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NATIONAL ADDICTION, HIV/AIDS, AND HEPATITIS CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER

A national conference on addiction, HIV/AIDS and hepatitis will be held in Baltimore, Maryland October 4 – 6, 2010 at the Marriott Inner-Harbor Hotel at Camden Yards.

The conference, called *Keeping It Real 2010: Street-Level Intervention Strategies for Addiction, HIV/AIDS, and Hepatitis*, will provide cutting-edge information on issues related to HIV/AIDS, hepatitis and substance abuse. National experts will address such topics as addiction and co-infection with HIV/AIDS and hepatitis, improving efforts in working with hard-to-reach and special populations, and much more. The conference is designed to enhance the professional development of outreach workers, addiction counselors, and allied health professionals who work with substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, hepatitis, and other infectious diseases.

The annual conference is sponsored by the Central East Addiction Technology Transfer Center (Central East), through its Center for HIV, Hepatitis, and Addiction Training and Technology Center (CHHATT). The CHHATT, our Center of Excellence and Central East, are programs of The Danya Institute of Silver Spring, Maryland.

Speakers include H. Westley Clark, MD, JD, MPH, the Director of the Federal Government's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, SAMHSA; John Colmers, Maryland's Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene; and Heather Hauck, Director of Maryland's Infectious Disease and Environmental Health Administration.

"The Keeping it Real 2010 conference is the Nation's premier research-to-practice conference on addiction, HIV/AIDS, and hepatitis. Through this conference, the Central East harnesses the wisdom and knowledge of national experts and provides this information to front-line professionals. It is the only conference of its kind in the nation." —Tom Durham, PhD, Executive Director, The Danya Institute, and Project Director of the Central East Addiction Technology Transfer Center.

Please visit our website www.ceattc.org for additional information on the Central East and to register for this conference.