

Benefits Training Article

OhioMHAS is pleased to announce the Benefit Planning Training. This training will be facilitated by Cherene Caraco, CEO and Lyn Legere, Recovery Ed & Training Coordinator of Promise Resource Network from North Carolina. Benefit planning helps individuals to review all of their (e.g. Social Security benefits, medical benefits, food stamps, housing subsidies, VA benefits, etc.) and determine the impact of earned income upon those benefits so they can make an informed decision about returning to work. Benefit Planning training is essential for individuals who promote employment to assist others in navigating benefits and work, planning to achieve self-support, developing a plan for coordinating and managing work, work incentives, and working off of benefits.

The Benefit Planning training will be available to twenty individuals with a lived experience of mental illness or co-occurring mental health/substance use disorders currently working at a provider that promotes employment as recovery and will use Benefit Planning Training as part of employment expectation. First priority will be given to Peer Recovery Supports who are working in IPS Qualified Providers then providers with certified employment programs. The Community Family Partnership Team Scholarship Fund will be available for training participants who are not being paid by their employer to attend the training and maybe available for lodging expense.

The first day of the no cost training will take place December 3, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at Opportunity for Ohioans with Disabilities, 150 E. Campus View Blvd., Columbus OH 43235. The date for the second day of training will be determined that day.

If you are interested in attending, please e-mail Sharon.fitzpatrick@mha.ohio.gov your contact information, name of the provider at which you work or volunteer, and previous training experience.