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An Integrated Humanistic and Cognitive-Behavioral Training Program with Focus on High-risk Youth and Drug Rehabilitation Service Settings (BDF170048)

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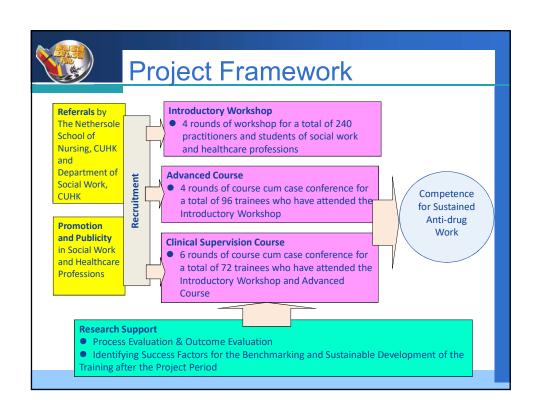
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# **Objectives**

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 (4 rounds): Understanding the needs of drug abusers, motivating drug abusers to face their problems, and making referrals for appropriate care
- Advanced Course (4 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 (6 rounds): Enhancing treatment of clients with problematic drug abuse in their service settings





## Introductory Workshop

#### 4 rounds of 1 full-day 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**

### 4 rounds of 3 full-day advanced course:

- 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**

### 6 rounds of 6 half-day clinical supervision course:

- 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**

Dr. Harris Har (Trainer) and the participants at the Introductory Workshop for Practitioners and Students of the Social Work & Healthcare Professions on 8/9/2018





## **Photos**

Mr. Max Szeto (Trainer) and the participants at the Introductory Workshop for Practitioners and Students of the Social Work & Healthcare Professions on 26/1/2019





## **Photos**

Dr. Harris Har (Trainer) and the participants at the Advanced Course for Practitioners and Students of the Social Work & Healthcare Professions on 13/7/2019





## **Photos**

Mr. Max Szeto (Trainer) and the participants were having sharing and discussion at the Clinical Supervision Course for Practitioners and Students of the Social Work & Healthcare Professions on 14/12/2019

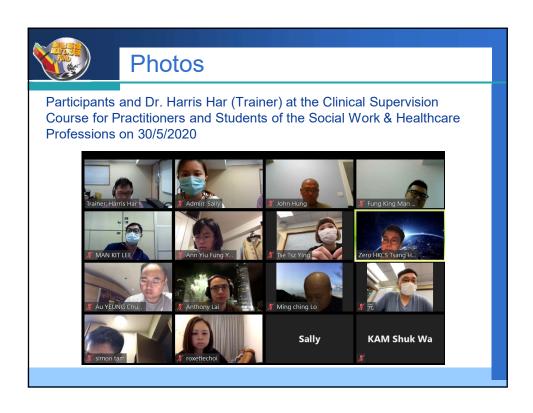


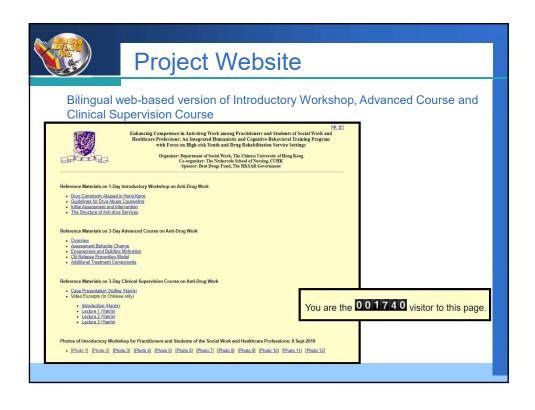


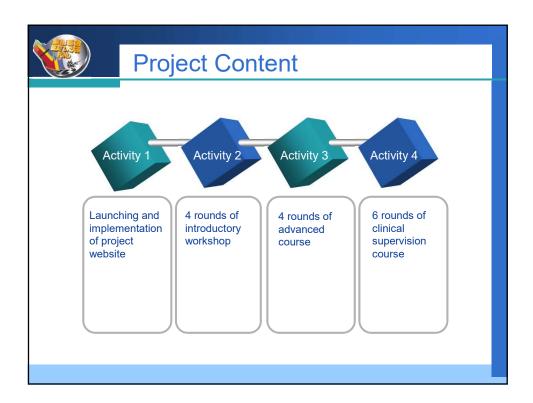
## **Photos**

Ms. Wendy Hon (Trainer) and participants at the Advanced Course for Practitioners and Students of the Social Work & Healthcare Professions on 29/2/2020











## **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
  - 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 worker

Output Evaluation				
	Expected Result	Achieved Result		
Output Indicator 1	Conduct not less than 4 rounds of Introductory Workshop with 240 trainees completing the workshop	Conducted 4 rounds of Introduction Workshop with 273 trainees completed the workshop		
Output Indicator 2	Conduct not less than 4 rounds of Advanced Course with 96 trainees completing the course	Conducted 4 rounds of Advanced Course with 107 trainees completed the course		
Output Indicator 3	Conduct not less than 6 rounds of Clinical Supervision Course with 72 trainees completing the course	Conducted 6 rounds of Clinical Supervision Course with 75 trainees completed the course		

	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)	256 valid questionnaires evaluated 96.9% 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 <i>t</i> -test)	99 valid questionnaires evaluated 98% 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)	76 valid questionnaires evaluated 92.1% 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)	76 valid questionnaires evaluated 90.8% 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