

Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services
Alternative Approaches to Pain Management for Older Adults
Date of Final Award – January 2, 2018

Name of Program: Alternative Approaches to Pain Management for Older Adults

Purpose:

Growing awareness of the extent and dangers of misuse of prescription medications among all populations - especially painkillers—has led to a major public health effort to control access to these substances. These endeavors have led to some decline in the number of prescriptions being written, but the situation continues to be a serious problem. It is noteworthy that better pain management, which would vastly reduce the excessive use and/or addiction to prescription painkillers, does not appear to be on the agenda while efforts to control access to such medications make headlines. This Request for Proposals (RFP) sought to fund programs that will provide education to older adults (age 60+) on alternatives to opioid analgesics as a means of dealing with acute or chronic pain.

This RFP is funded through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s (SAMHSA) State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis grant. DMHAS will provide total funding of \$275,000. DMHAS made five (5) awards of \$55,000 each.

Agency Name	CEO/ Executive Director	Amount Funded	County of Award
Center for Prevention and Counseling, Inc.	Becky Carlson	\$55,000	Sussex
Children’s Aid and Family Services	Joanne Mandry	\$55,000	Bergen
NCADD Hudson DBA Partners in Prevention	Doug Bratton	\$55,000	Hudson
Prevention Resources	Lesley Gabel	\$55,000	Hunterdon, Mercer & Somerset
Rowan College at Burlington County	Michael Cioce	\$55,000	Burlington