We have several exciting events planned and invite you to join us- see below for details. And, as New York moves closer to approving legislation for medical marijuana, we'd like to share a video of a medical marijuana panel discussion we co-sponsored last spring. Here is the link: http://youtu.be/elRf7ZxSC50
If you want to learn more about the Compassionate Care Act, visit: http://www.compassionatecareny.org/.
Please contact us if you have any questions about our program or upcoming events at mhsac@newschool.edu or visit: harmreductiontraining.com.

## Celebrating Latino Communities: A Town Hall Meeting

Friday, 2/21/2014 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

55 W. 13th Street, room 202

Free event, RSVP: https://nssrlatinoevent.eventbrite.com

This free event is a first step in bringing together mental health and substance use treatment providers who care for Latino communities. We hope to begin a collaborative process of building a network of providers working with Latino populations for mutual support and to better understand what their needs are. We are particularly interested in exploring the relevance of harm reduction approaches to these issues. The evening will include opportunities to network and a town hall-style discussion of what is needed to better serve the communities.

## Cannabinoid Science & Political Ecology

Tuesday, 3/4/2014 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

6 E. 16th Street, room 1103

Free event, RSVP: https://cannabinoideventnssr.eventbrite.com

There is little information available describing the health-related quality of life among medical cannabis users. This presentation by Dr. Sunil Aggarwal, Executive Science Director at the Center for the Study of Cannabis and Social Policy, will provide a portrait of chronic pain management in medical cannabis-using patients as well as their mental distress levels related to being targeted by drug law enforcement. Drawing on research conducted in Washington State, a political ecology of health framework is presented which can help inform our understanding of other contraband psychoactive biota of social and therapeutic import.

Incorporating Mindfulness into Practice: A Training for Clinicians

Saturday, 3/8/2014 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

6 E. 16th Street, room 1103

Please register at: https://newschoolmindfulness.eventbrite.com This workshop is designed for clinicians and graduate students in the fields of psychology, social work, substance abuse counseling, and medicine who wish to learn the practical application of mindfulness skills. We will practice basic breathing and mindfulness techniques and will discuss ways to introduce this practice to your clients. There will be opportunity for clinical consultation, so please come prepared with case examples. This workshop will also include discussions about the role of mindfulness in promoting self-care for providers and techniques to prevent compassion fatigue and burn out.

Working Effectively with Opioid Users & Strategies to Prevent Overdose

Friday, 3/14/2014 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Kellen Auditorium, 66 5th Avenue

Free event, RSVP: https://newschoolopiatespanel.eventbrite.com Join us for a free panel discussion on the topic of working with individuals who misuse opioids and learn harm reduction strategies for overdose prevention. There will be an update on recent trends in opioid use in NYC, along with a discussion of an integrative harm reduction approach to address opioid misuse and strategies for preventing overdose. This event is designed for professionals working in the mental health and substance abuse treatment communities and graduate students who wish to educate themselves about opioid use and effective strategies to reduce risk among individuals using opioids.