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**LEADING THE WAY IN SUD TREATMENT: A SOCIAL WORK MONTH  
CELEBRATION OF NAVIGATING CHALLENGES AND  
CLINICAL INNOVATION**

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## ABSTRACT

In celebration of Social Work Month, this presentation examines the vital role of clinical innovation in the treatment of Substance Use Disorders (SUD). While the field faces escalating systemic and clinical complexities, social workers are uniquely positioned to lead through collaborative, person-centered intervention strategies. This session explores modern challenges—from poly-substance trends to treatment barriers, and highlights innovative multidisciplinary approaches that improve patient outcomes. By blending clinical rigor with the core social work values of advocacy and connection, we will demonstrate how navigating today's obstacles drives transformative growth in the profession.

## SPEAKER

**Dr. Jennifer Blewett** is a clinical social worker and psychotherapist with over two decades of experience dedicated to mental health and addiction treatment. She is currently a clinician and social work supervisor at Massachusetts General Hospital, and an Instructor in Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Blewett earned her Doctorate from the University of Southern California School of Social Work and her Master of Social Work from Boston College. She has extensive experience working with individuals, couples, and families across diverse inpatient and outpatient settings. A former college athlete, she is also a passionate advocate for the mental health of student and professional athletes. In addition to her private practice in Boston, she serves on several boards, including the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Primary Care Access, Delivery, and Payment Task Force.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Identify current challenges, best practices, and modern research in the field of substance use treatment
2. Explain the advanced concepts, theories, and principles relevant to managing change, integrating 'safety net' strategies, and innovation within the field of substance use disorder treatment
3. Analyze the strategies used by social work providers to treat substance use disorders in rapidly changing and diverse treatment environments

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