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*Our mission
is to prevent the harm being
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TO: Residency Program Directors

RE: Scholarship Opportunity for Residents and Faculty to attend the Essentials of Addiction Medicine Conference and 4-Day Mentored Learning Experience

Please help us spread the word about the 2016 scholarship opportunities for residents and faculty to participate in the MERF mentored learning experience at CSAM's 2016 Essentials of Addiction Medicine Conference at the Anaheim Marriott on **August 24-27**. All details and the application forms can be found at www.merfweb.org and www.csam-asam.org. **The deadline for applications is July 8, 2016.**

Interested residents, directors of residency education and all faculty members who instruct and supervise residents in your program are invited to apply for a MERF scholarship to participate in this 4-day (Wednesday through 1 PM Saturday) mentored learning experience. Priority in scholarship selection is given to resident-faculty pairs and faculty pairs (2 faculty members). The first day, Wednesday, August 24, is devoted to motivational interviewing with an emphasis on clinical skills acquisition and improving MI proficiency.

Scholarships include conference registration, and a stipend to offset travel and overnight costs. Priority in the selection of scholarship recipients is given to "teams" of one resident and one faculty member from the same training program.

Scholarship recipients are expected to be present throughout the conference, sit together, and participate fully from Wednesday, August 24, 12 p.m. until the close of the conference at 1:00 PM on Saturday, August 27. Scholars earn CME and receive a "Certificate of Completion."

Scheduled activities include a Thursday evening dinner and dessert reception (meal included). Early morning case discussion sessions on Friday and Saturday include continental breakfast.

Will you send this information to all who might be interested, please? All applications are available from the website www.merfweb.org and must be completed by **July 8, 2016**. Please note: Letters from the program director are required and must be received by **July 8, 2016**.

For details regarding the benefits of being a MERF Scholar and what is expected of MERF Scholars please visit the MERF website www.merfweb.org

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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