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Online course on Job Development and Job Retention for Persons in Recovery

This is a course for Employment Specialists, Rehabilitation Counselors, Vocational Peer Specialists and others working to improve employment outcomes.

Enroll in our 10-week online course

5 online Modules and 6 web/discussion meetings. At the end of each Module is a test and a Discussion Board. The curriculum has been piloted in 4 states and has been delivered to five additional classes of Employment Specialists throughout the U.S. and internationally.

Registration is open now for the next session beginning April 25th. Be sure to review the website for full information on this program. There is a fee for this course and some CEUs are available. For information or registration please click here for the website

or contact the instructor, Joan Rapp, at <u>617-353-3549</u> or joanrapp@bu.edu.

Find out more about the course

Boston University Postdoctoral Research Fellowship

A two-year postdoctoral research fellowship program in psychiatric rehabilitation and vocational recovery from serious mental illnesses will begin **August 1**st, **2016** at the

Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation at Boston University. Didactic seminars, extensive research practicum and annual stipend of \$40,000 are included in the fellowship.

Applications are due April 1st, **2015.** Contact: Dr. Zlatka Russinova at (617) 353-3549 or <u>zlatka@bu.edu</u>. More detail about the fellowship program is available at <u>/research/postdoctoral-research</u>

PRA Conference is coming to Boston May 22-25

Mark your calendar as busy on May 22 – 25, 2016 — they're the official dates for the 2016 Recovery Workforce Summit. It may be three months away, but PRA already busy planning to make sure the 2016 Summit is the go-to event for psych rehab professionals. Early registration for the 2016 Summit is now open, so register to attend today!

Why register early? The early bird registration period comes with a special discount price. The conference includes three days of learning, networking, and fun in Boston. The early bird rate is only valid through March 15. After that date, the prices go up, so don't wait to register.

Learn more about the conference

Self-Directed Skill Lessons: Getting Along with Others

Four bundles for Self-Directed Skill Lessons have been developed under the topic of "Getting Along with Others."

- Skills for Participating in Groups/Classes/Activities
- <u>Skills for Working Together</u>
- <u>Skills for Working with Supervisors/Teachers</u>
- Skills for Socializing

The <u>Self-Directed Skill Lessons include</u> outlines, examples, and practices in each skill lesson; and they are designed to walk an individual through how to perform the skill one step at a time. These skill lessons may be used by individuals in a self-directed way and by practitioners as part of a skill teaching curriculum.

For more information about the Self-Directed Skill Lessons, go to: <u>/store/curricula/self-directed-skill-lessons/</u>

For any questions about this product, please contact Sue McNamara by e-mail at <u>suemac@bu.edu</u> or by phone at <u>(617) 358-2574</u>.

LinkedIn Group: Employing People with Psychiatric Disabilities

If you are a person in recovery, employer, or supporter of people with psychiatric disabilities, we invite you to join the Center's new LinkedIn group. For more information, or to join, please visit our LinkedIn page.

Are you trained and/or certified as a peer specialist or peer worker in the behavioral health field?

The University of Illinois at Chicago invites you to participate in an important peer career development research survey designed in collaboration with national consumer technical assistance centers and peer organizations. The survey asks about peer specialists' career development; interest in and opportunities for advancement; current work climate; and perceptions of discrimination and stigma. Survey results will provide ground-breaking data on peer career development realities and opportunities. We will share the findings widely throughout the behavioral health community.

Survey Link: http://www.bhpcd.org/peer-survey.html

What: We invite peer workers and certified peer specialists to complete an online research survey of primarily short-answer questions. It will take about 30 minutes to complete the survey.

Who: Peer workers including certified peer specialists and anyone working now or who has worked in a peer worker role (titles include peer bridger, peer liaison, etc.)

Contact: Please email the project primary investigator, Cherise Rosen, Ph.D. (<u>crosen@psych.uic.edu</u>) or co-Pls Nev Jones, Ph.D. (<u>jones.genevra@gmail.com</u>) or Jessica Wolf, Ph.D. (<u>jwolfds@gmail.com</u>).

Feel free to visit www.bhpcd.org the Behavioral Health Peer Career Development website.

Thank you in advance. Your participation will help increase knowledge about the peer workforce and contribute to creation of additional peer career development opportunities.

Leadership Book is 50% off!

Principled Leadership in Mental Health Systems and Programs by William Anthony and Kevin Huckshorn. William Anthony (now retired) was the Executive Director of the Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation at Boston University from 1979 until 2011 and was an active and inspirational leader in the field of psychiatric rehabilitation. Who better to write a book about leadership in the mental health field?!

Anthony and Huckshorn interviewed leaders at all levels in the mental health field who have shown the ability to transform their organizations — federal administrators, commissioners, agency directors, program managers. From their extensive interviews with these exemplary leaders, Anthony and Huckshorn advance eight leadership principles and accompanying tasks that they found to be critical for effective leadership.

Principled Leadership is recommended for educators, directors, managers, or anyone interested in becoming a leader or improving his or her leadership skills.

Now priced at: \$29.97, a 50% savings!

For more information, refer to the following webpage at: <u>/store/books/principled-leadership</u>

For any questions about this product, please contact Sue McNamara by e-mail at <u>suemac@bu.edu</u> or by phone at <u>(617) 358-2574</u>.

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