

Building the Foundation for a Youth MOVEment of Peer Support Webinar Series

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Part 1: [Understanding the Continuum of Informal and Formal Youth & Young Adult Peer Support](#) –Recorded December 4, 2014

Young adult peer support is value added to the community based service array for youth and young adult struggling with mental health challenges. Peer support can be provided in a variety of ways along the continuum of informal social group settings to individual one-to-one service model. This webinar showcases efforts in the field that have effectively met the needs of youth and young adults. Youth MOVE National, utilizing literature from the field and application along the continuum, offers a framework for communities to follow when developing community based peer to peer opportunities.

Part 2: [Supporting Youth and Young Adult Peer Support in Your Organization](#) – Recorded January 8, 2015

A continuation of the youth peer support conversation led by Youth MOVE National, this webinar will focus on the findings of an Environmental Scan, conducted across the country in states providing varieties of youth peer support, along the continuum of helping relationships. Recognizing the pivotal role organizations play in the success of implementing youth peer support services, this webinar will lay the necessary groundwork for organizational readiness, peer workgroup creation and next steps needed. The focus will lie at the organizational level and include the vital role of a diverse workgroup in implementing successful services.

Part 3: [Defining the Developmental Needs of Youth and Young Adult Peer Support](#) – Recorded February 5, 2015

The third webinar in our young adult/peer support series will focus on the unique characteristics needed to develop and implement youth peer support services. Youth peer support is a unique addition to the child serving systems and requires adaptations to existing peer models to meet the developmental needs of youth and young adults.

Youth peer support services, effectively implemented, can be value added to the traditional array of clinical services available to young adults. Youth peer support, specifically designed to meet the needs of this population, may be the missing link to connect young adults who are disengaged from services to reconnect. The peer relationship can be considered the entry point to accessing services.

This webinar will explore important areas for organizations developing youth peer services to consider in planning, implementation and quality improvement processes. In designing peer services for youth in transition, there is an opportunity to reflect and respond to the generational differences, culture, worldview and wellness definitions of young adults seeking mental health services.

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