



***Transforming the Work through “Task-Shifting”***

**January 19, 2018**

**9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

**Brooklyn Law School**

Dear Attendee,

Please join us –

**Exciting efforts are underway through *Thrive NYC* to change how NYC addresses mental health by building out skills across our communities.** Taking stock of these efforts, and connecting those at the forefront of doing them, is the goal of the first annual *Transforming the Work* convening.

We invite you to join a diverse group of stakeholders from academia, government, and healthcare, but especially the community-based organizations, mental health providers, and others engaged **in the nearly 15 Thrive initiatives now underway with the potential to advance task-shifting as the new normal.**

**Please register and join us to be part of *Transforming the Work* on January 19, 2018, at Brooklyn Law School through this link: [RSVP Here](#).**

**Task-Shifting is a global movement that is changing the social and community nature of mental health and substance use solutions.** Recommended by the World Health Organization, this idea includes redistributing tasks from trained mental health professionals to individuals with less mental health training, but who are actually at the front lines of the work. Teachers, clergy, day care and innumerable social agency and community organizations/groups are often viewed as more credible and approachable trusted figures in their communities and should be empowered to gain new skills. Mental health professionals can in turn assume rewarding and high-impact roles by supporting and coaching these partners.

**Our keynote speaker, Dr. Vikram Patel, has spearheaded the spread of this approach globally.** He will discuss his experiences and lessons learned from low-resource countries, from where much of the evidence supporting this approach comes. Other experts will share case-based presentations on how they have incorporated task-shifting into their work.

**But most of the work and creative input will come from you.** Attendees will compare their work, share lessons learned, and brainstorm how to build a sustained, growing community of interest and advocacy through participation in a series of two small-group breakout sessions:

**1. Learning and Questions:** sharing lessons learned and questions we should learn more about, to spread this approach

**2. Building our Network:** identifying ways to share and communicate learning, information, data, and content to spread, evaluate, and accelerate the use of this approach.

**Please join us and become a part of a growing movement for re-envisioning mental health in NYC.**

**[Register for FREE here.](#)**