

## Adult Peer Support and Family Peer Support Trainings Announced

Magellan Behavioral Care of Iowa is excited to announce a series of training opportunities for adult peer support and family peer support specialists in Iowa. Community reinvestment funding from Magellan is making this training available for peers and family peers throughout the state.

As adult and family peer support has become more recognized as a profession, there has been an increased demand for these professionals in various healthcare service delivery settings. Examples of this include the implementation of Integrated Health Homes that utilize adult peer support and family peer support, increased desire for peer centers across Iowa, as well as more peer-driven services. This expansion has produced a shortage of trained adult peer support and family peer support specialists. Magellan is pleased to be a part of this opportunity and growth for peers in Iowa.

Funding for peer support training grants has been provided to Hope Haven, Life Connections and Waubonsie Mental Health Center. These entities will provide training across the state for approximately 150 adult peers who will then be eligible to be certified as peer support specialists in Iowa. The University of Iowa, in partnership with ASK Resource Center and NAMI Iowa, will provide training for approximately 90 family peers.

These trainings are paid for by the Iowa Department of Human Services through its contract with Magellan Behavioral Care of Iowa for Iowa Plan for Behavioral Health Medicaid Community Reinvestment.

For further information on training details, including training locations and dates, please see below.

### Adult Peer Support Training

*All of the adult peer support trainings listed below satisfy the requirements for the Integrated Health Home training and Medicaid billable community-based peer support. In addition, all of the trainings satisfy the training requirement for certification.*

Hope Haven and Life Connections will provide training utilizing the Life Connections curriculum. Each organization will offer both basic and an advanced training. *Please note that both the basic and advanced trainings must be completed in order to satisfy the requirements.*

Waubonsie Mental Health Center will provide training utilizing the Georgia Model curriculum provided by the Appalachian Consulting Group.

**Hope Haven** will offer the following trainings:

**Waterloo**

Basic - April 8 - 11, 2014                      Advanced - May 20 - 23, 2014  
Black Hawk Grundy Mental Health  
3251 West 9<sup>th</sup> Street

**Sioux City**

Basic - May 6 - 9, 2014                      Advanced - June 24 - 27, 2014  
Siouxland Mental Health offices

**Mason City**

Basic - June 10 - 13, 2014                      Advanced - July 8 - 11, 2014  
Mental Health Center of North Iowa  
235 S. Eisenhower Avenue

**Decorah**

Basic - August 5 - 8, 2014                      Advanced - September 23 - 26, 2014  
Northeast Iowa Mental Health  
905 Montgomery Street

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**Life Connections Peer Support Training** will offer the following trainings:

**DeWitt**

Basic - May 20 - 23, 2014                      Advanced - June 17 - 20, 2014  
Dewitt Public Library                      Dewitt United Methodist Church  
505 10<sup>th</sup> Street                      222 12<sup>th</sup> Street

**Dubuque**

Basic - May 27 - 30, 2014                      Advanced - June 10 - June 13, 2014  
Hillcrest Wellness Center  
225 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street

**Ames**

Basic - June 17 - 20, 2014                      Advanced - July 15 - 18, 2014  
AmericInn and Suites  
2507 SE 16<sup>th</sup> Street

## **Burlington or Keokuk**

TBD

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**Waubonsie Mental Health Center** will offer the following trainings:  
Meals and overnight accommodations provided.

## **Hiawatha**

June 2 – 6, 2014

Prairiewoods Franciscan Spirituality Center

120 East Boyson Road

## **Griswold**

July 28 – August 1, 2014

Creighton University Retreat Center

16493 Contrail Avenue

## **Clarinda**

September 22 – 26, 2014

Iowa Western Community College

2700 College Road

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## **Family Peer Support Training**

The University of Iowa will offer a seven-day training over two timeframes. ASK Resource Center and NAMI Iowa have partnered with the University of Iowa to provide these trainings. It includes a high-quality curriculum that will prepare family peer support specialists to provide services and supports to families of children who have experienced emotional and behavioral challenges.

**The University of Iowa** will offer the following trainings:

## **Davenport**

April 8 - 10 and May 19 – 22, 2014

## **Council Bluffs**

May 6 - 8 and June 23 – 26, 2014

**Waterloo or Mason City**

Location and date TBD

**Des Moines**

Location and date TBD

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**\*\* Please note that locations and dates are subject to change. \*\***

As additional training information becomes available, updates will be listed on the Magellan Behavioral Care of Iowa website, [www.Magellanoflowa.com](http://www.Magellanoflowa.com), and distributed to the public.