

Youth MOVE National (YMN) - Peer Connect

Youth Peer Support (YPS) Training & Implementation Packages

The following represents a comprehensive overview and definitions of the various service components that can be included within Youth MOVE National's validated, evidence based, peer-reviewed, accredited youth peer support training program - Peer Connect. Please note, this is not all that YMN offers in regards to trainings, programs, consulting, and technical assistance. Customized packages on a wide variety of subject matters can be built on tailored to your specific needs - including a crosswalk and adaptation of curriculum to meet your state's Medicaid billing requirements and other legal compliance and accreditation standards. Below, in parentheses, is the recommended frequency for each service delivered. Pricing estimates are available separately, along with any additional add-on training and/or coaching components.

In short:

- **Core Peer Connect Training:** Developed over the course of a decade by and for systems-impacted youth and/or their supervisors in collaboration with multidisciplinary experts such as clinicians, social workers, academics, researchers, and other evidence-based scientific models, creating a program that is validated and peer reviewed, while firmly grounded in the direct lived and living experiences of the youth and supervisors in the field - our core training is as unique as it is rigorous. Our core training for youth is currently 40 hours and our core training for supervisors is 60 (40 for the core, 20 additional specifically for supervisors).
- **Peer Connect Continuing Education:** Intentional networking and building of youth peer support community and/or their supervisors through 90 minute facilitated dialogue and co-reflection learning spaces as well as ongoing professional development and sustainability support for cohorts who have completed the Youth Peer Support (YPS) or YPS Supervisor core training. This ensures youth peer supporters and/or their supervisors feel supported, coached, and guided both by their peers and by trained facilitators long after the core program has been completed.
- **Train-the-Trainer:** YMN trains your staff to become local Peer Connect YPS and/or Supervisor core training facilitators. Graduates are eligible to train new youth peer supports and/or supervisors, as well as facilitate Continuing Education spaces.
- **Legacy:** YMN equips and authorizes your team to train the entire, comprehensive Peer Connect package, able to not only train new youth peer supports and their supervisors, but new trainers as well, ensuring ongoing sustainability beyond direct, monthly YMN involvement.

Core Peer Connect YPS Package

Youth MOVE National trains youth peer supports (YPS - *in varied roles and systems - formal or informal*) for your state, school/university, community-based program, or any other agency/organization/individual, all focused on building foundational YPS knowledge, values, and core skills.

Note - This package can be crosswalked with your state's Medicaid billable requirements and other accreditation / legal compliance measures.

Service Component	Description/Details
Implementation Coaching and Ongoing Technical Assistance (60 minutes - Monthly)	(At minimum) Monthly coaching calls with jurisdiction leadership and YMN to oversee Peer Connect curriculum delivery, adjust/approve training schedules and facilitation delegation, and address policy/procedure barriers to effective implementation of youth peer services. <i>Calls may include hiring agency leadership.</i>
Peer Connect - Youth Peer Support Curriculum Cost (Annually)	Access fee to a digital copy of participant training materials for the client's use in training.
Peer Connect - Youth Peer Support Training (40 hours - Bimonthly)	Foundational certification training required for youth peer supports. Training can be provided virtually or in-person (<i>premium for in-person - virtual strongly preferred</i>). We also: • Develop recruitment and marketing plans and materials in partnership with client (although ultimately client is responsible for "filling seats") • Establish training schedules and facilitator assignments • Deliver Peer Connect Youth Peer Support Training as scheduled <i>Note: Training attendance parameters by number of participants (3 minimum, 25 maximum, with an ideal number of 10-15) and cancellation and rescheduling fees may apply</i>
Youth Peer Support - Co-Reflection Sessions (90 minutes - Bimonthly)	Intentional support spaces for youth peer supports, facilitated by Peer Connect Youth Peer Support curriculum trainers and near peers. These gatherings provide opportunities for networking, debriefing, problem-solving, and sharing authentic feedback and support, ultimately guiding the implementation of youth peer services and support of those working in the field. We also: • Develop recruitment and marketing plans and materials in partnership with client (although ultimately client is responsible for "filling seats") • Establish session schedule and facilitator assignments



	● Deliver co-reflection sessions for youth peer supports as scheduled <i>Note: Training attendance parameters by number of participants (2 minimum, 25 maximum, with an ideal number of 10-15) and cancellation and rescheduling fees may apply</i>
Youth Peer Support - Professional Development Sessions (90 minutes - Bimonthly)	Professional development sessions for youth peer supports, facilitated by Peer Connect Youth Peer Support curriculum trainers and near peers. These are considered booster sessions on content covered in core training or new content as needs are identified in co-reflection sessions. We: ● Assess and identify the needs of newly trained youth peer supports ● Develop and tailor professional development sessions to the needs identified ● Establish feedback and quality improvement processes to build youth peer support competencies and skills ● Develop recruitment and marketing plans and materials ● Establish session schedule and facilitator assignments ● Deliver professional development sessions for youth peer supports as scheduled <i>Note: Training attendance parameters by number of participants (2 minimum, 25 maximum, with an ideal number of 10-15) and cancellation and rescheduling fees may apply</i>
Fidelity Monitoring Cost (Annually)	Required maintenance and consistent communication with YMN while location-based delivery of the Peer Connect programming. Training evaluation and data sharing are required (training evaluations must be completed <i>with responses returned to YMN</i>). Observation drop-ins to support training quality. Communications and updates on training content. Access to YMN trainers for development, quality assurance, and course correction, as needed. ● Support, observation, and feedback for location-based trainers as they deliver Peer Connect programming ● Maintain up-to-date access to curriculum and program materials



	● Support in the development of data collection, analysis, sharing, and storage ● Establish pathways for data sharing between YMN and the client for quality improvement and assurance ● Receive technical assistance and support from YMN Peer Connect Trainers as requested
Optional Peer Connect - Youth Peer Support Train-the-Trainer Program <i>(140 hours total - As needed to onboard & certify location-based Peer Connect YPS trainers)</i>	Foundational Train-the-Trainer track with YMN facilitators offered for location-based Peer Connect YPS trainers facilitating the Peer Connect Youth Peer Support Training, as well as YPS co-reflection and professional development sessions. Trainers to be identified jointly between the client and YMN. Process: ● Complete one Peer Connect Youth Peer Support Training cohort (40 hours) facilitated by YMN and pass training assessment (<i>learn & shadow</i>) ● Complete one Peer Connect Youth Peer Support Train-the-Trainer Training cohort (40 hours) and pass training assessment (<i>facilitation grounding & teach-back practice</i>) ● Complete one Peer Connect Youth Peer Support Training cohort (40 hours) co-facilitating with a YMN facilitator (<i>observation, assessment, and fidelity monitoring</i>) ● Participate in at least one co-reflection space (90 minutes)(<i>learn & shadow</i>) ● Co-facilitate at least one co-reflection space (90 minutes) with a YMN facilitator (<i>observation, assessment, and fidelity monitoring</i>) ● Participate in at least one co-reflection space (90 minutes)(<i>learn & shadow</i>) ● Co-facilitate at least one professional development space (90 minutes) with a YMN facilitator (<i>observation, assessment, and fidelity monitoring</i>) <i>Note: Through completion of this Train-the-Trainer program, local trainers will be given access to all materials (with no additional curriculum fee) required to facilitate the Core Peer Connect</i>

package and will be able to train new YPS (but NOT new trainers). A one hour prep call and a one hour debrief call happens before and after each step above.

Core Peer Connect YPS Supervisors Package

Youth MOVE National trains youth peer supports supervisors for your state, school/university, community-based program, or any other agency/organization/individual, all focused on emphasizing co-reflective supervision, youth-driven leadership, and integrity to the YPS model.

Note - This package can be crosswalked with your state's Medicaid billable requirements and other accreditation / legal compliance measures.

Definitions, tracks, and service components are exactly the same as the above Core Peer Connect YPS Package only with the following differences:

- Supervisors must attend their own cohort of the 40 hour core youth peer supports peer connect training to get an understanding of the work itself
- As well as attend their own 20 hour core youth peer supports supervisors peer connect training
- Which adjusts the service requirements accordingly
 - Peer Connect - Youth Peer Support Supervisor Training (60 hours - 40 hour youth peer support training and 20 hour youth peer support supervisors training)
 - Optional Peer Connect - Youth Peer Support Supervisors Train-the-Trainer Program (120 hours)

Peer Connect Legacy Package

The most comprehensive and sustainable Peer Connect training option. YMN trains youth peer supports and supervisors for your state, school/university, community-based program, or any other agency/organization/individual, to train new youth peer supports and their supervisors, and new trainers, allowing you to carry your Youth Peer Support (YPS) program forward after our direct involvement ends.

- Includes all prior package elements (*Core YPS, Core Supervisor, Continuing Education spaces, and Train-the-Trainer*) and expands the effort into a fully self-sustaining model.
- Your team gains the ability to train new youth peer supports, new YPS supervisors, and new *facilitators* of the Peer Connect curriculum—essentially, a “train the trainers of trainers” model.
- All tools, resources, and materials necessary for the long-term continuation of the program.

Note: This Legacy Package is “locked in time.” This means your materials will reflect the copyrighted curriculum of that implementation year and will be not available for any editing. As YMN updates materials annually, continued access to those updated materials would require a formal renewal, fidelity monitoring, and engagement with YMN to maintain alignment and fidelity with the latest version (but you are welcome to continue with your copyrighted year as long as you wish).

