

Announcing
Community Behavioral Health Training Center
A Partnership between Human Liberation and The Hume Center
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Putting Legislation into Practice
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The Need: We cannot simply legislate change. We need to put legislation into practice by offering training to those responsible for implementing change. In behavioral health, there is a need to support our professionals to make this significant pivot in serving our community more effectively through training/professional development. It is essential for us to train our professionals to create this crucial change towards community-focused behavioral health so collectively we can heal our community which includes supporting the various human service organizations that are on the frontline in responding to our people and serving individuals in our community.

Professionals and students working or anticipating work in behavioral health disciplines desperately want to promote the overall behavioral health of their communities but find that their academic training, often focused on delivering office-based, individual therapy and coping skills methodologies, has not supplied them with the knowledge and skills they need to be effective in community work. Delivering community-based behavioral health and training students to do it has been the special mission of the Hume Center since its founding by Meji Singh, Ph.D. in 1993. The Hume Center is now prepared to offer an intensive curriculum-based course of instruction through its Community Behavioral Health Training Center (CBHTC) to all interested individuals.

Our Goal: To provide the best possible knowledge and skills to Community Behavioral Health Practitioners so that they can provide comprehensive community behavioral health services to the community they serve, and to promote the psychological well being of the community. On completion of the course trainees will be able to provide leadership in the field, develop research programs and conduct evaluation of them, and to promote innovation and effective implementation of services.

Audience: Psychiatrists, psychiatric nurses, psychiatric social workers, psychologists, marriage and family therapists, and professional clinical counselors as well as recent students who have finished their academic course work and are presently full-time interns, post-doctoral fellows, or psychiatric residents.

Curriculum: The course has four tracks:

Track One: Clinical Foundations

Track Two: Promotion of Behavioral Health

Track Three: Research and Program Evaluation

Track Four: Community Behavioral Health Administration

Certification: Trainees who complete the course will receive certification as a Community Behavioral Health Specialist which will enable them to provide comprehensive community behavioral health services with continuity of care.

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