

Ken Winters Receives JMATE 2008 Research to Evidence-Based Practice Award

April 2008: A. Thomas McLellan, Ph.D. today congratulated Ken Winters, Ph.D., recipient of the 2008 JMATE Research to Evidence-Based Practice award. Winters received the award at JMATE's annual conference in Washington, D.C. in late March.

JMATE, or the Joint Meeting on Adolescent Treatment Effectiveness, provides a forum where a wide range of partners – government, researchers, providers, family, youth, and community leaders - come together to discuss and foster advances in adolescent drug treatment. Its Research to Evidence-Based Practice award, one of five given annually, recognizes a researcher who has helped bridge the gap between science and practice in adolescent substance abuse treatment.

“Over the past decades Ken has worked assiduously to advance knowledge of youth substance abuse, treatment and recovery,” McLellan said. “Few researchers spend more time working with parent groups, treatment providers and policy makers to educate and improve understanding of the causes and effects of youth substance abuse and evidence-based treatment and recovery approaches,” McLellan said. “At TRI Ken has been in the forefront of our efforts to translate science into useful tools to help parents safeguard their children from alcohol and drugs – only one example of the kind of work that earned him this award.”

Winters is Senior Scientist and Director of the TRI Section on Adolescents, as well as Director for Adolescent Substance Abuse Research and Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. For the better part of thirty years he has researched and written extensively on adolescent drug issues and holds numerous advisory positions, including as consultant to the Hazelden Foundation, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, World Health Organization, and the Mentor Foundation (an international drug abuse prevention organization).

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