



# PROVIDER ALERT

Peer Learning Collaboratives and Youth Support Training

Jan. 15, 2023

**Alert Summary:** This alert details the dates and topics for the Peer Learning Collaboratives and Youth Support Training planned for 2023 for providers of Peer Services.

Dear Provider,

If you are a credentialed/endorsed Peer Services provider (including Youth Support, Peer Support, Family Support, Recovery Coaching and their supervisors), you are eligible to enroll in Peer Learning Collaboratives. The Peer Learning Collaboratives include our partnerships with the Idaho Federation of Families and Path to Prime and may be appropriate if your agency is seeking opportunities for your leaders and staff members to put into practice what you have learned in training or to improve your implementation and delivery of Peer Services.

Goals of the collaboratives include:

- Identifying strengths and needs related to implementation and delivery of services
- Providing constructive feedback about organizational structure that supports implementation and service delivery
- Noting specific strategies for Peer Services professionals to apply skills learned to real-life scenarios
- Developing additional training and workforce development plans, based on needs

Below are the dates and topics for upcoming Peer Service Collaboratives, and each session lasts two hours. To enroll, please register [here](#). These are planned for the third Wednesday of each month from 3-5 p.m. MT. This is an optional opportunity and you may participate in as many or as few sessions as you like.

Topics planned include:

- Jan. 25, 2023 3-5 p.m. MT: Idaho's Crisis Continuum of Care
- Feb. 15, 2023 3-5 p.m. MT: Taking Care of Ourselves While Supporting Individuals Who Have Experienced Trauma
- March 15, 2023 3-5 p.m. MT: Peer Services Documentation

Certificates of completion will be provided to those who attend the sessions in full. If you have any questions, please contact your Provider Relations Advocate.

Optum Idaho is providing another Youth Support endorsement training opportunity, which is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. MT (with a 30-minute lunch break) on April 4-7, 2023. Participants need to attend all four days plus a required one-hour technology check on March 30, 2023, at either 9:30 a.m. or 5:30 p.m. MT. The deadline to submit an enrollment application is March 17, 2023.

If you are interested in providing this service, and you meet the required qualifications listed below, we encourage you to participate, as you must have your Youth Support endorsement to render this service to members. As a reminder, a Youth Support provider must have an existing Peer Support Certification. Youth Support endorsement is Optum Idaho-issued and only valid within Idaho Medicaid.

**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 the ages 21-30 and have a strong personal connection to current youth culture to connect with youth on a peer-to-peer level based on shared knowledge and experience

**Endorsement: Alert Summary:**

The Optum Idaho Youth Support 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 this enrollment form
3. Complete screening interview with Youth Support Trainer: Providers must successfully pass the screening interview
4. Full attendance at a live webinar training over a four-day period
5. After full completion, provider logs into Relias to print their endorsement certificate

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 Idaho). Instructions for payment to the Idaho Federation of Families will be provided upon acceptance into the Youth Support endorsement training.

For more information on other Peer training, such as Family Support and Peer Support, please contact: BPA Health Peer and Family Support Certification.

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Thank you,

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