



PROVIDER ALERT

Youth Support Training Opportunity

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Alert Summary: This alert details a training available to providers with their Peer Support certification who would like to begin providing Youth Support.

Dear Provider,

Optum is providing another opportunity to obtain the Youth Support (YS) endorsement training. If you are interested in providing this service, we encourage you to participate, as you must have your YS endorsement to render this service to members. As a reminder, a YS provider must have an existing Peer Support Certification. Youth Support endorsement is Optum Idaho-issued and only valid within Idaho Medicaid.

The live webinar training opportunity is scheduled for the mornings of Aug. 10-13, 2021, 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. MDT. Participants need to attend all four half-days plus a required one-hour technology check on Aug. 5, 2021, at either 10 a.m. or 6 p.m. MDT. If this is of interest, please [click here](#) to complete the enrollment form.

Provider Qualifications:

1. Minimum of a High School Diploma (or equivalent)
2. Current Idaho Peer Support Specialist Certification: <https://www.bpahealth.com/idaho-peer-cert/>
3. Lived experience with serious emotional disturbance (SED) or SED co-occurring with substance use disorder (SUD) as a youth or adolescent (standalone SUD lived experience is not eligible)
4. Recovery for a minimum of one year
5. Successfully passing a screening process
6. It is recommended that providers of this service are between 21-30 years of age.

Endorsement:

The Optum Idaho YS endorsement is granted upon completion of all the following:

1. Obtain and maintain an Idaho Peer Support Specialist Certification, which must be current and valid prior to enrolling in online training
2. Complete online YS training modules (available on [Relias](#)), which must be completed prior to attending the live webinar training
3. Complete screening interview with YS Trainer: Providers must successfully pass the screening interview
4. Attendance at a live webinar training over four half-days with the successful completion of a test covering the material learned

The cost of training supplies and materials is \$50 per person for providers who successfully pass the applicant screening process (the remaining cost of training is covered by Optum). Instructions for payment to the Idaho Federation of Families will be provided upon acceptance into the Youth Support endorsement training.

Thank you,

The Optum Idaho Team