

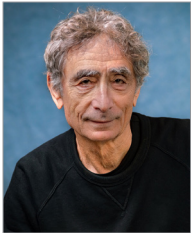
## Substance use, society, and social impact: A presentation and fireside chat with Dr. Gabor Maté

**Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Eastern time**

Join leading experts to:

- Learn the social basis of addiction in economic, cultural, and political dislocation and disempowerment.
- Enhance self-awareness to foster a reflective approach that positively impacts the delivery of behavioral health services.
- Understand the correlation between chronic conditions (such as substance use) and social environments.
- Explore ways to support a healthier population and the development of therapeutic relationships in addiction treatment.

### Your speaker:



**Gabor Maté** (pronunciation: GAH-bor MAH-tay) is a retired physician who, after 20 years of family practice and palliative care experience, worked for over a decade in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside neighborhood with patients challenged by substance use disorder (SUD) and mental illness. The bestselling author of five books published in 35 languages, including the award-winning "In the Realm of Hungry Ghosts: Close Encounters with Addiction," Gabor is an internationally renowned speaker highly sought after for his expertise on addiction, trauma, childhood development, and the relationship of stress and illness. For his groundbreaking medical work and writing he has been awarded the Order of Canada, his country's highest civilian distinction, and the Civic Merit Award from his hometown, Vancouver. His latest book, "The Myth of Normal: Trauma, Illness & Healing in a Toxic Culture" remains a Canadian best seller and was a 19-week New York Times best seller.

To learn more, join his e-news list at [www.drgabormate.com](http://www.drgabormate.com)

### Your host:



**Maria Coutant Skinner, LCSW, CEO of the McCall Behavioral Health Network (BHN)**  
After serving in many diverse roles, Maria became the CEO of McCall BHN in 2013. That same year, she co-founded and continues to co-chair the Litchfield County Opiate Task Force, a multilateral, multidisciplinary community collaborative that works to reduce addiction and overdoses in the region. The group has had far-reaching impacts on shaping culture around root causes of addiction, education, community connection, and influence on healthcare policy. Maria is Board Chair at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital, past president of the Rotary Club of Torrington and Winsted areas, serves on the boards of multiple non-profit organizations, and co-chairs the treatment committee of the CT Alcohol Drug Policy Council.



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