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Spring Forward into 2026!

ADVOCACY FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER IN CONGRESS

- On April 14, CAMP Director Nicole O'Donnell presented to Congress in Washington DC about the outcomes of a Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) funded research study that enrolled patients through the CareConnect WarmLine and ED. Our CAMP navigators were champions in keeping patients engaged via text messaging.
- Dr. Kit Delgado is the Director of the [Penn Medicine Nudge Unit](#) and PI of this PCORI study.



Dr. Kit Delgado (left) with CAMP Director Nicole O'Donnell in Washington, D.C.

CAMP PRESENTING AT INSPIIRE

- On May 29 at the inaugural INSPIIRE Symposium, a multidisciplinary group from the Penn, Jefferson, Drexel, Cooper, and Temple health systems will be sharing emerging clinical insights, research findings, community resources, and implementation strategies. [Register here.](#)

INSPIIRE Symposium 2026
INFECTIONS IN SUBSTANCE USE: PREVENTION, INTERVENTION/IMPLEMENTATION, RESEARCH, AND EDUCATION

Including sessions on:

- Endocarditis and Bacteremia
- Complex Skin and Soft Tissue Infections
- HIV, PrEP, STI and HCV Care
- Patients with lived experience
- Multidisciplinary case discussion

Students, Healthcare Providers and Community Members welcome! **FREE CME!**

Register Here!!

May 29th
8am-5pm
Biomedical Research Building (BRB) 14th Fl
421 Curie Blvd
Phila PA 19104

QR code for registration

Penn From Mental Health. AIDW Research & Center

CDC GRANT: PORTAL AVAILABLE FOR PROVIDER RESOURCES

- Emergency medicine clinicians can visit our new [CDC Collaborative Portal page](#) to find the latest updates from CAMP and our partner sites on MOUD practices.

KENSINGTON WELLNESS

SUPPORT CENTER

Expanded Collaboration at 265 E. Lehigh Ave.

- Our team staffs the Support Center Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Wellness Court has expanded operations to Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, beginning at 6:30 a.m.
- We offer peer support, resource navigation, and inpatient assessments in partnership with Merakey, and act as an extension of the CareConnect Warmline services in Kensington.



Have your bench warrant hearing directly from the Kensington Wellness Support Center

Philadelphia Bench Warrants on Open Cases

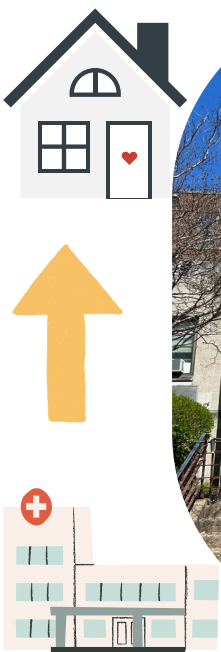
**Monday to Friday from 7am - 9am
Defender Association On Site**


**Questions or to discuss your current warrant status call
Defender Association: Melanie Young (267) 765-6731**

LEGAL HELP

AT KENSINGTON WELLNESS SUPPORT CENTER 265 E. LEHIGH AVE

HOSPITAL2HOME PROJECT HOME



- The Hospital to Home (H2H) program seeks to link medical and housing resources to provide supportive housing and wraparound services for individuals with OUD directly following a hospital discharge.
- Sacred Heart Residential Center, an H2H partner, now has **expanded bed availability!** 
- An on-site primary care clinic is expected to begin operations this summer!
- For referrals or more information, please reach out to Gilly Gehri via secure chat.



“GLORY STORY” SPOTLIGHT

- Meet Larry, a person in recovery who shared his story with our team about his path to healing, renewal, and recovery. With the care and support of CAMP doctors, staff, and peers, Larry “had to find a reason to get sober and then find a reason to stay sober.”
- Our [Success Stories](#) page features people who have engaged with our navigators and experienced positive outcomes through peer support. See Larry’s latest story here!



Larry consented to speak with our CRS navigator Randy Winder on his recovery journey. Peer support is a core component of navigation work at CAMP.

AMERSA Turns 50!

CAMP has continued to cherish and maintain an active leadership role with the Association for Multidisciplinary Education and Research in Substance use and Addiction ([AMERSA](#)):

- **Nicole O’Donnell:** Special Co-Chair Committee
- **Jasmine Barnes:** Board of Directors
- **James Sherman:** Harm Reduction & Diversity Committees
- **Nam-Huy Leduc:** Climate Task Force



Community Event with UPenn’s Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority held at Wharton School

- [Shawn Wiggins](#) and [Shakyr Davis](#), Substance Use Navigators at CAMP, are joined by sorority sisters on Penn’s campus to learn about harm reduction and build Narcan kits for outreach distribution!

PERINATAL CARE

THE PROUD CLINIC IN THE COMMUNITY

- Nikki Ellis, CRS/SUN and champion of the PROUD clinic at Penn Medicine, attended the Birth Justice Philly Summit to speak about perinatal services and leading causes of maternal mortality.
- Nikki also continues to lead in the Penn & Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) collaborations.

2025 BIRTH JUSTICE SUMMIT

Addressing the Leading Causes of Maternal Mortality:
What Are We Doing In Philadelphia?
Join me at the Birth Justice Summit
I'm this year's Speaker!

Nicole Ellis Wilson, CRS
Project Manager
University of Pennsylvania & CHOP

OCTOBER 9, 2025
8AM - 5PM
DoubleTree by Hilton Philadelphia
237 S Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107

To register:
birthjusticephilly.org/birth-justice-summit

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#birthjusticephilly.com



NAVIGATOR INSIGHTS

- Diamond Stahl, SUN and PennLink coordinator, spoke to the Philly Inquirer about the personal and professional challenges of the current state of medetomidine in the drug supply.
- PennLink is an grant-funded program led by Infectious Disease in collaboration with the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health.

★ ★ ★ **Congratulations to the Penn authors below!** ★ ★ ★

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CAMP STAFF IN EXCELLENCE

We are thrilled to recognize our outstanding navigators in academia and community! See our newest webpage highlighting past, present, and future graduates of [CAMP staff here](#).



GILLY GEHRI, MBE

- Gilly graduated in May 2025 with a Master of Bioethics from the University of Pennsylvania!



NICOLE ELLIS, BA

- Nikki received the Outstanding MSW Award from Temple University's graduate program. She expects to complete this program next month!

NAM-HUY LEDUC, CFRS

- Nam-Huy received his Certified Family Recovery Specialist with PRO-ACT last year through the [Council of Southeast Pennsylvania](#)!



• Heather is currently pursuing her Master of Regulatory Affairs with a primary focus in clinical

WARMLINE: EXPANDING TO SURROUNDING COUNTIES

CareConnect Warmline

Pro Tip:
Add the Warmline as a contact in your patient's phone!

Provide resource and care navigation including connections to Penn Medicine On Demand to support the bridging of care

Support can include Buprenorphine bridge prescriptions, pharmacy navigation, and addressing barriers to care

✓ 100 % Virtual Buprenorphine Prescription Access

✓ No Insurance Necessary

✓ Low-Barrier Care

484-278-1679

Our team of Substance Use Navigators (SUNs) and Certified Recovery Specialists (CRSs) partner with your patients for follow ups post-discharge and to connect them with continuous care.

- The CareConnect Warmline offers substance use support services in the Greater Philadelphia region, including perinatal and psychiatric services.
- **Hours:** 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., 7 days a week
- Reach us at penncamp@penncamp.upenn.edu

Our Certified Recovery Specialists (CRS) and Substance Use Navigators (SUN) can help connect people to recovery resources in Philadelphia and surrounding counties.

Please Welcome Our Newest CAMP Staff



Randy Winder



Sissy Troy



Gary Marbley



Abbe Kitchin



Kacie Bogar



Chris Chukwueke

