

New Initiative Focuses on Improving Treatment of Co-Occurring Disorders

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals, and Hazelden, the national nonprofit focused on addiction treatment, prevention and recovery, announced today a new strategic partnership focused on improving the treatment of co-occurring disorders. The partnership announcement was made by NAADAC Executive Director Cynthia Moreno Tuohy during the National Conference on Addiction Disorders in Washington, D.C.

The new Hazelden/NAADAC affiliation will provide NAADAC members, psychiatrists, psychologists and other counselors with collaborative in-person training and distance learning in the integrated treatment of co-occurring disorders, said Hazelden President and CEO Mark G. Mishek. The partnership will kickoff in September with the national launch of the new NAADAC/Hazelden Lifelong Training Program, Integrating Treatment for Co-Occurring Disorders: An Introduction to What Every Addiction Counselor Needs to Know.

"Thousands of people in need of addiction treatment services in the U.S. also have mental health or medical issues such as depression, post-traumatic stress syndrome and bi-polar disorders," said NAADAC's Cynthia Moreno Tuohy. "In fact, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration estimates that fully half of Americans with mental illness also abuse illicit drugs or alcohol. Hazelden and NAADAC have worked together for years to train clinicians and administrators in the addiction profession and advocate for treatment issues together. This new partnership will be the most cohesive effort yet from Hazelden and NAADAC to promote excellence in the field of diagnosing and treating co-occurring disorders."

Hazelden and NAADAC will also feature other training opportunities and print publications on each organization's Website, making them more easily accessible to professionals. In addition, NAADAC and Hazelden will also co-sponsor Web conferences on the integrated treatment of co-occurring disorders

For more information on co-occurring disorders, visit [Hazelden's behavioral health Website](#) or [NAADAC's Website](#)

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About NAADAC

NAADAC is the premier global organization of addiction-focused professionals who enhance the health and recovery of individuals, families and communities. Based in Alexandria, Virginia, NAADAC is commonly known as the National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors and represents 8,000 counselors across the country.

About Hazelden

Hazelden, a national nonprofit organization founded in 1949, helps people reclaim their lives from the disease of addiction. Built on decades of knowledge and experience, Hazelden offers a comprehensive approach to addiction that addresses the full range of patient, family, and professional needs, including treatment and continuing care for youth and adults, research, higher education, public education and advocacy and publishing. It currently has facilities in Minnesota, Oregon, Illinois, New York and Florida.