

# YOUTH PEER SUPPORT SPECIALIST TRAINING

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Are you a youth ages 18-24 with Lived Experience in social services and have received mental health and/or substance abuse services? Are you interested in a career pathways into the Human Social Services industry. If this sounds like you, please contact Yvonne Moreno at 661-917-0041 (call/text) or email [yvonne.moreno@jvs-socal.org](mailto:yvonne.moreno@jvs-socal.org).

## Antelope Valley AJCC

1420 West Avenue I, Lancaster, CA 93534  
February 20th, 2023 to April 26th, 2023  
Hybrid - in person and online



## CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

### Eligibility Criteria

Young adults, ages 18 through 24, with lived experience who received mental health and/or substance abuse services as a youth or young adult who have 6 months of reasonable wellness

Willing and able to self-identify as a person who has received or is receiving behavioral health services and is prepared to use that experience to help others.

Experienced in receiving services in a variety of systems (such as child welfare, education, the justice system, vocation, housing etc.) as a youth or young adult is preferred.

Commitment to complete the Youth Peer Support Worker Training program.

• 3-week didactic training Youth Peer Support Worker (YPSW) program. Delivery of the training will be hybrid (in-person and virtual sessions). Essential skills for YPSW and certifications are included.

• Youth will complete 5 weeks of paid work experience at a Human Social Services worksite and work as a YPSW in their assignment with supervision.

• Participants will receive their Certificate of Completion and obtain permanent employment in the field.

Learning Topics include: Mental Health First Aid, First Aid & CPR, Training in topics such as Sexual Harassment, Mandated Reporter, Burnout Training, Computer Literacy, Soft Skills, Case noting, Active Listening, HIPA, Work-life balance, and more.