

AIDS Consumer Empowerment Series

Module Descriptions



Leadership

The goal of this class is to impart the true definition and the many different qualities of leadership; so that the consumers can realize that each one of them have these qualities and can be leaders in their own right. In addition, they will utilize these acquired skills to organize, educate, and share their stories to affect change.

Beyond HIV 101

The goal of this class is to provide current information to participants so that they can be up-to-date and be able to also educate their peers and their communities about HIV/AIDS and how transmission can be prevented. The objective is to provide the participants with the knowledge and skills to educate themselves, their peers and communities about the history of HIV/AIDS, the importance of treatment & adherence, the modes of transmission, the ways to prevent its transmission, the updated statistics, the impact of drugs & alcohol, and the fight against stigma.

Employment

The goal of this class is to provide the participants with employment opportunities for people with disabilities, programs that assist with accessing employment, and teaching the skills they need to retain employment. The objective of this class is to increase participant's knowledge of employment programs & the laws of disclosure and requests for reasonable accommodations. Information presented will enhance the knowledge of the participants that about who is eligible to get back into the workforce, without a negative impact on their benefits.

Housing and PLWHA

The goal of this class is to teach the participants about the vast array of housing resources and how to access them. The objective of this class is to strengthen the participant's knowledge of available housing, specifically designated for PLWHA, and how to access those housing resources.

Building Your Story

The goal of this class is to provide the participant with skills needed, in order to provide a presentation to diverse groups or participate in an interview. The objective of this class is to develop & sharpen the consumer's presentation & public speaking skills.

Advocacy & Understanding Funding

The goal of this class is to provide the participants with information about advocacy on the local, state and federal levels, funding streams for HIV services, and how funds are allocated. The objective of this class is to provide information to assist participants in developing advocacy skills. Improving their knowledge of federal and state funding streams, for HIV/AIDS services.