

Accommodating Chronically Ill Students Is Subject of Albany Expert's Talks at DePaul University in Chicago

ALBANY, N.Y. -- Nationally recognized expert on chronic illness Patricia A. Fennell, MSW, LCSW-R, will be a featured speaker at the fourth annual DePaul University Symposium on Chronic Illness and Postsecondary Education on May 22nd in Chicago. The conference is sponsored by DePaul University School of New Learning's Chronic Illness Initiative.

She will present two sessions at the conference in collaboration with Lynn Royster, PhD, director of the Chronic Illness Initiative. The first, "Policy/Service/Troubleshooting: A Three-Pronged Approach To Helping Colleges And Universities With Growing Populations Of Students With Chronic Illness," will educate symposium participants about helping college students with chronic medical and psychiatric conditions succeed in school and beyond.

The second workshop, "Working With Chronically Ill Students: A Problem-Solving Workshop" will offer participants the opportunity to bring specific problems, issues, concerns and challenges from their own settings to the table and work with experts and other participants to develop solutions that work for the institution and the students.

Both sessions will provide information about an ongoing collaboration between Fennell's Albany Health Management Associates and DePaul's Chronic Illness Initiative to offer policy development, service and troubleshooting consultation services to higher education institutions struggling to serve students with chronic conditions.

Ms. Fennell, President and CEO of Albany Health Management Associates, Inc., is the creator of the Fennell Four-Phase Treatment (FFPT™) model, a highly practical, internationally utilized and empirically validated approach to clinical management of chronic illness, trauma and emotional loss. It addresses the complexity of these conditions by matching best clinical practices to four phases – crisis, stabilization, resolution and integration -- and identifies the most appropriate and effective interventions for each phase. The FFPT model provides a narrative framework and cognitive map for families, helping them describe, understand and adapt to life following onset of chronic illness.

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