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## **SAMHSA AND FDA EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON THE SAFE USE OF METHADONE**

**WHAT:** Press conference to launch joint education campaign within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services and Food and Drug Administration about the safe use of Methadone.

**WHO:**

**H. Westley Clark, M.D., J.D., M.P.H., C.A.S., F.A.S.A.M.,** Director of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

**Douglas Throckmorton, M.D.,** Deputy Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration

**Mark W. Parrino, M.P.A.,** President of the American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence

**Anthony Badger,** Program manager for HIV counseling and testing program at the Lower Eastside Service Center, New York City.

**Alice D'Orio,** Manager of the Opiate Dependence Resource Center, Vermont

**WHEN:** Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. EDT

**WHERE:** The American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence (AATOD)  
National Conference  
Hilton Hotel New York City  
Clinton Suite (Press Room)  
1335 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, New York 10019

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