



“Inventory and Environmental Scan of Evidence - Based Practices for Treating Persons in Early Stages of Serious Mental Disorders”

Resource Overview

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Introduction

- **Webinar Goal:** Today's webinar is designed to provide a succinct overview of the purpose, structure, content, and uses of the *Environmental Scan*.

Organization of the Environmental Scan

- **Purpose of the Document**
- **Five primary components:**
 - *Introduction/Methodology/Limitations*
 - *Matrix A: Examples of Coordinated Care Models for Persons in Early Stages of Illness*
 - *Matrix B: Examples of Individual Evidence-Based Practices*
 - *Selected Additional Resources*
 - *Appendix of Profiles for Select Coordinated Specialty Care Programs*

Matrix A: Examples of Coordinated Care Models for Persons in Early Stages of Illness

- **22 Programs**
 - *15 Domestic*
 - *7 International*
- **Each program listing in Matrix A includes:**
 - *Description of program with developer contact information*
 - *Eligibility criteria*
 - *Treatment components*
 - *Team staffing recommendations*
 - *Resources for families and professionals (when available)*
 - **Outcome measures**
 - **Fidelity monitoring**
 - **Outreach materials**
 - **Manuals**

Matrix A: Examples of Coordinated Care Models for Persons in Early Stages of Illness

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Coordinated Specialty Care (CSC) as defined by the National Institute of Mental Health is a “team-based, multi-element approach to treating first episode psychosis^{1*}”. This section contains a selection of domestic and international CSCs aimed at treating first episodes of psychosis that occur as a result of a serious mental illnesses, including (but not limited to) schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, and schizophreniform disorder. This matrix is not intended to serve as an exhaustive listing of all of the individual CSC models or clinic sites across the globe, but rather to offer a representational sampling of programs utilizing this type of model. Eligibility criteria, treatment components, team staffing, and available online resources are provided for each program, when available (In the electronic version, web-links are embedded). Of course, a coordinated care approach is *also* beneficial to persons in early stages of other types of mental disorders beyond psychosis. Resources categorized under “Special Features” are developed by the program; other resources that are provided were developed by other sources, but are useful in implementing the CSC. At the end of this matrix, then, are examples of three integrated care program models that focus on mood disorders (one on bipolar, and two other on youth depression).

Program	Eligibility Criteria (May Vary by Treatment Location)	Treatment Components	Team Staffing (May Vary by Treatment Location)	Resources
Sacramento EDAPT (SacEDAPT): Similar to EDAPT, SacEDAPT is a recovery-based treatment approach that provides for two years of services focusing on 1) reducing and managing symptoms, and 2) improving individuals’ ability to achieve success in independent roles. Gold standard assessments of clinical symptoms and psychosocial functioning are used to evaluate each client to determine appropriate diagnosis in order to guide treatment. This program is specifically designed for residents in Sacramento County, California, who receive Medi-Cal (California’s Medicaid program), or are uninsured or undocumented. [Note: program serves both FEP and high-risk populations]. Click Early Diagnosis and Preventive Treatment (EDAPT) & Sacramento EDAPT (SacEDAPT) for a more thorough description of this program. Program Established in 2011. Contact: Tara Niendam, Ph.D. Tel: 916-734-3090 / tniendam@ucdavis.edu http://earlypsychosis.ucdavis.edu/edapt Located at the Behavioral Health Center University of California Davis Medical Center 2230 Stockton, Blvd Sacramento, CA 95817	• Ages 12-30 • Residents of Sacramento County • Non-affective and affective psychosis • Experienced symptoms in the past year • Have Medi-Cal or are uninsured and/or undocumented • Also serves prodromal clients	• Medication Management • Individual/Family Psychoeducation and support • Multi-family groups • Supported Education • Supported Employment • Peer Support Groups • Family Support groups • Individual and Group Cognitive Behavioral Therapy • Substance Abuse Management Groups	• Clinic Director • Director of Operations • Medical Director • Clinic Coordinator • Licensed Clinical Social Worker • Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist • Peer Advocate • Supported Education/ Employment Specialist	SPECIAL FEATURES: • For Professionals: ◦ Fellowships, internships, and externships for professionals are available through the EDAPT program. • Outreach and Screening Materials: ◦ Online 21 Question Screening Survey ◦ Educational sessions for stakeholders and practitioners are available through the EDAPT program at UC Davis. ◦ How to access services OUTCOME MEASURES/INSTRUMENTS: • Change in clinical symptom severity is monitored using the following instruments: ◦ Global Functioning Scale – Social and Role ◦ CGI-SCH (Haro, 2008; Masand, O’Gormon, & Mandel, 2011) ◦ Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale (CSSRS) • Outcomes are also measured based on the following indicators: ◦ Participation in age-appropriate social

Program

The Early Assessment and Support Alliance (EASA): EASA is a coordinated statewide network of programs in Oregon that provides information and support to young people who are experiencing symptoms of psychosis for the first time. EASA is an early intervention program serving young people who have had their first experience of psychosis within the last twelve month. It is a transitional program that provides services for approximately two years. Click [here](#) for a more thorough description of this program.



Program Established 2001

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Please indicate the designated target population for your program, including any information on the diagnoses addressed or other clinical or demographic characteristics.

- EASA's primary target population is individuals with early symptoms consistent with onset of schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder. The program accepts:
 - Individuals residing in Oregon (including college students in other states whose families live in Oregon)
 - Individuals who score into the Psychosis Risk Syndrome on the SIPS (including differential diagnosis screening – we will screen them out if etiology appears more consistent with a different disorder)
 - Individuals who have experienced psychosis going back 12 months or less, with symptoms consistent with either schizophreniform or bipolar spectrum. We recognize that due to diagnostic uncertainty that final diagnosis may not be schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder; once someone is accepted they can remain in the program up until the point where an effective transition occurs. This can be as long as two years.
 - All Oregon communities accept ages 15 to 25 at a minimum, but this is a guideline – they can accept below and above. Some communities accept down to age 12 and some accept above age 25.
 - All forms of insurance and uninsured are accepted.

How does your program identify, recruit, and/or “screen-in” program participants, including public education/awareness strategies that may be employed?

- We are committed to universal access and flexible, rapid engagement so we maintain access to care without a waiting list and problem solve around how to maintain this as needed.
- Community education is part of the responsibility of local teams and is part of our training, data collection, and fidelity process. We encourage local teams to review the pathway to care of individuals coming into their programs. We do outreach to local and state-level media, and presentations to a wide range of groups. Our training includes tailored messaging.
- All teams use the same name, and all but one use the same logo, which promotes statewide visibility; we have centralized development and sharing of brochures, marketing materials and PowerPoint as well as a statewide website. We use both statewide and local strategies for approaching media and key referent groups. We also partner as much as possible through parallel efforts (e.g., NAMI, and Mental Health First Aid).

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Matrix A Example: EASA

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Component Components (May V)

- Community Education
- Proactive
- Treatment
- Active Behavioral
- Copy
- Dualized Placement
- Support
- Family and
- Dual
- Education
- Intensive Team
- Intervention similar to
- Active Community
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- Diagnosis Treatment
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- ational Therapy
- Cognitive Enhancement
- Therapy (being piloted)
- Peer Support
- Supported Housing
- Transition Planning
- Participatory Decision-Making (Statewide Young Adult Leadership Council)

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SEARCH

Home | Crisis Resources | Refer to EASA

EASA
Early Assessment & Support Alliance

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES
for young people who have experienced psychosis

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The Early Assessment and Support Alliance (EASA)...

provides information and support to young people who are experiencing symptoms of psychosis for the first time. Most people don't realize just how common and treatable psychosis is!

Serving most counties in Oregon

FEATURED RESOURCE

*The Early Psychosis Intervention Program Directory Update (1/20/14). EASA and the Foundation for Excellence in Mental Healthcare (FEMHC) are proud to announce the release of the **UPDATED** Early Psychosis Intervention Program Directory. The purpose of this directory is to create a database and directory of early intervention programs for psychosis within the U.S. It is available on the [FEMHC Online Library](#) and as a [PDF](#). The updates reflect the rapidly expanding national movement towards increasing access to early intervention services. We are excited to see new programs are developing in many states. We welcome coordination and outreach with our new national partners and allies.*

We hope that this directory will help facilitate referrals and establish ongoing networking, information sharing and collaboration across programs. We also hope that it will be a resource for individuals experiencing psychosis and their families, clinicians, and allies to find mental health services in their area. The directory is up-to-date as of January 2015, but its relevance may change as programs do. For more information, please [contact us](#).

Also check out us out on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Tumblr](#)! We post all the latest from EASA, our allies, and the mental health SocialSphere!

what is PSYCHOSIS?

Anyone can develop psychosis. Psychosis is common and treatable. It affects 3 in 100 people, and usually occurs for the first

services offered by EASA

EASA works closely with the young person, and with family members and others who are supportive of the young person, to help him

path to RECOVERY

With the right early identification, support and information, young people can manage and even prevent psychosis and get on with

SUCCESS STORIES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
SAMHSA
www.samhsa.gov • 1-877-SAMHSA-7 (1-877-726-4727)

Matrix A Example: EASA

Eligibility Criteria **(May Vary by Treatment Location)**

- Ages 12-25
- Residents of Oregon (including college students in other states whose families live in Oregon)
- Individuals who screen into the Psychosis Risk Syndrome on the Structured Interview for Prodromal Symptoms (SIPS)
- Individuals who have experienced psychosis within the past 12 months

Matrix A Example: EASA

Treatment Components

- Community Education and Proactive Engagement
- [Cognitive Behavioral Therapy](#)
- Individualized Placement and Support
- [Multi-Family and Individual Psychoeducation](#)
- Intensive Team Coordination similar to [Assertive Community Treatment](#)
- Medical Assessment and Treatment
- Feedback-informed Treatment
- [Dual Diagnosis Treatment](#) (harm reduction using [motivational interviewing](#))
- Occupational Therapy
- [Cognitive Enhancement Therapy](#) (being piloted)
- [Peer Support](#)
- Supported Housing
- Transition Planning
- Participatory Decision-Making (Statewide Young Adult Leadership Council)

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Assertive Community Treatment: ACT is a service delivery model whose primary goal is recovery through treatment and rehabilitation. The model provides treatment, rehabilitation, and support services to individuals who are diagnosed with a severe mental illness. ACT teams provide services directly to an individual that are tailored to meet his or her specific needs. Teams have small <u>case loads</u> of only one to 10 individuals. Services are available 24/7. Source	• Services are provided out of the office, are available 24 hours a day and 365 days per year involving assertive outreach to consumers • Services are provided by a multi-disciplinary team • Treatment plans are individualized • Team members are pro-active in helping consumers • Services are provided long-term; • Emphasis on vocational expectations • Substance abuse services • <u>Psychoeducation</u> • Family support and education; • Helps consumers become less socially isolated and more integrated into their community.	<u>FIDELITY:</u> ACT teams consist of case managers, psychiatrists, nurses, team leaders, substance abuse specialists, vocational specialists, and peer specialists.	FOR PROFESSIONALS: • Assertive Community Treatment Getting-Started Guide: This manual “helps organizations prepare to implement Assertive Community Treatment.” It is organized into seven sections, including FAQs, Answers, Recommended Reading, and Organizational Next Steps. • Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Evidence-Based Practices (EBP) KIT: Tools to implement ACT, including information in English and Spanish. • Assertive Community Treatment Association (ACTA): ACTA “<u>promotes, develops, and supports high-quality ACT services that improve the lives of people diagnosed with serious and persistent mental illnesses. ACTA also provides training</u> to entities wishing to develop or improve ACT services. MONITORING FIDELITY: • ACT Fidelity Scale: Fidelity scale used by the State of Oregon in implementing ACT • Fidelity to the ACT Model: Discusses the issue of fidelity related to ACT. • Dartmouth Fidelity Scale
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Matrix A Example: EASA

Team Staffing (May Vary by Treatment Location)
• Program Director • Clinical Supervisor • Clinical Case Manager • Psychiatrist/Prescribing Nurse Practitioner • Peer Support Specialist • Supported Employment Specialist • Occupational Therapist • Psychiatric Nurse (RN)

Resources

SPECIAL FEATURES:

- **Outreach and Screening Materials:**
 - [What psychosis is](#), identifying symptoms
 - [EASA Program Referral Form](#)
 - [Assessment Input Form](#)
 - [EASA Program Intake Form](#)
 - [EASA Program Education/Outreach Form](#)
- ***For Patients and Families:***
 - [What to Expect During Assessment](#)
 - Family Guidelines ([English](#) / [Spanish](#))
 - Family Roles ([Spanish](#))
- ***For Professionals:***
 - [EASA Overview](#)
 - [EASA and EASA Center of Excellence Flyer](#)
 - EASA Referent Brochure ([Eng.](#) / [Span.](#))
 - [Advice for Professionals](#)
 - [EASA: Questions and Answers](#)
 - [Cultural Competency Readiness](#)
 - [EASA Adv. Strengths/Needs Assessment](#)
 - [Cultural Considerations](#)
 - [Trauma and Psychosis](#)
 - [Young Adult Identity, Psychosis, & Stigma](#)
 - [Common experience vs. Intended Result](#)
 - EASA Path to Recovery ([Spanish](#))
- ***Monitoring Fidelity:***
 - [EASA Practice Guidelines](#)

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EASA PROGRAM - REFERRAL FORM

County of Residence: _____ Agency Name: _____ Staff Name: _____

Client ID #: _____ Client Name: _____ Referral Date: _____

Demographics

Client Identified Race: (check all that apply)

- ☐ Alaska Native
- ☐ American Indian
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ White
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- ☐ Other Single Race (specify _____)
- ☐ Unknown

Client Identified Ethnicity:

- ☐ Not of Hispanic Origin
- ☐ Mexican
- ☐ Puerto Rican
- ☐ Cuban
- ☐ Other Specific Hispanic (specify _____)
- ☐ Hispanic – Specific Origin not Specified
- ☐ Unknown

Gender:

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Other (specify _____)
- ☐ Unknown

☐ Date of Birth: _____ ☐ Unknown

Primary Language:

- ☐ English
- ☐ Spanish
- ☐ Other (specify _____)
- ☐ Unknown

Country of Origin:

- ☐ USA
- ☐ Mexico
- ☐ Other (specify _____)
- ☐ Unknown

If Country of Origin is not USA how many years has client lived in USA?

- ☐ Under 5 years
- ☐ Over 5 years
- ☐ Unknown

Portland State University EASA Referral Form 6/13/14

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Matrix B: Examples of Individual Evidence-Based Practices

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Evidence-Based Practice	Treatment Elements	Provider Requirements	Resources
Medication Management: Helps treatment teams, in collaboration with patients, at mental health agencies develop a systematic plan to make medication management decisions for people with mental illnesses. Source	• Diagnostic Evaluation • Treatment plan, including choice of medication, often using treatment algorithms • Standardized documentation • Cooperation with others involved in patient's treatment • Monitoring progress of treatment.	Requires Physicians, Physician's Assistants, or Nurse Practitioners to prescribe medication.	FOR PATIENTS AND FAMILIES: • Mental Illness and Medication Algorithms – A Guide for Mental Health Planning and Advisory Councils: "This guide helps state mental health planning and advisory council members and others advocate for the implementation of medication algorithms to advance the quality of care for persons with mental illness." • Common Ground Shared Decision Making Tool is a web-based application that helps people prepare to meet with psychiatrists or treatment teams and arrive at the best decisions for treatment and recovery. FOR PROFESSIONALS: • SAMHSA MedTEAM EBP Toolkit: This toolkit provides treatment teams at mental health agencies with a systematic plan to ensure they use the latest scientific evidence when making medication management decisions. • Texas Medication Algorithm Project Procedural Manual –Schizophrenia Treatment Algorithms: Provides an overview of treatment algorithms for schizophrenia developed by the Texas Department of Mental Health and Retardation. Related: Texas Children's Medication Algorithm Project – Update from Texas Consensus Conference Panel on Medication Treatment of Childhood Major Depressive Disorder. • Robinson, D., Schooler, N., John, M., Correll, C., Marcy, P., Addington, J., Brunette, M., Estroff, S., Mueser, K., Penn, D., Robinson, J., Rosenheck, R., Severe, J., Goldstein, A., Azrin, S., Heinssen, R., and Kane, J. (2014). Prescription Practices in the Treatment of First Episode Schizophrenia – Data from the National RAISE-ETP Study. <i>American Journal of Psychiatry</i>, [Epub ahead of print]. MONITORING FIDELITY • Prescriber Fidelity to a Medication Management EBP in the Treatment of Schizophrenia: This article reports prescriber fidelity to MedMAP principles in a public mental health service system." • Evaluating Your Program: Section in SAMHSA's toolkit to help monitor and evaluate the implementation of the MedTEAM EBP.

Matrix B Example: Peer Support

Evidence-Based Practice

Peer Support: Peer support “relies on individuals who live with mental illness to provide peer-to-peer support to others, drawing on their own experiences to promote wellness and recovery. [It is] based on mutual respect and personal responsibility, [and] focuses on wellness and recovery rather than on illness and disability.” [Source.](#)



Matrix B Example: Peer Support

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying www.recoverywithinreach.org/peersupport/. The website has a blue header with the "RECOVERY WITHIN REACH" logo and a navigation menu. The "Peer Support" menu item is highlighted. The main content area is titled "Peer Support" and features a quote by Ralph Waldo Emerson, a portrait of him, and a paragraph explaining peer support. A sidebar on the left lists various resources, and a "Quick Links" section is at the bottom left.

Peer Support

Recovery Education Recovery Tools Recovery From Substance Abuse **Peer Support** Housing within Reach Recovery through Employment

Peer Support

Peer Support Centers
Certified Peer Recovery Specialists
CPRS Guidelines & Forms
Tennessee Certified Peer Recovery Specialist Conference
State Office of Consumer Affairs & Peer Recovery Services
International Association of Peer Supporters (iNAPS)
Peer Support Research
Famous Peers of the Present & Past
Webinars & Continuing Education Hours
TMHCA
VolunPeers

Quick Links

- Frequently Asked Questions
- Recovery Glossary
- Calendar of Events
- Emergency Information

Peer Support

It is one of the most beautiful compensations in life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

As a best-practice model for supporting people who have been diagnosed with mental illness, peer support can be one of the most significant tools a person can use on the journey to recovery. This model relies on individuals who live with mental illness to provide peer-to-peer support to others, drawing on their own experiences to promote wellness and recovery. Peer support is about getting help from someone who's been there. Based on mutual respect and personal responsibility, peer support focuses on wellness and recovery rather than on illness and disability. Peers share with one another their experiences, their strengths, and their hope—a powerful combination for recovery.

Peer Specialists are mental health consumers who have completed specific training that enables them to enhance a person's wellness and recovery by providing peer support. Peer Specialists work in a variety of locations, such as peer support centers, crisis stabilization units, respite programs, living skills programs, and in psychiatric hospitals. Peer support can be a one-on-one experience or a group of people sharing together.

To view the American Psychiatric Association (APA) Recovery-Oriented Care in Psychiatry Module 4: Peer Supports in Recovery [Click Here.](#)

Matrix B Example: Peer Support

Treatment Elements

- Peer support services rely on peer specialists who “are mental health consumers who have completed specific training that enables them to enhance a person’s wellness and recovery by providing peer support.”
- “Peer services include mutual support groups, peer-run programs and services in traditional mental health agencies provided by peer support specialists.”

Matrix B Example: Peer Support

Provider Requirements

Peer support can be provided through formal and informal settings. While peers may offer support without undergoing any specific training, peers who provide services in official settings are required to participate in training and certification. A list of Peer Support Training and Certification Programs for each U.S. state is provided in this [National Overview](#), compiled in 2012 by the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance.

Matrix B Example: Peer Support

Peer Specialist Training an... x +

www.dbsalliance.org/pdfs/training/Peer-Specialist-Training-and-Certification-Programs-A-National-Overv Search

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Alabama

Website(s)	http://www.mh.alabama.gov/MI/consumers.aspx http://www.adap.net/mentalhealth/training.html
Program Description	The Alabama Department of Mental Health first established the position of peer support specialist in 1994 at Greil Hospital. In 2002, the program was expanded to the rest of the state mental illness facilities. In 2007, the department began expanding peer support into the community through a certification program that would allow peer specialist services to be Medicaid billable. The Alabama DMHMR trained the first certified peer specialists in the fall of 2007.
Application on File	Yes
Certification or Licensure	Certified Peer Specialist
Program Administrator/ Credentialing Agency	Office of Consumer Relations, Department of Mental Health
General Screening	- Personal experience with mental illness; - In recovery - Open-minded and willing to share personal experiences with mental illness publicly - High school diploma or GED - Good communication skills (both written and oral)
Exam Criteria	Use DBSA/Appalachian Consulting Group's training and exam. In the process of developing specific AL state training.
Certification Requirements	Attend all training sessions and pass certification exam.
Training Criteria	5-day intensive training from 8:30am-5:00pm. Includes instruction, discussion, and role play.
Recertification/CEU's	Continuing education program is being implemented: consists of 2 full day training sessions per year, with the requirement that you must attend at least 3 of the 4 sessions over a 2 year period to stay certified. No plan in place for re-certification for those who let their certification lapse.
	Successful completion of Certified Peer Specialist Training is only one of the requirements of being hired as a Certified Peer Specialist and is not a guarantee of employment. Peer specialists are hired by individual providers and are subject to the provider's application and hiring process.

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Matrix B Example:

Peer Support

Resources

FOR PATIENTS AND FAMILIES:

- NAMI provides a free [Peer-to-Peer educational program](#), which is recovery focused for adults who “wish to establish and maintain wellness in response to mental health challenges.” The [ten, two-hour courses](#) provide “critical information and strategies related to living with mental illness.”
- Mental Health America information about [peer services](#) for consumers.
- Recovery within Reach, a consumer advocacy organization in Tennessee, provides [information about peer support services](#) for consumers.

FOR PROFESSIONALS:

- American Psychiatric Association’s [Training Module on Peer Supports](#).
- American Psychiatric Association’s [Network Therapy: Using the Patient’s Family and Peer Support for Effective Office Practice](#)
- The website for the [International Association of Peer Supporters](#) provides access to webinars, a library of resources, and updates on current events related to peer support services.
- [Pillars of Peer Support Services](#) is an initiative “designed to develop and foster the use of Medicaid funding to support peer support services in state mental health systems of care.” The website provides links to the organization’s annual summit reports, which provide information about [The Role of Peers in Building Self-Management within Mental Health, Addiction and Family/Child Health Settings](#), [Establishing Standards for Excellence, incorporating peer support services into whole health approaches of care](#), [Expanding the Role of Peer Support Services in Mental Health Systems of Care and Recovery](#), and [Transforming Mental Health Systems of Care through Peer Support Services](#).
- [National Practice Guidelines](#) developed by the International Association of Peer Supporters.

Matrix B Example: Peer Support

The screenshot displays the Mental Health America (MHA) website. The browser's address bar shows the URL www.mentalhealthamerica.net/peer-services. The website's navigation bar includes links for Home, Store, Career Center, Affiliate Login, and Contact Us, along with a search bar. The MHA logo is prominently displayed on the left, and a red 'Donate to MHA' button is on the right. Below the navigation bar, a horizontal menu lists various sections: About Us, Living Well, Finding Help, Get Involved, Mental Health Information, Policy & Advocacy, and Newsroom. A large banner image shows two young Black people smiling. To the right of the banner is a 'In Crisis?' section with a phone icon and the text 'Call 1-800-273-TALK'. Below this is a 'Finding Help' section with links to Mental Health Screening Tools, Find An Affiliate, Mental Health Treatments, Frequently Asked Questions, Working With a Provider, Recovery & Support, and Peer Services. At the bottom right is a 'Find MHA in Your Area' section with a map of the United States and a search bar. The main content area is titled 'Peer Services' and includes a breadcrumb trail: Home > Finding Help > Peer Services. It features a share button and social media icons. The text states: 'Mental Health America (MHA) believes that peer support is a unique and essential element of recovery-oriented mental health and substance abuse systems.' It then asks 'What are peer services?' and provides a paragraph: 'Peer support programs provide an opportunity for consumers who have achieved significant recovery to assist others in their recovery journeys. Peer specialists model recovery, teach skills and offer supports to help people experiencing mental health challenges lead meaningful lives in the community. Peer specialists promote recovery; enhance hope and social networking through role modeling and activation; and supplement existing treatment with education, empowerment, and aid in system navigation.' Below this is a section titled 'Why are peer services important?' which begins with the sentence: 'Research shows that the use of peer specialists allows states to save mental health program'.

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- Peer Services

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Why are peer services important?

Research shows that the use of peer specialists allows states to save mental health program

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Selected Additional Resources

Archived Webinars, Websites, Peer Reviewed Literature, R&T Centers and Organizations that Support the Work



Federal Agencies

- **SAMHSA**

- *A wealth of resources on the treatment of mental health and substance abuse conditions as well as specific information of the set aside*

- **NIMH**

- *Also has a great deal of general information on mental illness as well as specific information on Coordinated Specialty Care and the RAISE Project*

Maps and Characteristics of Programs

- **US Program Directory**
 - *Foundation for Excellence in Mental Health*
 - **Programs and Contact Information**
- **International Early Psychosis Assoc.**
 - *International sites as well as information for consumers and family members*
- **Doctoral Dissertation**
 - *Dominique White examined program characteristics, clinical services and treatment population characteristics of US programs (early 2015)*

Additional Networks Focusing on Early Intervention

- **British Columbia Schizophrenia Society**
 - *Focus on family and friends*
- **University of British Columbia**
 - *Guide for clinicians*
- **Ontario Ministry of Health**
 - *Program standards*
- **National Institute for Health Care Excellence**
 - *Psychosis and Schizophrenia in Young People*
- **Canadian Mental Health Association**
 - *Siblings Guide to Psychosis*

Archived Webinars

- **Components of Coordinated Specialty Care (2014)**
- **Funding Strategies for Early Psychosis (2014)**
- **Lessons Learned Implementing FEP Programs (2014)**
- **Community Outreach and Prevention as an Element of FEP Programs(2014)**
- **FEP and the Block Grant**
 - *Estimates of Prevalence (2014)*
 - *Modeling Tool for Incidence (2014)*
- **Cognitive Behavioral Treatment**
 - *Integration of recovery principles and CBT (2014)*

Relevant Peer Reviewed Literature

- **Engagement in Care**
 - *Reviews of issues in engagement and discontinuation of care*
- **Family Involvement**
 - *Reviews and handbooks on family involvement*
- **Children and Adolescents**
 - *Special issues for young clients including medication concerns*

Peer Reviewed (cont.)

- **Cognitive Impacts**
 - *Reviews of intervention targets like verbal memory, executive function*
- **Cognitive Behavioral Treatment**
 - *Systematic reviews/meta analysis*
- **Performance Measures**
 - *Literature review and Delphi reduction to 24 suggested measures*

Peer Review (cont.)

- **Assorted Topics**

- *Metabolic Issues*
- *Community/Academic Partnerships*
- *Violence and Duration of Untreated Psychosis*
- *Success of FEPs*
- *Unmet needs in managing schizophrenia*
- *Qualitative analysis of influence of recovery in FEP*

Emphasis on Depression and Bipolar Disorder

- **Webinars**
 - *Preventing Neuroprediction in Early Episodes of Bipolar disorder*
 - *Strategies for Optimizing Outcomes in Bipolar Disorder*
 - *Child and Adolescent Depression*
- **Specialty Organizations/Networks**
 - *UCLA Semel Institute – multiple resources*
 - *Depression and Bi-polar Support Alliance*
 - **Balanced Mind Parent's Network**
 - *Equilibrium Bipolar Foundation*
 - *Cardiff University – on line interactive resources*
 - *Australian Centre for Clinical Intervention*
 - **Consumer wellness tool**

General Mental Health Resources

- **University of Virginia – Going to College**
 - *Online resource for students with disabilities ’*
- **New South Wales Health Department**
 - *Getting in Early – Prevention and early intervention*
- **Mental Health America – B4Stage4**
- **NAMI**
 - *Family Guidance*
 - *Early identification and community resources*

Rehabilitation and Training Centers

- **University of Illinois at Chicago**
 - *Multiple resources focused on recovery*
 - *Special emphasis on patient centered/consumer directed care and planning*
- **Boston University Center on Psychiatric Rehabilitation**
 - *Employment*
 - *Wellness*
 - *Readiness/Engagement*
 - *Reasonable accommodations*
 - *Psychiatric rehab process*
 - *Ongoing webcasts*

R&T Centers (cont.)

- **Temple University Collaborative for Community Inclusion – Materials related to**
 - *Concept of Community Inclusion*
 - *Criminal Justice Issues*
 - *Civic Involvement*
 - *Gay and Lesbian Issues*
 - *Parenting*
 - *Olmstead*
 - *Recreation Leisure*
 - *Among others*

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