## Peer Support Specialist Certification

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California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA)

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## Introduction

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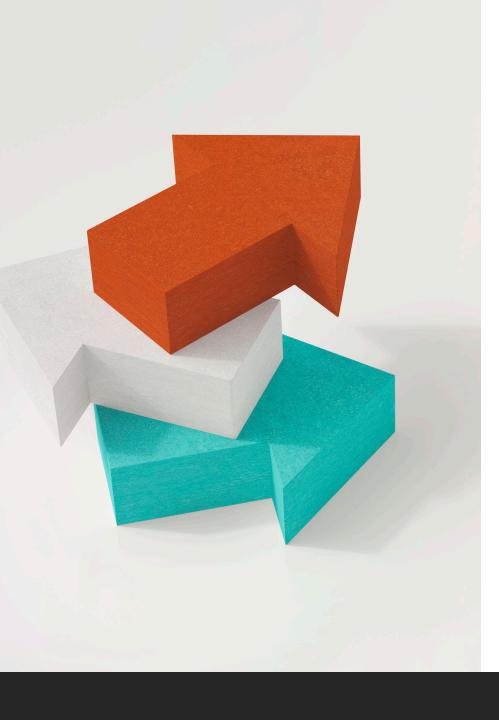
## A Moment of Acknowledgement

- •The California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) would like to acknowledge the dedication to advocacy by many in the getting Legislation passed for Peer Support Specialist Certification in California.
- •Organizations who have trained the current Peers in the workforce today.
- •Peers!
- Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)

## About CalMHSA

#### California Mental Health Services Authority

- •Formed in 2009 through funding from the voter-approved Mental Health Services Act (Prop 63) for the purpose of creating a separate public entity to provide administrative and fiscal services in support of its members.
- •CalMHSA is governed by a Board of Directors made up of local county or city Mental and/or Behavioral Health Directors from each county to improve behavioral health outcomes for California.
- •Statewide initiatives and program you may be familiar with include Each Mind Matters and Calhope.



## Peer Support Specialist Certification

- Offers an additional pathway for Peers and Peer Supporters
- Offers an additional pathway for federal reimbursement for counties
- Builds on todays peer support work (mutual aid, community-based organizations, county contracted or county run programs)
- Supports workforce development

## What's Next with Peer Certification

Legislation SB 803 DHCS BHIN 21-041

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## CalMHSA's Role in Peer Certification

- •The California Mental Health Services Authority will continue to build on what is already in place.
- •Collaborate with the California Association of Mental Health Peer-Run Organizations (CAMHPRO) for technical assistance and development of Stakeholder Advisory Council.
- •CalMHSA has been identified as the entity who can represent counties in the implementation of a statewide Peer Certification program. Submit an implementation plan to DHCS, on behalf of counties opting into a peer certification program by **November 19**, **2021**.

## CalMHSA Timeline

#### **OCTOBER 2021**

- Community Input Sessions
- ☐ Convene Stakeholder Council (this is an ongoing council)
- ☐ Start the identification of organizations to provide training

#### **NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2021**

- □ Submit Peer Certification Plan to DHCS (November 19, 2021)
- Report back on input session information (peer advocacy groups, counties, CalMHSA website)
- Start the development of exam questions (approx. 6-month process)

#### <u>January – March 2022</u>

■ Input for identification of criteria for curriculum for Specializations (Crisis, Homelessness, Justice Involved)

#### May-July2022

■ Peer Certification Program Go-Live

## Staying Informed

- California Mental Health Services Authority will report out on the information from these session in November-December. The information will be shared through peer advocacy organizations, county systems, CAMHPRO, the Stakeholder Advisory Council and the Department of Healthcare Services websites.
- Current information on the implementation requirements of SB 803 can be found on the Department of Health Care Services website: <a href="https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/Peer-Support-Services.aspx">https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/Peer-Support-Services.aspx</a>;
- For more information on the roles and responsibilities for county behavioral health agencies, certification programs (county-run or designated certification entity), and Department of Health Care Services in launching and maintaining the Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification program <a href="https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Documents/CSD">https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Documents/CSD</a> BL/Peer-Support-Services/Roles-and-Responsibilities.pdf
- Information on Peer Support Specialist Certification (PSSC) program administered by California Mental
  Health Services Authority will be available on website (updated as information becomes available: <u>California</u>
  <u>Mental Health Services Authority | Peer Certification (calmhsa.org)</u>
- Questions or comments can be sent to <a href="PeerCertification@calmhsa.org">PeerCertification@calmhsa.org</a>

#### **SB803 Community Input Sessions**

#### > LA County Input Sessions:

October 5 @ 10 AM - 11:30 AM: Session I - Training and Exam Spanish Flyer

October 12 @ 5:30 PM -7 PM: Session II – Grandparenting
Spanish Flyer

October 20 @ 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM: Session III - Specializations

Spanish Flyer

#### > Rural counties:

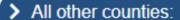
October 13 @ 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM: Session I – Training and Exam Spanish Flyer

October 14 @ 10:00 AM- 11:30 AM : Session II – Grandparenting Spanish Flyer

October 19 @ 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM: Session III - Specializations

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October 5 @ 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM: Session I – Training and Exam Spanish Flyer

October 6 @ 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM: Session I - Training and Exam Spanish Flyer

October 7 @ 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM: Session II – Grandparenting Spanish Flyer

October 12 @ 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM: Session III – Specializations

Spanish Flyer

October 21 @ 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM: Session II - Grandparenting

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October 26 @ 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM: Session III – Specializations
Spanish Flyer

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