

2023 Arizona Center for Rural Health Fall Webinar Series

A webinar series focused on providing technical assistance to rural stakeholders to disseminate research findings, policy updates, best-practices and other rural health issues to statewide rural partners and stakeholders throughout the state.

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Peers and Family Support Specialists: Opportunities for Rural Arizona

August 17, 2023

12:00 - 1:00 pm



- ▶ Describe how people with lived-experience influence health promotion and behavioral health recovery.
- ▶ Describe PeerWORKS and Project FUTRE as support specialist programs
- ▶ Identify opportunities to include or promote people with lived experience in organizations and/or community health efforts.



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As a graduate from Project FUTRE, **Kevin Phillips** was participating in the level 2 apprenticeship program at a child and adolescence clinic. At the clinic he helped develop a model for the Parent & Family Support Specialists role. After experiencing some of the challenges that can come with being a paraprofessional in today's clinics, he decided to help prepare the next generation of paraprofessionals entering behavioral health. His primary role today is training Parent & Family Support Specialists, but he is also actively involved in training Recovery Support Specialists and connecting our curriculum to real world examples.



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