

Witkowski Named CASAC Executive Director



The Board of Directors of Chautauqua Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Council (CASAC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Melanie A. Witkowski as Executive Director. The Board's action comes with the fullest confidence that Witkowski will be an excellent steward of CASAC's mission. The Board recognizes that Witkowski is a leader who, with several years of experience at CASAC, is the right person to lead the vital work of alcohol and other drug prevention services for the residents of the county.

Mrs. Witkowski began her association with CASAC in 2005 as a Prevention Educator and most recently has served as Director of Program Services. She received her undergraduate education from the State University of New York at Fredonia and a Master's Degree at Walden University. She obtained her CPP (Credentialed Prevention Professional) certificate from the New York State Office of Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Services in 2014. Melanie lives in Dunkirk with her husband Chris and children, Ashton and Kearstin.

Witkowski says of her new position. "CASAC has played and will continue to play a unique and vital role in the prevention of problems related to alcohol and other drugs for individuals, our youth, within our schools and in the entire community. I am honored to have the opportunity to lead CASAC in engaging the community, County leadership and critical community partners to fully realize our shared vision, which is to strengthen our families, educate and build resiliency amongst youth, and support individuals suffering from the disease of addiction. Chautauqua County has great organizations and resources available, but it's critical for CASAC to collaborate with agencies and groups and become a cohesive

team to deal with the epidemic surrounding heroin and opiates, as well as other drugs. My goal is to help create a safe and healthier environment for the residents of Chautauqua County.”

“We are excited to have Melanie leading the agency. We look forward to Melanie applying her skills to further the mission of CASAC as we continue to provide essential services throughout Chautauqua County,” says C. Berkeley Adams, President of the Board of Directors.

CASAC, a United Way community partner agency, provides programs and services for the prevention of problems related to alcohol and other drugs. CASAC is the only approved and supported prevention agency of the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services in Chautauqua County. CASAC is an affiliate of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence. To learn more about CASAC programs and services, call 716-366-4623 in the Dunkirk office, or 716-664-3608 in Jamestown, or visit www.casacweb.org.