Recovery Oriented Systems of Care  Georgia Council on Substance Abuse (GCSA) is a driving force in developing a peer workforce to help shift care from a medical model to a Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC). ROSC training can be offered to provider organizations, behavioral health advocacy groups, persons in recovery and their families or as a public service in communities. The ROSC workshop is also offered to organizations thinking about providing peer support services. Typical training sessions last 1.5-2 hours.

New Employee Orientation  GCSA educates Georgia’s workforce about the possibility of recovery by sharing personal stories of lived experience and addiction recovery. For example, GCSA has been contracted to recruit and select peers to share their stories at most Department of Behavioral Health (DBHDD) New Employee Orientation sessions, in response to the Civil Rights Act for Institutionalized People (CRIPA). Typical training sessions last 1.5-4 hours.

Certified Addiction Recovery Empowerment Specialist (CARES)  The mission of Georgia CARES is to promote long-term recovery from substance use disorders by providing experienced peer support and advocating for self-directed care. Funded and supported by the DBHDD, the CARES Program is implemented by GCSA. This highly competitive training lasts five days, and is offered multiple times each year. GCSA identifies, trains, and certifies peers through examination and ongoing education.

Understanding and Building a Culture of Recovery  GCSA offers one or two-day workshop designed to increase participant’s awareness of and ability to develop programs and services that reflect the values and principles of a recovery culture. This training creates opportunities within organizations to understand the difference between traditional approaches and recovery-based approaches on an individual and service-system level. This interactive training promotes recovery as the expectation for all and emphasizes the importance of recognizing and honoring the voices of lived recovery experiences.

Recovery Messaging Training  GCSA provides training that allows anyone who comes into contact with people in recovery the ability to more effectively communicate with them and their families, and get them the services they need. Thousands of people in Georgia have been trained by GCSA staff using the Our Stories Have Power recovery messaging tools developed by Faces and Voices of Recovery. Typical training sessions last 1.5-2 hours.

The Science of Addiction and Recovery (SOAR)  This course is adapted to the primary audience so that it is appropriate for adolescents, adults, peers/clients, family psycho-education groups, staff in-service trainings, community in-reach events, or community partners’ presentations. Many healthcare, behavioral health, social service, criminal justice, and recovery community organizations and community groups have used this training as a cornerstone to building or enhancing recovery-oriented systems of care within an organization and in conjunction with other community-based resources. Typical training sessions last 1.5-2 hours.

*All of our trainings can be tailored to address specific needs of an organization (with the exception of the CARES training).

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