



CONSUMER INTEGRATION IN POLICY & PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

ABOUT THIS TRAINING

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Recovery Support Strategic Initiative encourages partnering with individuals in recovery from mental and substance use disorders to help guide the development and transformation of the behavioral health system. This goal of this Initiative support a fundamental shift from services that focus on symptom reduction and custodial care to empowering partnerships between service providers and consumers in support of self-determination. This 1.5-day workshop presents information on how to integrate consumers as equal partners in policy and program development.

OBJECTIVES

- Provide administrators and policymakers with information and direction to facilitate integration of consumers into policy and program development
- Provide consumers with information and skills to become effective partners and participants in this process
- Develop a strategic plan for local change

TRAINING TOPICS

- Integrating consumers as partners in program and policy development
- Becoming effective partners in systems change
- Creating a local action plan

TRAINING PARTICIPANTS

This training is recommended for

- Administrators of mental health services
- Administrators of criminal justice services (law enforcement, jails and prisons, courts, attorneys, probation/parole)
- Local policymakers
- Consumers of mental health services who have past or current involvement with the criminal justice system
- Family members of justice-involved individuals with mental illness

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