“The Legacy Continues”
New Executive Management Team To Lead Exponents

We are pleased to announce that on July 1, 2018, Joseph R. Turner, co-founder and Vice President, will become President and Chief Executive Officer of Exponents. Joe will assume the leadership mantle from Howard Josepher, co-founder of Exponents, who has led the agency for over 30 years. Howard’s iconic leadership and vision has transformed Exponents into one of the most effective community-based harm reduction agencies in the nation. Howard will remain with the agency as the Chief Clinical Officer.

At the same time, Samantha Lopez will become Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, and Regina Edwards will become Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Both Regina and Samantha has steered the agency for the past 20 years with steady and successful executive leadership.

We’ve Moved to Our New Location
17 Battery Place, 8th Floor

Come Join Us
Exponents is collaborating with Clearview Festivals to create a memorable experience and build community near our offices in the financial district.

The day will be filled with good food and great entertainment, all in support of our agency and the crucial programs we provide for New York’s most vulnerable.

FiDi Friday
in partnership with STREETFEST
EXONENTS

FiDi Friday
in partnership with NEW YORK FARE

PARK PLACE
Church St & Broadway
Artisanal street fair featuring local artists and crafters, food purveyors from around the world, and interactive displays and games.

SEPTEMBER 21
10am - 6pm
Let’s Celebrate!

Cycle #150 Marks Exponents’ 30th Anniversary!!

On Thursday, July 19th we celebrated 30 years of ARRIVE with 10,873 alumni to date. Our ARRIVE post Graduate Program (APGP) has over 500 alumni. We continue to provide testing, support and connection to care for HIV+ individuals and those who struggle with substance use, in the hopes of Ending the Epidemic by 2020. ARRIVE/APGP staff and peer mentors provide support in a strengths-based, person-centered atmosphere which greatly improves retention and encourages many to seek additional services upon completion.

For more information

To learn more about our programs, services or to make a generous donation, please visit our website at www.exponents.org
When asked about her past, Crystal Frazier, a former participant here at Exponents, recounts that she was a recent transport from Alabama. During her experience at another CBO, where she attended women’s groups, (she didn’t quite feel comfortable), a staff member there recommended she check out Exponents for a larger continuum of services.

Crystal registered for and completed ARRIVE Cycle 141/APGP Cycle 23 where she was provided with more insight into HIV disease. Even after living with the virus 29 years, she realized there’s always something new to learn. After ARRIVE and while attending APGP, she registered for CASAC with Exponent’s Center for Personal & Professional Development, which she believed would take her where she wanted to go and prepare her for the college life that would be her future. Crystal remarked that after being a member of the Narcotics Anonymous fellowship where she continued to provide support and service via sponsorship, Hospitals & Institutions commitments for many years, she knew her professional calling would involve helping people. She also attended and completed all requirements and passed the state exam to become a Certified Peer Recovery Advocate (CRPA) in early 2018. Crystal accomplished all this while remaining a Peer Mentor with our Project ASPIRE initiative, a SAMHSA-supported program for young gay/bisexual men and transgender women of color where she conducted peer support for two years, providing community outreach and presentations. She also went to work as a group facilitation consultant for our Drug Treatment program working with members of the LGBT community. As if all this weren't enough on her plate, she simultaneously sought out and obtained another part time position with Community Life, a Bronx based institution.

When asked what she liked most about her present-day life, Crystal responded that “it feels great to go to work, come home and eat, sleep and breathe as Crystal”. She also remarked that since coming to NYC, I had to obtain some acceptance with being accepted.

At the time of this interview, living independently in her own apartment for six months, Crystal made another momentous stride forward. She made the decision to leave both her part time positions to accept a full time position at NADAP’s Comprehensive Employment Service program as their first peer advocate in the agency’s history.

In closing Crystal wants anyone walking into Exponents’ doors to know if anything, is these three affirmations she lives by: If you want to take advantage of something, take advantage with something that helps your future; be productive and be proactive; If you go a day without learning anything, you’ve wasted a day!

We wish her all the best!

Donald R. Powell, Mhs
Sr. Director of Policy & Development

When the Path is Crystal Clear

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Department of Health and Human Services

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

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NYS Department of Health, AIDS Institute

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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.
In an effort to encourage people to get tested, the New York Knows initiative held a day of free HIV testing at Union Square on Tuesday, June 26, 2018. Rapid HIV Testing, Rapid Hepatitis C screening, and PrEP/PEP consultations were conducted. Enroll Manhattan Project staff was also on hand for health insurance enrollment. This year’s theme is “Doing It Your Way.”

Exponents’ Mobile Testing Unit Staff

(Left to right) Rupert Rodriguez, Sade Ellis, Testing Counselors; Danny Tucker, Peer and Juan Jordan, Director, Recovery Support Services

Success Spoken Here

Peer Support

Ms. Sheniza Bethune enrolled in Exponents Adult Education program in September 2014. While she struggled with being pregnant and attending class 4 days a week, her steadfast commitment to doing the work never faltered. In October, 2017 she took the NYS High School Equivalency Examination and passed the exam. Since then, Ms. Bethune continues to come back to class to help and inspire other participants, eager to take and successfully pass the exam. She stands as a role model for all those determined to complete this major milestone and further their education.

(Left to Right) Derrick Foster, GED Peer Assistant, Kajal Singh, GED Coordinator, Sheniza Bethune, Graduate and Yvonne Soto, Director of Special Projects

Peer Appreciation

The NY State Peer Worker Certification was developed in response to our ETE (ending the Epidemic) blueprint, here in NYS. We have always known that those with lived experience are the best to guide others through their process, in conjunction with agency staff. Here is a quote from the former AIDS Institute Director when talking about peer led/peer run services:

“Recognizing the importance of peer workers is not new. The AIDS Institute is twenty years into this story.”

Dan O’Connell, Director, AIDS Institute

We at Exponents also recognize that peers play a huge role in improving health outcomes.

Christopher Baljko, ARRIVE graduate and Peer