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TO: Executive Directors
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FROM: Substance Abuse Prevention and Control

SUBJECT: PEER ADVOCATE TRAINING PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT
APPLICATION DEADLINE, JANUARY 12, 2011

This is to announce that the Los Angeles County, Department of Public Health, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) will sponsor the *Peer Advocate Training Program* for 2011.

The intent of this program is to provide persons who have personal (lived) experience with substance abuse disorders and who are interested in working within the recovery systems, an opportunity to receive training as Peer Counselors.

This program is an integrated training system of long standing that embeds screening and assessment throughout the curriculum in order to determine the quadrant and locus of responsibility for optimum care of consumers with substance use and mental health issues.

Trainees must have a minimum of twenty-four (24) months of sobriety and a personal plan of recovery. This academic course is conjoined with an internship that requires good reading and writing skills and a solid commitment for entire period of training. The program length is fifteen (15) weeks and meets five (5) days per week for eight hours

This training is available to Los Angeles County Residents who meet the requirements noted. Twenty (20) students will be accepted. Students will receive stipends while participating in this course. Dr. Joycelyn Whiten and Dr. Verda Bradley will conduct this Training.

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Participants will have the opportunity to:

- Interact with and learn from nationally recognized leaders in the recovery field who are at the forefront of the recovery movement,
- Learn essential peer advocacy skills to work within the recovery systems,
- Earn certification to apply for the position of Peer Counselor with SAPC Contracted programs and other agencies in the field of recovery.

Please submit your application(s) via mail to the attention of:

**Dr. Joycelyn Whiten
Substance Abuse Prevention and Control
1000 South Fremont Ave.
Bldg. A-9 East, Third Floor
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Or you may scan your application and

E-mail to jwhiten@ph.lacounty.gov

**And, you may FAX your application to
(626) 458-6084**

We invite your organization to aid in expanding the capacity of treatment and recovery services through this training opportunity. We also request your assistance in recommending recovering persons who you think may be suitable for consideration as Peer Advocate trainees.

An application is attached for your convenience and may be duplicated as needed.

If you have any questions please call Dr. Whiten at (626) 299-4500.