical Supervision Course	867 registered users	

	Outcome Evaluation		
	Expected Result	Achieved Result	
Outcome Indicator 1	70% of participants who attend the Introductory Workshop show improvement in knowledge about drugs and drug services, counseling skills and assessment skills (or significant improvement found using the paired <i>t</i> -test)	436 valid questionnaires evaluated 96.1% showed improvement	
Outcome Indicator 2	70% of participants who attend the Advanced Course show improvement in knowledge, skills and application of the Integrated Humanistic and Cognitive-Behavioral Approach to anti-drug work (or significant improvement found using the paired t-test)	119 valid questionnaires evaluated 99.2% showed improvement	

	Outcome Evaluation		
	Expected Result	Achieved Result	
Outcome Indicator 3	70% of participants who attend the Clinical Supervision Course show improvement in competence in serving as an anti-drug worker (or significant improvement found using the paired <i>t</i> -test)	48 valid questionnaires evaluated 93.8% showed improvement	
Outcome Indicator 4	70% of participants who attend the Clinical Supervision Course show improvement in competence in clinical anti-drug work as assessed by the C-BIT Efficacy Scale (or significant improvement found using the paired <i>t</i> -test)	48 valid questionnaires evaluated 97.9% showed improvement	



### Process Evaluation and Experience Gained

- Source of information for Process Evaluation: The project team's review meetings and the participants' feedback during training sessions
- Reason behind success
  - Ample experience and expertise: Address the multifarious training needs of participants from the healthcare professions
  - Institutional support: CUHK Department of Social Work and The Nethersole School of Nursing, CUHK
  - Meeting pressing needs for systematic training on anti-drug work, such as the integrated humanistic and cognitivebehavioral treatment approach



### Process Evaluation and Experience Gained

- Lesson learnt
  - Tremendous needs for the training from students and practitioners of diverse backgrounds
  - Worthwhile to extending training to other students and practitioners



# Conclusion

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  - Project feasible, effective, and extendable
- Way forward
  - Extending training to other students and practitioners of helping professions
  - Addressing needs for even more rigorous training on the Integrated Humanistic and Cognitive-behavioral Treatment Approach, such as more advanced clinical supervision courses