



Peer Support Incubator Project Recruitment!

Are you Deaf? Hard of Hearing? A child or sibling of a person who is Deaf or Hard of Hearing? Do you have experience with mental health or substance misuse? Would you like to help other people live a full and happy life? The Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental, & Intellectual Disabilities (DBHDID) is partnering with Bridgehaven to recruit and train up to five people to work with individuals who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, DeafBlind, or DeafDisabled and want support or help:

- Learning about and coping with depression, anxiety, trauma, or other mental health diagnoses
- Stopping or reducing their use of alcohol, opioids, stimulants, or other drugs
- Meeting 1:1 or in groups to learn skills for a better life

To qualify, peers must:

- Be a self-identified consumer of mental health services
- Have a high school diploma or GED
- Have reliable transportation
- Have reliable Internet for email, text, Zoom, and other communication
- Complete an application in English and, if desired, a video in ASL explaining why they want to be a peer support specialist
- Be available for a weeklong training in Louisville in Summer or October (housing, mileage and food included / paid by program). The training is in English and will have interpreters.
- Pass a test at the end of the training to get certified as required by Kentucky regulations

Certified Peer Support Specialists will:

- Be paid hourly through Bridgehaven. This is a part-time contracted position. Hours may increase over time.
- Have individual and group supervision with both hearing and Deaf peers
- Meet as a group to discuss ways to improve services in Kentucky
- Be paid to attend training to develop their skills
- Meet with Deaf, Hard of Hearing, DeafBlind, or DeafDisabled people both in person locally and virtually on Zoom

For more information about the Bridgehaven Center for Peer Excellence, see <https://www.bridgehavencpe.org>.

To request an application, please contact Michelle.Niehaus@ky.gov.

You may also call or text (502) 892-9122 or leave a message on VP at (502) 385-0460.

This project is a partnership between Bridgehaven and the Kentucky Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental, & Intellectual Disabilities.