

## Board Spotlight

I have been a Certified Public Accountant for over 35 years. Started my career at KPMG and after several years of hard work and very long hours decided I was ready to move on and established a boutique CPA practice, "Brown & Green, LLP, Certified Public Accountants." It was a wonderful and exciting experience and I met so many remarkable clients including "Exponents." After many successful years we sold our practice, but I continue to provide consulting and tax services to certain clients.

I met Howard about 25 years ago through a referral by a mutual friend. At that time Arrive/Exponents was in its very early stages and had only five employees in a small office on Beach Street. They were

looking for an accountant/CPA to help provide the required financial reporting to their government funding sources and other accounting functions. After meeting with co-founders Howard Josepher and Maria Josepher and learning about Exponents' purpose, I was impressed by their mission and was ready to join the team. We reached out to Wendy Jenerette for her help and she jumped in and has remained with Exponents for 26 years! As Exponents continued to grow the need arose to hire a corporate Controller. I was involved in the interview process and after interviewing many applicants, there was unanimous agreement that Regina Edwards was the best, most qualified person for the job.

During her 22 year tenure, she has advanced to be Exponents' VP/CFO and has been a very valuable asset to Exponents' success!

After Regina took over my responsibilities, and then some, I was honored to be asked to serve as an Exponents' Board Treasurer. It has been an honor to be part of such a wonderful, very special organization that provides kindness, benevolence and support to so many in need!!!



**Barbara Brown, LLP**  
**Certified Public Accountant**  
**Entrepreneur**

## From a Church Basement..



**To Our New Home!**  
**We're Moving ...Summer 2018**



# The ECPPD is Expanding!

## *The Exponents Center for Personal and Professional Development “The Center”*

*“I stumbled into ARRIVE homeless, helpless and hopeless... Two years later, the Center gave me a career as a Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor (CASAC). Today, I am employed as a full time substance abuse counselor”. - Geraldine J.*

In 2011, Exponents looked around and saw that our flagship programs, such as ARRIVE, The ARRIVE Post-Graduate Program (APGP) and Drug Treatment, were founded on the harm reduction principles of engagement, wellness and community, we wanted to expand our services and provide a path to vocational stability. With hard work and tenacity, Exponents established the Center for Personal and Professional Development and began providing CASAC (Credentialed Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counselor) classes. With a part-time staff of three, Joe Turner, Mariya Pougatcheva and Frank Perez, we held our first CASAC evening class on October 11, 2011 with a total of 6 students.

At that time, there were two providers of CASAC education - Outreach Project and Resource Training Center. Exponents' Center was the 'new kid' on the block. But we possessed Exponents' historical legacy of “...meeting people where they are... but not leaving them there.” The Center's CASAC program quickly developed the reputation as a student-centered training school that not only prepared students for the credentialing exam, but also prepared them with the tools of 'empathic engagement and advocacy’. As a result, the Center increased its offerings of professional trainings to include Recovery Coach training, *Peer Ethical Standards*, *Peer Supervision within the Recovery Oriented Services of Care/Behavioral Health*, *Mental Health First Aid*, *Trauma Informed Care*, and many other trainings that now constitute the Center's portfolio.

*Today, we have a team that includes full time staff: Dona Pagan, Senior Director, Kyla Williams, Program Coordinator, Abdullah Rashid, Training Coordinator, Toby Haskins, Vocational Coordinator, Andrew Williams, Academic Coordinator and Andre Stoklasa, evening CASAC Coordinator. The Center is also supported by the hard work of peer support workers Rafael Acosta, Denise Calhoun, Mario Hines and Robert Harris.*



**Joseph Turner, JD**  
Vice President, ECPPD

## 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.*

# Safe Injection Facilities

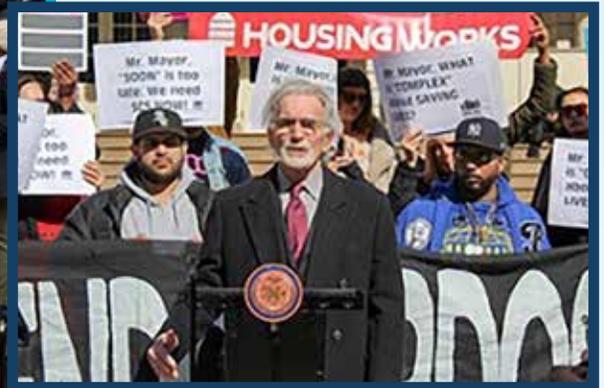
## Rallying on the steps of City Hall

Safe injection facilities (SIFs) have shown promise in reducing harms and social costs associated with injection drug use. A SIF is a place supervised by licensed health personnel where IDUs inject drugs they obtain elsewhere. Facility staff do not directly assist in injection, but rather provide sterile injection supplies, answer questions on vein care and safer injection methods, administer first aid, and monitor for overdose. SIF staff also offer general medical advice and referrals to drug treatment and other social programs.

Injection drug use has been a public health problem in the United States for many decades. It accounts for the cause of one third of this country's cumulative AIDS cases. Injection drug users (IDUs) are at high risk of acquiring hepatitis and HIV. Skin abscesses and endocarditis can result from unsterile injection.

Many of the harms associated with injection drug use stem from the scarcity of sterile injection equipment and users' fear of the criminal justice system. Anxiety about social rejection and arrest deter use of health and preventative services and force IDUs into hidden locations that are poorly suited for hygienic injection.

Recognizing this unmet need, some 40 cities worldwide have introduced safe injection facilities (SIFs) as one way to address unsafe drug consumption environments.



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

# HIV Stops With Me...



*...Meet Dana Diamond, Exponents' Director of Health Services and HIV Stops With Me Spokesmodel*

*HIV Stops With Me* is a multifaceted, national social-marketing campaign that aims to prevent the spread of HIV and reduce stigma associated with the disease. The campaign features real HIV positive people talking about real issues.



The campaign focuses on the personal strengths of people living with HIV and affirms their ability to display these qualities in their everyday lives to tear down the stigma associated with HIV.

Each spokesmodel is committed to stopping the spread of HIV while also promoting the values of self-care and healthy living. As active members of their communities, the spokesmodels share their stories, engage in online dialogue about issues related to HIV and make public appearances.

**HIV STOPS WITH ME.ORG**

## Healthy Relationships Graduates

Healthy Relationships (HR) has returned to Exponents! HR is an evidence based intervention supported by the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) which helps people living with HIV (PLWH) strengthen knowledge and skills that contribute to safer sex, thriving relationships and acknowledge the stress related to HIV disclosure.

Over three cycles of the program, twenty women and eighteen men have built concrete skills that support their safety and well-being—physically, mentally, and socially. To further address the needs of our positive community, Exponents will continue to facilitate specific cohorts for African American men and Latinas for the duration of the CDC contract.

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.

