

Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan Anishnaabek Healing Circle Access to Recovery Recovery Mentor Initiative

The first cohort of peer recovery mentors and supervisors completed a 5 day training in June, 2012.

A second cohort completed the training in October of 2013; over 70 individuals have been trained.

Two successful pilot programs are underway in local tribal communities.



A dramatically successful tribal initiative!

The Anishnaabek Healing Circle ATR has been able to effectively access funding to support a tribal vision for healing. We are building our capacity to provide culturally-based recovery support services within a recovery-oriented system of care.

Vision Statement: "The spiritual strength of our ancestors will live in the hearts of our people."

Shifting the model of intervention from acute care of individuals to a sustained recovery management approach relies on partnerships with individuals, families and communities. (White & Sanders 2004).

The solutions to the problems brought on by substance abuse lie within our tribal communities. Along with the devastation are the resilience, the strength, and the spirit to become whole.

Traditional healing and expansion of other culturally-based services that support healing from intergenerational trauma are billable behavioral health services.

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An Indigenous Recovery Mentor Initiative Developed by Tribal Communities



Goals

- > Increase training and certification for indigenous peer recovery mentors through our innovative Recovery Mentor Institute (RMI).
- > Develop the capacity of grassroots recovery support providers and affiliates.

What Sets Us Apart

- > Trained Recovery Mentors and Care Coordinators who are from the local tribal community provide billable recovery management services to the target population: Native Americans and their family members.
- > Local programs, people and resources support a Recovery-Oriented System of Care that keeps the consumer at the center of the circle.
- > Trained Recovery Mentors with core competencies that emphasize non-clinical approaches to recovery management. Their job is to engage, retain, support and to assertively link consumers to healthy community and cultural activities and resources.
- > Trained Recovery Mentor Supervisors that understand the non-clinical nature of the Recovery Mentor role and support the mentor's engagement as part of a local healing team.
- > An innovative culturally-based curriculum that is taught as a 5 day Recovery Mentor Institute. The RMI begins and ends with ceremony. Participants learn about the impact of inter-generational trauma and how to effectively mobilize cultural teachings as a resource for healing.

Sustainability

The Recovery Mentor Institute CEUs have been approved by the Michigan Certification Board for Addiction Professionals (MCBAP) to meet the educational requirements for the new Michigan Peer Recovery Mentor Certification (CPRM-M). For certification, trainees need to complete the experiential requirements and six CEU's on ethics. The experiential requirements can be met for staff who provide ATR care coordination at tribal access and care coordination centers. The ATR staff are available to help trainees complete the certification application and document their hours.



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