



Manhattan Tobacco Cessation Program (MTCP)

Highlights

- New York State Department of Health is funding tobacco cessation centers throughout the state to provide assistance to health centers who want to expand the tobacco services they provide their patients.
- Scott Thomas and Ashley Mevi are part of the cessation center that serves Manhattan, located at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health and headed by Dr. Donna Shelley.
- The free services and material that we at MTCP can provide in Manhattan include:
 - Training for staff on brief cessation counseling, use of pharmacotherapy and the design of cessation programs that increase patient participation
 - Assistance with the development of documentation systems for screening and treatment of patients
 - Referral procedures for local and state cessation services
 - Tobacco education and cessation material for both providers and patients
 - Assistance with the development of tobacco policies
- These services are very effective at increasing both provider and patient involvement in cessation activities, as well as increasing quality measures in regards to tobacco treatment (e.g. HEDIS, JCAHO).
- Since this is a grant funded project, we need to collect some data from the sites at which we work. This data collection is fairly minimal and would either be part of data collection that you already do, or we can provide financial reimbursement for any time it takes your staff to conduct it.

Ashley A. Mevi
Project Coordinator
Manhattan Tobacco Cessation Program
Columbia University
The Mailman School of Public Health
722 W. 168th Street
New York, NY 10032
P: (212) 305-6836
F: (212) 342-9097
aam2135@columbia.edu

Scott Thomas, Ph.D.
Public Health Consultant
New York, NY 10034
(917) 658-0988
beltane555@yahoo.com