



Association of Addiction Professionals Honors Carol Colleran with Annual William F. “Bill” Callahan Award

WEST PALM BEACH, FL - August 2007 The Association of Addiction Professionals (NAADAC) has named Carol Colleran, Hanley Center, the recipient of the annual William F. “Bill” Callahan Award. The national association will honor her on Sept. 5, 2007 at its annual conference awards dinner, at the Renaissance Nashville Hotel and Convention Center, Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee. Colleran, a leading advocate for older adults and recovery, is executive vice president of national affairs and public policy for Hanley Center, West Palm Beach.

Colleran was selected as the 2007 William F. “Bill” Callahan Award recipient as an individual who has given sustained and meritorious service at the national level to the profession of addiction counseling. She is a renowned pioneer of specialized treatment of older adults who suffer from the disease of alcohol and other chemical addictions, and the author, with Debra Jay, of the definitive handbook, [Aging and Addiction: Helping Older Adults Overcome Alcohol or Medication Dependence.](#)

Colleran has been actively involved in regional, national and international associations involved in policy, advocacy, research and education, including serving as a member of the Center for Substance Abuse Task Force for Treatment in Aging and Substance Abuse, which determines guidelines and treatment protocol for older adults. In 2005 the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) asked her to serve on an Expert Panel for a new “Older American Substance Abuse and Mental Health Assistance Center.” Colleran initiated and helped develop Hanley Center’s leading Center for Older Adult Recovery.

In December 2006, Colleran received The Peter Fairclough Memorial Recognition Award by CARP, Inc, West Palm Beach, Florida, for her contributions to the overall advancement, improvement and expansion of services for chemically dependent persons and families on local, state or national levels. The same year she was honored with Hanley Center's first "Hanley Heroes" Award, Ms. Colleran was awarded the individual Service Provider of the Year by the Florida Association of Aging Service Providers (FASP) during the annual Florida Conference on Aging in 2003.

The Hanley Center for Older Adults Recovery has become a national model of treatment for older adults. The Hanley Center offers gender specific treatment for both men and women, as well as a family program and a range of prevention programs. For more information call (561) 841-1000, 1-800-444-7008 or visit www.hanleycenter.org. To receive a free pamphlet, "How To Talk to an Older Person Who Has a Problem With Alcohol or Medications," call the above number.