



Training Cohort Application Overview

Thank you for your interest in the Minnesota Person Centered Positive Behavior Supports Intensive Training. We are currently accepting application portfolio's for the next training cohort scheduled to begin in September 2014.

The Minnesota Person Centered Positive Behavior Support Initiative is 12 month intensive training. The training includes self-paced online coursework and nine bi-monthly 8-hour class sessions during first 6 months. This training also includes working with a mentor on a portfolio that includes implementation and reporting of a person centered plan, functional behavioral assessment, and positive support plan for a client selected by the trainee and approved by the University of Minnesota training team.

Participants successfully completing the training will demonstrate competency in person centered thinking and practices, functional behavior assessment, and evidence-based positive behavior support/intervention planning and implementation in the context of their respective organization.

Each training cohort consists of 15-20 participants working in organizations who have demonstrated a commitment to implementing person centered practices and positive supports within their organizations with individuals that they support who experience complex challenges.

Training Pre-requisites

- Bachelor of Arts degree (Master level degree or coursework preferred).
- 3-5 years' experience developing and writing behavior intervention plans.
- Responsibility and allocated time for training and mentoring staff within organization.
- Completion of 2-day Person Centered Thinking (prior to start of training intensive).
- Completion of 2 day Person Centered Planning (within first 3 months of starting training intensive).
- Understanding of reporting requirements for completing Behavior Intervention Reporting Forms and Emergency Use of Manual Restraint.
- Commitment of organizational leadership and supervisor of the participant for the implementation of a systems change project.

Application Process

- 1) Complete and submit Participant Application -see attached.
- 2) Qualified applicants, their supervisor and organization leadership will be contacted to schedule an interview and pre-test with PBS training staff.
- 3) Applications will accepted and reviewed until all available training spots are filled.

Save the Dates!

This training cohort is scheduled to run from September 2014 through August 2015. Participants will complete online course work and attend classes from October 20, 2014 through March 2, 2014 with the remaining time (March through August) devoted to working with mentors to complete case study and implement systems change project. Classes are scheduled for approximately every two weeks from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the New Brighton Community Center. Interested applicants are encouraged to save the following dates on their calendar:

- Class 1 - October 20, 2014
- Class 2- November 3, 2014
- Class 3 - November 17, 2014
- Class 4 - December 1, 2014
- Class 5 - December 15, 2014
- Class 6- January 5, 2015
- Class 7- January 26, 2015
- Class 8- February 2, 2015
- Class 9- February 16, 2015
- Make-up, March 2, 2015
if needed

Questions?

If you have questions about the training requirements or application process, please contact Barb Kleist, training coordinator at kleis041@umn.edu or (612) 624-1297.