

## Partners On The Pier!

On July 20, 2017 our corporate partners, local supporters, and Exponents Board of Directors met at the historic Pier A Harbor House in Battery Park. Overlooking New York Harbor, our partners reaffirmed their commitment to Exponents lifesaving programs for people living with addiction, HIV/AIDS, and incarceration. A special shout out to our friends at Tenet Diagnostics and Matthijssen Business Systems for sponsoring this event!



# The Third Way - A Journey to Recovery

On June 13th, Exponents celebrated its first Third Way graduation. The Third Way is an innovative program blending elements of harm reduction into a traditional outpatient drug treatment setting. Utilizing group and individual counseling, services focused on exploring the harm caused by substance use and helping clients recognize their own resilience and capacity for change.

The 12-week, 36 session cycle graduated 90% of participants, an exceptional retention rate for a treatment program. Participants each made presentations at the ceremony to highlight what they took away from the course, including deepened understanding of the roots of their addiction, higher levels of self-esteem and their feelings of growth. Friends, family and Exponents staff all gathered to



witness their accomplishment on this first step on a journey to recovery.

**Samantha Lopez-Fernandez**  
Vice President & COO



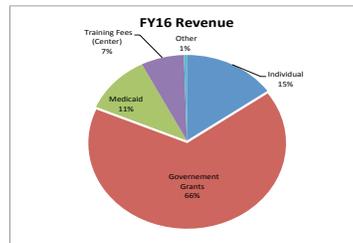
## OUR MISSION

We are a nonprofit organization located in the heart of New York City compassionately dedicated to serving those impacted by HIV/AIDS, substance use, incarceration and behavioral health challenges. We deliver these services through a client-centered, strength-based approach which greatly improves health outcomes and promotes overall wellness in our communities.

Exponents, Inc  
Financial Summary  
July - June 16

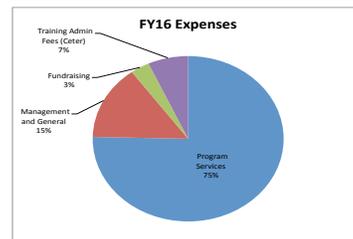
### Contributions and Grants:

Individual	676,876.00	15%
Government Grants	2,962,706.00	66%
Medicaid	493,143.00	11%
Training Fees (Center)	314,920.00	7%
Other	21,262.00	1%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>4,468,907.00</b>	



### Expenses:

Program Services	3,169,746.00	75%
Management and General	614,702.00	15%
Fundraising	135,557.00	3%
Training Admin Fees (Center)	286,690.00	7%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>4,206,695.00</b>	



# Is There A Doctor in Exponents' House?

## Congratulations Dr. Coleman!

We are proud to congratulate Exponents' very own GED teacher Mr. Gary Coleman -- or should we say Doctor Gary Coleman -- on attaining his doctoral degree.

After defending his dissertation entitled "Education Experiences and Training for People Living With HIV", Mr. Coleman received a Doctorate in Adult Education & Educational Leadership from Trident University.

Gary's dissertation topic is an expression of his personal and professional mission to

understand and address the unique educational challenges and strengths of HIV positive students: For the past 5 years, Gary has worked intimately with this population, and understands keenly the need to develop educational settings and methods that optimally serve HIV positive students.

We have always been grateful to Dr. Coleman for his contribution to our students, and now we are even more proud to see him as he extends his impact through his important scholarship.



Dr. Gary Coleman, Ed. D.,  
GED Coordinator

### Exponents' Spotlight - High School Equivalency/Preparatory Program

Exponents' High School Equivalency/Preparatory Program would like to congratulate students Ferdinand Ojabar and Janice Rich for successfully completing the HSE Prep Program, after which both took and passed their High School Equivalency exam. Their diligent and dedicated performance in class and out demonstrated the serious attitude these students had toward achieving their diploma.

Kudos to our students on achieving this crucial milestone, and on the further

steps they are already taking in achieving even higher educational attainment: Their teachers are elated to inform you that Mr. Ojabar is currently attending The College of Staten Island, and Ms. Rich is enrolled in the CASAC program here at Exponents.

Once again, congratulations to our wonderful students and their teachers on this important achievement!

**Yvonne Soto**  
Director of Special Projects



*Dana Diamond, Director of Health Services at Exponents, also the Co-Chair of the NYS Peer Certification Review Board, standing with Roseann McCollum one of the first 45 peers in NYS to graduate, with certification, on June 29, 2017. Roseann is the first of Exponents' peers to become certified. We are proud of her and her accomplishments and wish her continued success with the work she is doing with WPA (Women's Prison Association).*

### Funders & Supporters

US Health Resources Services Administration, HIV Care Services

US Center for Disease Control (CDC)

NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS)

New York State Office of Mental Health

US Department of Health & Human Services (SAMHSA)

US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs

NYS Department of Health, AIDS Institute

The Council of the City of New York

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**To Our Generous Supporters**

**Thank you for helping us bring hope to those in need. Because of you our work will continue.**

# Exponents Is In The News!

## Opiate Use: A Unique Euphoria

Give David Brooks credit for his effort in focusing the Trump administration on the opiate crisis in our country and the underlying despair in America that drives the destructive self-medicating behavior. He rightly describes the unique euphoria that opiates can deliver and the difficulty in engaging addicts in treatment.

The most prominent reason 90% of those who need treatment don't access it is the individual's inability or unwillingness to stop using opiates. At the height of the AIDS epidemic, we circumvented this barrier by engaging injecting opiate drug users through harm reduction services that did not require abstinence as

a condition for participation in our programs. Clearly harm reduction changed behaviors for the better, bringing new HIV infections to an all-time low along with safer drug use practices and, for some, a reduction in use or switching to a more benign drug like marijuana.

Getting people to stop using drugs is not the only way to address the opiate crisis. The lessons we learned during the AIDS epidemic could be helpful in addressing the opiate crisis we are experiencing today.

**Howard Josepher, LCSW**  
President & CEO



Howard Josepher, Exponents President & CEO, and Anthony Feliciano, Exponents CASAC trainee, were interviewed on local TV news show "BronxTalk."

Howard advocated for the use of "therapeutic communities" to help ease "the pain in America" causing an unprecedented opioid epidemic. Anthony shared his personal story of struggling with addiction and his commitment to helping others like him overcome.

**Paul Lotierzo**  
Fundraising & Events Director

## Pride '17 Celebration

On the afternoon of June 24, after months of preparation, Exponents held their 5th Annual Pride Celebration. The event was the culmination of the hard working members of our Pride Event Planning Committee, many of whom were members of our ASPIRE program and Queer-Youth Advisory Board (Q-YAB). In addition to the wonderful entertainment and food, community members including Aisha Diore (founder of the Kiki House/Ball Scene) and Tracey (Africa) Norman, the nation's first African American transgender professional model were awarded for their tireless mentoring and mobilizing of the LGBTQI community. Pastor Mark Earson, St. John's Lutheran Church were also presented with an organizational excellence award.



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