

Building the Foundation: Youth Peer Support

Youth MOVE National provides leadership, coordination, and resources for those working to establish programming that is inclusive of lived experience, promotes youth leadership skills, values youth and young adults as meaningful partners, and is responsive to youth needs. A major component of these efforts is to support communities in the expansion of the service array to include the development and implementation of youth peer support programming. Through these efforts Youth MOVE National offers training and technical assistance resources that help facilitate community dialogue around critical components needed to assess readiness, build infrastructure and capacity, to expand the use of youth peer support as an enhancement to the existing youth-driven programs offerings in local communities.

This technical assistance package is developed to provide two tailored on-site visits and includes two (2) facilitators that are well-versed in best practices related to youth program development, youth-driven care, peer support, youth engagement, and understanding of services design, as well as sustainability of such programs. The Building the Foundation TA Package utilizes a facilitative approach that moves communities through a implementation science framework as they define the services, cultivate buy-in, address organizational readiness, and establish the foundations for a skilled workforce.

This TA Package Includes

- Two identified content experts to support community needs virtually as well as for on-site program development and facilitation of work plans related to Youth Peer Support program development.
- Up to 12 monthly consultation calls with identified community lead(s).
- Five on-site days (in two on-site visits) to work directly with community leaders and stakeholders to facilitate community dialogues which establish program vision, buy-in for youth peer support, defines service scope and considerations to implementation such as organizational and workforce readiness and capacity for implementation.
- TA is facilitated by the utilization of Youth MOVE National's Best Practice Approaches for Youth Engagement and incorporates key frameworks in the youth movement, such as Youth MOVE National's Organizational Standards for Peer Support, chapter models, and purpose areas, as well as quality assurance and sustainability consideration.

Based On Your Needs, This Package May Include

- Shared vision for youth peer support and defined definition of youth peer support.
- Understanding of Continuum of Helping Relationships and how your community's youth leadership and youth peer support programming fits.
- Defined scope of service and support, and an inclusive of mapping out access issues.
- Identified areas of need related to organizational readiness as well as workforces readiness—inclusive of recruitment, training, and ongoing support needed for full implementation.
- Considerations for fidelity monitoring, certification, and sustainability as it relates to the community-identified needs.

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