Peer Support Specialist,  
Family Support Partner, and  
Youth Support Specialist  
Information  
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The Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services (DAABHS) will be responsible for determining if Qualified Behavioral Health Providers (QBHP) employed by a DHS-certified Behavioral Health Agency meet the standards and can provide Medicaid-reimbursable Peer Support Specialist (PSS), Family Support Partner (FSP), or Youth Support Specialist (YSS) services.

If you are interested in submitting an application to become a DHS-approved PSS, FSP, or YSS, please go to the Publications and Documents section on the DHS/DBHS website (http://humanservices.arkansas.gov/about-dhs/dbhs) and search for the Peer Support Specialist, Family Support Partner, and Youth Support Specialist Standards Manual for additional information and the application. The manual can be found under the sub-section titled Manuals.

Trainings to establish that a QBHP meets the standards must be provided by a DHS-approved trainer. If you wish to attend one of these trainings, please contact Dena Perry at 501-686-9178 or dena.perry@dhs.arkansas.gov.

Currently, only the following trainings are approved for Arkansas:

• The DHS-approved training model for a Peer Support Specialist is the Appalachian model
• The DHS-approved training model for a Family Support Partner is the Arkansas Family Support Partner Training
• The DHS-approved training model for a Youth Support Specialist is the Arkansas Youth Support Specialist Training

Training Information and Schedules

• Family Support Partner training is tentatively scheduled for April 3-6, 2018.

• MidSOUTH Training Academy also provides trainings that support Peer Services. These trainings do not take the place of the DHS-approved trainings. Trainings are provided via in-person trainings in various areas of the state, though some are live-streamed. Specific information can be found on their website at www.midsouth.uarl.edu.