



## The Al Forthan Memorial Scholarship Training Series Presents:

# Finding a New Lens: Working with Recovering Gay Men on Issues of Shame and Isolation

**Featuring:** Victor Boomer-Jenks LCSW, CADC III

**When:** Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> 2015  
9:00am-12:30pm (registration starts at 8:30)

**Where:** Volunteers of America Administration Building  
3910 SE Stark St. Portland, OR 97214

**Cost:** \$60 - Includes three CEUs from ACCBO. Refreshments provided.

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### Purpose

Gay men are disproportionately impacted by addiction issues, yet research indicates that they are also less likely to successfully complete a standardized course of treatment. This training and dialogue will explore the role that shame plays in keeping gay men trapped in addiction and harmful behaviors, and why this may interfere with treatment efforts, even after the coming out process.

### Victor Boomer-Jenks LCSW, CADC III

Victor Boomer-Jenks has worked in the addiction and HIV community for the past ten years and is currently the Clinical Director with VOA's Men's Residential Center. Victor infuses trainings with humor and guided discussion, creating space for both levity and learning.

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## ALL money raised from this training will go to support the Al Forthan Memorial Scholarship.

The purpose of the scholarship is threefold: to honor Al, award scholarships to students from low income and addicted families and encourage students to explore how addiction has impacted our community and the solutions to this complex problem. Al was the first alumnus to work at the MRC. He worked from his heart and brought love, wisdom, integrity, humility, and a deep passion and commitment to recovery. Al touched the lives of hundreds of men and was the ultimate role model of recovery. Scholarships totaling \$65,000 were awarded in 2015 to 27 high school seniors throughout Oregon.

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