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#### Summer & Fall at CAMP

- Our team of Substance Use Navigators (SUNs) have recently expanded Warmline services to cover Montgomery County.
- Penn Medicine has partnered with the City of Philadelphia and Police Department to support a new <u>initiative</u> in Kensington to provide same-day diversion.
- Medetomidine continues to be the primary adulterant in Philadelphia's drug supply.

  Read more here.
- September was National Recovery Month! In this newsletter, we highlight past and <u>upcoming Fall events</u> in the community.

#### **NEW CDC GRANT AWARDED TO PENN CAMP**

• In partnership with Jefferson Health, CAMP will expand and evaluate innovative approaches for initiating Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) in emergency departments. The research will produce a toolkit that will support emergency clinicians to identify, treat, and link patients to long-term engagement across diverse health systems.



#### DR. MAGGIE LOWENSTEIN OBTAINS RO1 GRANT

• CAMP's Dr. Lowenstein received funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to evaluate the effectiveness of a novel, multi-component hospital-to-housing intervention that provides medically supported transitional housing for people experiencing homelessness with OUD following hospitalization. This is in partnership with <a href="Project HOME">Project HOME</a>.

### PARTNERING WITH PRISONS

- Our Navigators now offer reentry services and <u>peer support</u> at the Reentry Trailer outside Philadelphia's State Road prisons to enhance successful return to the community
- <u>Liz Morrison</u>, CRSS, <u>Pat Dooley</u>, Lead SUN, & <u>Brad Meck</u>, CRS lead peer-support groups for individuals during incarceration to help maintain recovery.



## Philadelphia Department of **Prisons**



#### CDC Webinar: Medetomidine for Clinicians August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

CAMP's Dr. Jeanmarie Perrone and Dr.
 Samantha Huo spoke about the clinical implications of medetomidine mixed with opioids in Philadelphia and Southeast Pennsylvania. Watch the full webinar <a href="here">here</a>.

## Clinical Recommendations for Managing Medetomidine Withdrawal

 Our providers at Penn Medicine have continued to address the changing nature of treating the novel adulterant, <u>medetomidine</u>.
 See the latest withdrawal management strategies used at the ICU <u>here</u>.





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SEPTEMBER 2025

#### **OUR PEERS IN THE COMMUNITY**

- In September, we celebrated National Recovery Month!
- CRSs <u>James Sherman</u>, <u>Patrick Dooley</u>, and <u>Nicole O'Donnell</u> spoke about their recovery journeys at the Voices of Recovery event hosted by Penn Medicine's Chester County Hospital Wellness Program.
- CRSs <u>Brad Meck</u> and <u>Diamond Stahl</u> joined friends and providers at Prevention Point's Recover & Thrive event to share stories of healing and recovery including art, poetry, and essays from attendees.
- CAMP Project Manager <u>Gilly Gehri</u> partook in friendly pickleball games organized by Philly-based recovery group <u>The Phoenix</u>.



Diamond Stahl & Brad Meck at the Prevention Point Recover & Thrive event on Sept. 25, 2025.

Congratulations to the Penn authors of this recent publication in Academic Emergency Medicine!

Academic Emergency Medicine

RESEARCH LETTER OFFINANCESS

#### Linkage to Outpatient Methadone Treatment From the Emergency Department and Hospital

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## KENSINGTON WELLNESS

#### **Police-Assisted Diversion**

- Neighborhood Wellness Court (NWC) is a pilot initiative in Kensington that launched in January 2025. This diversion pathway helps to fast-track people into treatment while navigating the justice system.
- Our medical triage team of nurses and peer navigators collaborate with multiple city partners to provide wraparound services best suited for participants.





## **AMERSA**

NOVEMBER 13 - 15, 2025



CAMP team members are heading to Portland for the Association for Multidisciplinary Education and Research in Substance use and Addiction (AMERSA) conference.

- <u>Kelli Murray</u>, CRS and Integrated Forensic Peer Specialist, was joined by <u>Nam-Huy Leduc</u>, MPH to co-present preliminary findings on the role of peer navigators in the NWC triage for the fast-track diversion program.
- Jasmine Barnes, MPH and <u>James Sherman</u>, CRS co-presented on the NACCHO study on methadone inductions from hospitals to opioid treatment programs.
- <u>Rosa Friedman</u>, Medical Case Manager and <u>Gilly Gehri</u>, MBE presented a poster on the effectiveness of connecting patients from hospital to housing.
- <u>Maya Arora</u>, BS presented a poster focused on barriers to substance use treatment through the lens of unhoused populations.



## CAMP JOINS U.S. REPRESENTATIVE MADELEINE DEAN

 CAMP leadership team spoke with Congresswoman Dean about recovery pathways and clinical strategies to address substance use.



## **SUMMER ACTIVITIES**



#### **Summer Internship Program**

• CAMP and Penn Medicine's Office of Outreach, Education, and Research (OER) offer the firstever hands-on experience training to 18 students from 11 Philadelphia high schools! Read more <u>here</u>.

#### **HALLOWEEN BLOCK PARTY**

 CAMP participated in a community block party for Halloween hosted by <u>Merakey</u> and the Philadelphia Police Department. This beloved event brings joy and festive activities to young children living in Kensington!



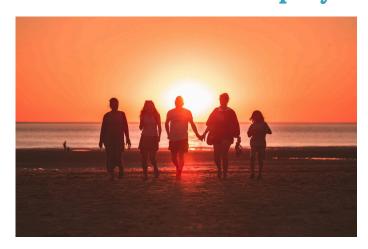
### **WARMLINE: EXPANDED TO MONTCO!**



- The <u>CareConnect Warmline</u> now offers substance use and perinatal and postnatal recovery services in <u>Montgomery County</u>.
- Hours: 9AM 9PM,7 days a week
- Reach us at penncamp@pennmedicine.upenn.edu

Our <u>Certified Recovery Specialists</u> (CRS) and <u>Substance Use Navigators</u> (SUN) can help connect people to <u>recovery resources</u> in Philadelphia and nearby counties.

## Family Recovery Support Services & Penn Employee Assistance Programs





• Employees at Penn Medicine can also utilize the <u>EAP program</u> that offers confidential counseling, substance use support, and wellness resources!

Certified Family Recovery Specialists (CFRS) at CAMP are trained by the <u>Council of Southeast Pennsylvania</u> to use their owned lived experience and provide support for family members impacted by a loved one's substance use disorder. Talk to a CFRS <u>here</u>.

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