

Certified Older Adult Peer Specialist Training

April 24 - 26, 2019

Elder Services of Worcester Area

67 Millbrook St.

Worcester, MA 01606

This training will prepare **Certified Peer Specialists and Recovery Coaches**, age 50+, to use their existing experience, skills and training to work with older adults living with behavioral health challenges. Certified Older Adult Peer Specialist Services are now covered by the MassHealth Frail Elder Waiver. Training will include an understanding of behavioral health and co-occurring physical issues as they relate to aging. Topics covered include: the aging process, suicide, wellness, substance use, dementia, physical illness, mental health challenges, aging in place, and community resources. Participants will increase their level of expertise while gaining specialized techniques that support older adults. Lived experience of mental health challenges, trauma, and/or substance use, and the willingness to share that experience is required.



Requirements:

- Age 50+
- Certified Peer Specialist or Recovery Coach
- Commitment to working with older adults
- Successful application.

Please complete the attached application. **Deadline is March 15, 2019**

For more information, contact:

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