



Provider Advisory Committee Update

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Provider Advisory Committee Updates

- **PAC Workgroup Updates**
 - **Funding Utilization Workgroup** will present their findings and recommendations at 9/13 PAC meeting.
 - **Business Technology Workgroup** leadership transitioned to PAC members; meeting monthly.
 - **Reaching the 95% Workgroup** is working to identify focus areas for recommendations.
 - **PAC Awards Workgroup** will start meeting soon (date TBD). More volunteers are encouraged to join.
- **New cohort of PAC members** started their term in July.



Introducing the FY 2022 – 24 Cohort

1. **Jose Aguilar**, Grandview Foundation
2. **Nina Glassman**, Roots Through Recovery
3. **Colette Harley**, SHIELDS for Families
4. **JoAnn Hemstreet***, Homeless Health Care Los Angeles
5. **Hiroko Makiyama**, Koreatown Youth and Community Center, Inc.
6. **Nely Meza**, Casa Treatment Center
7. **Rocio Quezada***, Helpline Youth Counseling
8. **Liana Sanchez**, Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse
9. **James (Jim) Symington III**, Compator, Inc.
10. **William Taetzsch**, Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services
11. **Aris Tubadeza**, AADAP, Inc.

*Returning for a second term



FUTURE PAC & WORKGROUP MEETING DATES

PROVIDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE	Tuesday, September 13 from 2 – 4 p.m. Tuesday, November 8 from 2 – 4 p.m. *CY 2023 Meeting Dates to be proposed on 9/13
REACHING THE 95% WORKGROUP	Thursday, Sept 8 from 2 – 3 p.m. Thursday, October 6 from 2:30 - p.m. Thursday, November 3 from 2:30 - p.m.
BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY WORKGROUP	Thursday, November 17 from 3 - 4:30 p.m. *Moving to monthly schedule starting this month, dates TBD
PAC AWARDS WORKGROUP	TBD

Please contact Kathy Watt (wattvnrh@aol.com) or Anulkah Thomas (athomas2@ph.lacounty.gov) if interested in joining one of the workgroups.

More information about the PAC can be found at the [SAPC Website - Provider Advisory Committee webpage](#).

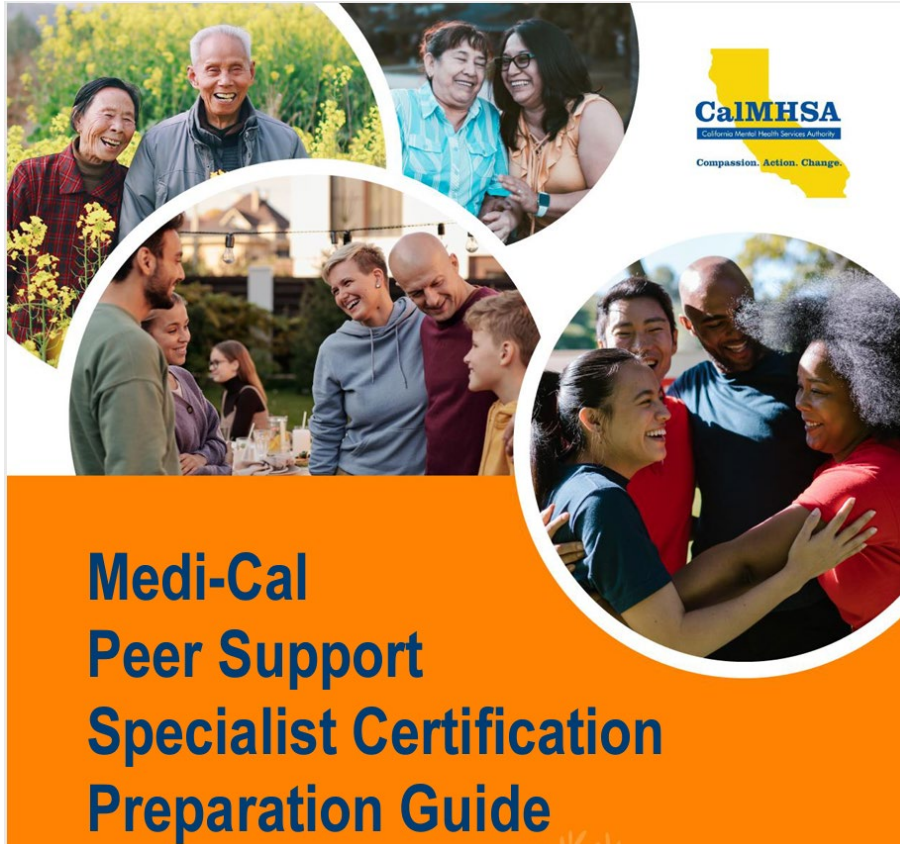


Certified Peer Support Specialist Program

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Certification Scholarships

- 5,000 Medi-Cal Peer Support Certification scholarships available for the state
 - The deadline for requesting scholarships for grandparenting and initial certification is 9/30/2022
- In order to be considered for a scholarship, individuals must be recommended by SAPC in addition to completing an application on the CalMHSA website.
 - If you are interested in recommending yourself or someone else for a scholarship, please complete the [Scholarship Recommendation Form](#)



**Medi-Cal
Peer Support
Specialist Certification
Preparation Guide**

- Those interested in Peer Certification can elect to participate as an early test-taker at the time they submit their application
- CaIMHSA is currently reviewing exam accommodation requests for **early test-takers only**
 - Click [here](#) for the Exam Accommodations Request Form
- CaIMHSA has developed a [Test Preparation Guide](#) including sample questions



Peer Certification Application Workshop Hosted by DMH

SB 803 Peer Specialist Scholarship ▶▶ Workshop: Tips on Submitting your Application

Wednesday, September 7, 2022
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) is hosting a workshop to answer questions and help those needing support in submitting the application for the Peer Specialist scholarship. We will be joined by a panel of Peers who have completed the application process, and they will be sharing their tips and helpful ideas on doing this successfully. You can submit your questions in advance to PeerCertProgram@dmh.lacounty.gov

Please join by using the
Teams link

**[SB 803 Microsoft TEAMS
Meeting](#)**

or call (323) 776-6996

Conference ID:
324808291#

Resources for Agencies

- [DHCS Peer Certification Webpage](#)
- [CalMHSA Website](#)
- [CalMHSA's Peer Certification Webpage](#)
 - [Test Preparation Guide](#)
 - [Peer Certification FAQs](#)
- [SAPC's Certified Peer Support Specialist Program Webpage](#)
 - [Scholarship Recommendation Form](#)
- Contact CalMHSA at Peercertification@calmhsa.org
- Contact SAPC at SAPC_ASOC@ph.lacounty.gov



Early Intervention Services (ASAM 0.5) for Youth and Young Adults

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Early Intervention Services – ASAM 0.5

- Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit for beneficiaries under the age of 21 who are determined to be at risk of developing a SUD.
- Services must be “medically necessary” to ameliorate or correct a substance misuse related condition -- a SUD diagnosis is not required.
- Primarily focuses on psychoeducation but includes other treatment services to reduce or cease substance use and prevent progression into a DSM.
- Contract change notice for ASAM 0.5



Eligibility & Medical Necessity Requirements

- Los Angeles County resident aged 12 – 20 years old
- Eligible for Drug Medi-Cal or other County programs
- Determined to be “At-Risk” for a SUD by the ***ASAM Screener for Youth and Young Adults***

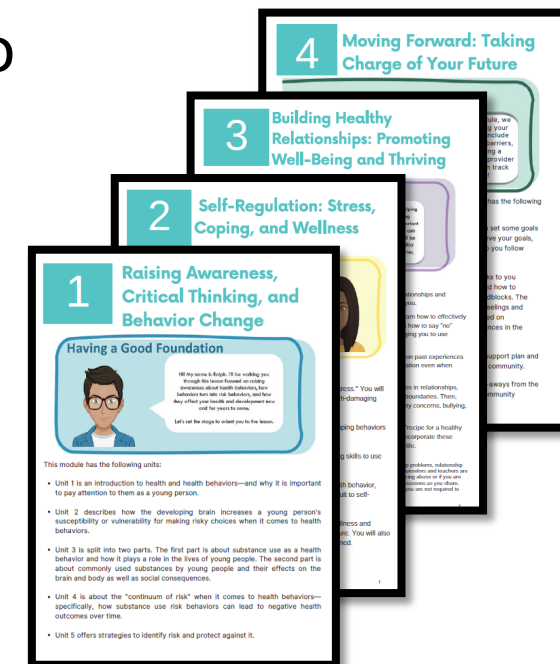


ASAM Screener for Youth and Young Adults

- All contracted youth and adult treatment providers, and the CENS, SASH and CORE must use this screener immediately
- If the youth/young adult requires a higher level of care, an ASAM Co-Triage or full ASAM assessment is completed
- Training will be provided and must be completed by June 30, 2023

Early Intervention Curriculum

- ❑ An evidence-based psychoeducational program designed to provide brief, developmentally appropriate interventions to help youth with substance use behaviors improve their overall physical, mental, and social health and wellbeing
- ❑ Developed in collaboration with Azusa Pacific University
- ❑ Required training to be completed by **June 30, 2023**





For more information on Early Intervention Services, please contact:

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