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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

**Mental Health Association in New York State, Inc., partners with Herkimer County Community College to offer first-of-its-kind certification on a college campus**

**WHAT:** *MHANYS and Herkimer College announce agreement to offer CarePath™ Coach certification*

**WHERE:** Herkimer County Community College  
Cogar Gallery, Robert McLaughlin College Center  
100 Reservoir Rd.  
Herkimer, NY 13350

**WHEN:** 11 a.m. Thursday, August 15

Herkimer College and the Mental Health Association in New York State, Inc., (MHANYS) Thursday will announce a partnership agreement to offer a CarePath™ Coach certification within the College's Human Services degree program. MHANYS is a not-for-profit organization that aims to end the stigma surrounding mental illness and promote mental health wellness through training, education, and advocacy and by providing individual services.

This will be the first time MHANYS has partnered with a college to offer this certification in conjunction with their organization.

The CarePath™ Coach certification course at Herkimer College will train students to support individuals and their families as they move from a treatment setting back into their community. Examples of treatment settings include hospitals, support housing, addiction rehabilitation centers, youth residential settings, correctional facilities, etc. CarePath™ Coaches will guide their cases through the first 90 days of recovery with goal setting, communication skills, skill building and more under MHANYS' CarePath™ system.

Students enrolled in CarePath™ qualify for 20 credit hours toward the education required to become a Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor (CASAC) through New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse.

The event's speakers will be Herkimer College President Cathleen McColgin; MHANYS CEO Glenn Liebman; Deborah Faust, MHANYS director of Family Engagement and Support Services; and Herkimer College Human Services Instructor and Supervisor Grace Ashline.

**The MHANYS/Herkimer College announcement will provide great video and photo opportunities. Reporters/photographers wishing to cover the event should park outside the Robert McLaughlin College Center.**