

Certified Older Adult Peer Specialist Training

August 19 –21, 2019

Elder Services of Berkshire County, Inc.

877 South Street Suite 4E

Pittsfield, MA 01201

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 certain MassHealth Waivers for Older Adults. 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. Over 100 individuals have been trained in MA.



Requirements:

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

Please complete the attached application. **Deadline is July 31,2019**

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