



Alameda County Accelerated Peer Specialist Program (ACAPS)
Fact Sheet

1. ACAPS is a CAMHPRO 18 month program funded by the Office of Statewide Planning and Development.
2. The goal of ACAPS is engagement, training and placement in Alameda County's public mental health system of peer specialists who bring a wide array of lived experience to their work.
3. ACAPS is a partnership of CAMHPRO; Pool of Consumer Champions (POCC), Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services (ACBHCS); La Familia; Best NOW!/Alameda County Network of Mental Health Clients; the Berkeley Drop-In Center and Reaching Across, Alameda County Network of Mental Health Clients; Peers Envisioning and Engaging Recovery Services (PEERS); and Bay Area Community Services (BACS).
4. ACAPS will offer a three part training program that includes 1) 60-hour Introductory Peer Specialist Intensive 2) Three-day Wellness Recovery Action Planning (WRAP) and 3) a 40-hour advanced skills training in peer support for people experiencing crisis, distress and suicidality. These trainings will be offered to three (3) different cohorts.
5. ACAPS will place 40 people with lived experience in programs throughout Alameda County. These positions can be volunteer (stipended).
6. Potential placements include: 15 peers at La Familia programs, including the peer respite; two (2) peers at drop in centers in southern and northern Alameda County run by Alameda County Network of Mental Health Clients; 20 peers at the Pool of Consumer Champions (POCC); and, at a minimum, six (6) peers placed in different programs of Bay Area Community Services (BACS), one being a residential crisis facility.
7. Services also include career counseling at the time of training and throughout the program, and support once a person is employed.



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