

# Peer Employment and Training Program

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The Peer Employment and Training (PET) Program evolved from the Consumer Relations Program, providing workforce development opportunities with a peer perspective to promote system transformation and a recovery vision that is peer-driven and holistic in its services and supports.



In collaboration with the community, the Peer Education and Training Program promotes awareness of opportunities for involvement in transformation activities to increase knowledge of, and participation in, the development and provision of peer mental health services. Additionally, the program recruits, engages, supervises and supports peers as volunteers and interns in mental health agencies and organizations. The Peer Education and Training Program provides education and employment services, and promotes mental health system transformation through peer participation in quality improvement activities, expanding awareness of recovery to all segments of the mental health community.

The PET program provides an in-depth 13-week Peer Support Specialist Training class that includes topics such as mental health recovery, communication, boundaries, co-occurring disorders, ethics, cultural responsiveness, trauma-informed care, crisis intervention, suicide prevention and many more. The class prepares individuals with lived mental health experience to work and provide support in a variety of positions requiring this specialized skill set.

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