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SPIRIT is a 9-unit college course taught in collaboration with Contra Costa Behavioral Health and Contra Costa College. The course teaches students how to develop core skills to empower themselves by attaining and maintaining recovery and resiliency through self-awareness and peer/family support, while learning to assist others in doing the same. The completion of this class leads to a Certificate of Achievement.

This program is intended for individuals who fit at least one of the following criteria:

- **A person who has self-identified as having lived experience of recovery from a mental health condition, substance use disorder, or both.**
- **A transition-age youth or young adult 18 - 26 who has self-identified as having lived experience of recovery from a mental health condition, substance use disorder, or both.**
- **A person with lived experience as a self-identified family member of an adult experiencing a mental health condition, substance use disorder, or both.**
- **A person who is parenting or has parented a child experiencing a mental health condition, substance use disorder, or both. This person may be a birth parent, adoptive parent, or family member standing in for an absent parent.**

Goals

1. To become more empowered, explore potential and help others learn resiliency and empowerment skills.
2. To gain an understanding of the importance of peer and family support as an integral part of the recovery and resiliency journey, as well as to the overall behavioral health system of care.
3. To gain a working understanding of Contra Costa Behavioral Health's system of care which includes, Mental Health Services, Housing and Homeless Services, Alcohol and Other Drug Services, and Health Services broadly, and recovery/resiliency-oriented techniques and principles.
4. To identify, develop and sustain your personal support system, develop and use a personal Wellness Recovery Action Plan and to help others to incorporate these skills into their personal wellness process.
5. To become more aware of community resources which aid peers and their families, including young adults and children in living successfully within the larger community.
6. To explore career options that will help you develop the skills enabling you to find meaningful activity and to learn skills and participate in internship training in the behavioral health field.

The Behavioral Health Service Provider Individualized Recovery Intensive Training (SPIRIT) includes two components; the comprehensive classroom training and support program, followed by the individualized Work-Study placement. This program is a collaboration between Contra Costa Behavioral Health Services (CCBHS), Office for Consumer Empowerment (OCE), and Contra Costa College (CCC).

Application Deadline and Mailing Information

Application Process: This APPLICATION is due by October 7, 2022.

Please submit your completed application to:

Contra Costa Behavioral Health Services
Office for Consumer Empowerment
1340 Arnold Drive, Suite 200
Martinez, CA 94553
Fax (925) 957-5156

For further information about the SPIRIT Training or application, please contact:

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Training Components

- I. **Intensive online Training (SPIRIT I and II):** The classroom training takes place during the Spring 2023 college semester (starting in January 2023) in partnership with Contra Costa College. It consists of two separate three-unit college classes (six units total), SPIRIT I and SPIRIT II. Students take SPIRIT I for the first half of the semester, and then SPIRIT II during the second half of the semester. Students may not participate in SPIRIT II without successful completion of SPIRIT I.
- II. **Work-Study/Summer Internship (SPIRIT III):** The work study portion of SPIRIT takes place during the summer 2023 college semester and includes a six-week, 60-hour internship at a human service agency with once a week classroom instruction. Students must successfully complete both SPIRIT I and II to participate in SPIRIT III. Students receive three units of college credits for successfully completing SPIRIT III.
- III. **Allowance:** Students may be eligible for an allowance to assist with transportation and other expenses needed to complete the training.



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Dear SPIRIT Applicant,

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SPIRIT is a behavioral health peer and family-driven focused college course. SPIRIT is facilitated by peers and family members for peers and family members. Because SPIRIT is a collaboration with Contra Costa College, some of your personal and identifying information may be shared and exchanged with the college. Additionally, the College may require some administrative information, such as attendance, grades, conduct, or other college-related activities. Being an applicant or participant in SPIRIT may identify you as a peer of behavioral health services or a family member of a person receiving services.

SPIRIT Application

Please print legibly or type. DO NOT USE CURSIVE HANDWRITING

- Please answer each question carefully. Be as direct and specific as possible.
- Attach extra paper if necessary. Number answers on each page

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I have read and understand the above statement.

This acknowledgement is advisory only and is not consent to release information.

Signature

Date

Print Name (First, M.I., Last Name)

Phone Number

Behavioral Health Service Provider Individualized Recovery Intensive Training

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1. Name/Personal Information:

Last: _____

First: _____

Middle Initial: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip : _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ Date of Birth: _____

Cell Phone: (_____) _____ (Voluntary)

E-Mail Address: _____

2. Please list two references:

a. Name: _____

Phone: _____

Agency: _____

b. Name: _____

Phone: _____

Agency: _____

*Each question is scored individually. Please provide a complete answer for each question.

3. Do you identify as a behavioral health peer (**a person with a mental health condition or substance use disorder, or both**) or family member (**parent, caregiver or family member of someone who receives behavioral health services**)? If so, are you willing to share this with others in your work as a Peer/Family Provider?

4. **We value personal or lived experience in the behavioral health system.** This may include personal experience that gives insight into behavioral health, dual diagnosis, self-help, recovery/resiliency-based services, or experiences you've had helping peers and/or family members. Please describe what involvement or knowledge you have that will help you or add to your skills as a peer provider or family member in behavioral health.

11. Please describe an experience you have had working or interacting with someone or a group of people different from yourself. (*Different from you in terms of language, social status, culture, race, religion, sexual orientation, behavioral health diagnosis, ethnic background, or any combination of these*). Please include:

A. How they were different from you?

B. Describe the experience

C. What did you learn from the experience?

12. Behavioral health providers must deal with potential conflict amongst co-workers and/or the peers or family members they serve. Please describe: *(provide an answer for each question)*

A. Describe a situation in your personal or professional life where you've experienced conflict.

B. What steps did you take to resolve the situation?

C. What would you do differently were a similar situation to occur again?

D. What did you learn from this experience?

13. Computer Proficiency: Do you know how to do the following tasks on a computer?
(circle answer for each)

- a. Send and receive email: **Beginner Intermediate Advanced**
- b. Type, and print, documents: **Beginner Intermediate Advanced**
- c. Use the internet to do research and register for classes: **Beginner Intermediate Advanced**
- d. Scan and Upload documents: **Beginner Intermediate Advanced**

14. If you speak, read, write, or use another language including American Sign Language in addition to English, please specify the language and circle your level of ability with speaking, reading and writing.

- a. _____ fair good fluent fair good fluent
Language Speaking Reading/ Writing
- b. _____ fair good fluent fair good fluent
Language Speaking Reading/ Writing

15. Please list the most recent **volunteer work** you have done:
(Begin with the most recent. Please use extra paper if needed).

- a. _____
Type of Work Location/Agency Dates Worked
- b. _____
Type of Work Location/Agency Dates Worked
- c. _____
Type of Work Location/Agency Dates Worked

16. Please list any **paid employment** experience that you have:
(Begin with the most recent. Please use extra paper if needed).

a.	_____	_____	_____
	Type of Work	Location/Agency	Dates Worked
b.	_____	_____	_____
	Type of Work	Location/Agency	Dates Worked
c.	_____	_____	_____
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17. Is there anything else you would like to add?

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