

Community Support Training 101

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Community Support Qualifications

For community support, one of the following:

1. A mental health professional as defined in 9 CSR 10 – 7.140 (2) (QQ);
2. An individual with a bachelor's degree in a human services field, which includes social work, psychology, nursing, education, criminal justice, recreational therapy, human development and family studies, counseling, child development, gerontology, sociology, human services, behavioral science and rehabilitation counseling;
3. An individual with any four year degree and two years of qualifying experience;
4. Any four year combination of higher education and qualifying experience, or
5. An individual with four years of qualifying experience.

Qualifying experience must include delivery of service to individuals with mental illness, substance abuse or developmental disabilities. Experience must include some combination of the following:

1. Providing one-on-one or group services with a rehabilitation/habilitation and recovery/resiliency focus;
2. Teaching and modeling for individuals how to cope and manage psychiatric, developmental or substance abuse issues while encouraging the use of natural resources;
3. Supporting efforts to find and maintain employment for individuals and/or to function appropriately in families, school and communities;
4. Assisted individuals to achieve the goals and objectives on their individualized treatment or person centered plans.

It is the responsibility of the provider agency to clearly document how the employee meets qualifications based on the above criteria.

Individuals providing community support must be supervised by qualified staff as defined in Department of Mental Health Code of State Regulations 9 CSR 10-7.140 (2) (QQ).