



**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 QHBP 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.ualr.edu.