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‘STAGES OF CHANGE’ PIONEER TO SPEAK AT NOSIP CONFERENCE

A pioneer in the field of “change” will be the featured speaker at a conference to be held Nov. 5-7 at the Southern Hills Marriott Hotel, 1902 E. 71st St. in Tulsa.

Dr. James Prochaska, developer of the “trans-theoretical model of change,” will speak Wednesday, Nov. 5, from 8:30-9:45 a.m., and 10-11:15 a.m. at the 4th Annual National Organization of State Impaired-Driving Programs (NOSIP) Conference, sponsored by the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

Prochaska’s theory of what makes people ready for change has been used extensively in all fields of medicine, from cancer prevention to substance abuse addiction.

The conference will offer sessions of interest to alcohol, drug and substance abuse course assessors and instructors; criminal justice administrators and staff; substance abuse treatment providers; public safety and law enforcement officials; drug court administrators; adolescent treatment providers; and students.

In addition to Prochaska, several other speakers will give presentations, including Dr. Scott Walters, who will talk about “Motivational Interviewing;” Dr. Kenneth Wanberg, “New Directions in Offender Treatment: A Therapy of Personal, Social and Moral Responsibility;” and Dr. Herman Lindeman, who will discuss the DUI/DWI offender test.

Continuing education credits are available. To register for the conference, or for more information, call (405) 522-8300.

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