



To: All users of Via Hope training

From: Dennis Bach, Director, Via Hope

Date: December 4, 2012

Re: Registration Fees

The intent of this memo is to explain a change in policy regarding the training courses provided by Via Hope. Beginning January 1, 2013, we will charge a small application fee and a nominal registration fee for our workforce development training. Workforce development training includes any training related to our Certified Peer Specialist and Certified Family Partner programs.

Since the first peer specialist certification training we held in March, 2010, all of our training has been at no cost to the individuals attending. The training was originally funded by the Department of State Health Services' Transformation grant. For the past two years, the majority of this training has been funded by a grant from the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health. This enabled us to use more of our DSHS funding for initiatives such as the Recovery Institute, the COSP Institute, and sponsoring other training for individual consumers and family members. While the Hogg Foundation is still funding our workforce training, the grant will decrease over time. The expectation from both funding sources has always been that Via Hope would eventually generate revenue from registration fees to offset a portion of the cost of training.

Grant funding will continue to support the majority of the cost of training. The registration fees will cover approximately one quarter of the total cost. The cost of training typically includes trainer fees, food and lodging for participants, printing and other materials, and some administrative costs. A preliminary fee schedule follows, although the fees are subject to change as necessary. Starting in January, each application will include the registration fee for that particular training. Applications will include instructions for submitting payment.

If you have any questions, please contact us at info@viahope.org or 1-877-482-8550.

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Advanced Practices in Peer Support

This is a four day training that builds on the information taught in the certification training. It is taught by trainers from Recovery Opportunities, Inc. Individuals must be a Certified Peer Specialist in good standing to be eligible to attend. The training is recognized as a CPS Endorsement. There is no application fee.

Full Cost of the Training: \$952

Discounted Registration Fee \$240.

Trauma Informed Care

This training is currently under development. Details and cost are to be determined. It will qualify as a CPS Endorsement training.

Co-Occurring Disorders

This training is currently under development. Details and cost are to be determined. It will qualify as a CPS Endorsement training.

Family Partner Related Training

All of the family partner related training is taught by two or three trainers who are also Certified Family Partners. Participants traveling more than thirty miles are offered hotel accommodations starting the night prior to the training (with check out on the final day of training). Breakfast and lunch are provided during the training, and all necessary training materials are included. Participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from their home to the training city and for their evening meals. (Some scholarship assistance to help with these expenses is available on request.)

Certified Family Partner Training

This is the initial training to become a Certified Family Partner (CFP). It is a three day, 24 hour training followed by a certification exam. The training is taught by two or three trainers who are also CFPs.

The fee for submitting an application is \$10.00. This fee is applied towards the registration if accepted for the training. It is non-refundable if the applicant is not accepted.

Full Cost of the Training: \$750

Discounted Registration Fee \$190.

CFP Supervisor's Training

This is a one day training, generally offered on the day immediately following a Certified Family Partner training. There is no application fee.



Full Cost of the Training: \$274

Discounted Registration Fee \$70.

Special Education Endorsement

This training is currently under development. Details and cost are to be determined. It will qualify as a CFP Endorsement training.

Wrap Around Endorsement

This training is currently under development. Details and cost are to be determined. It will qualify as a CFP Endorsement training.