

**Vision**

To vigorously promote peer perspectives and involvement in transforming the mental health delivery system through education, advocacy and employment.

**Contact and Hours**

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**Funding**

Behavioral Health Division



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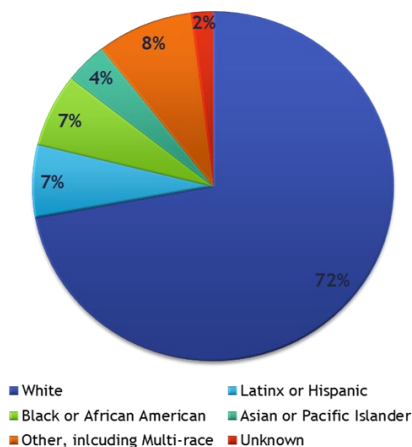
# Peer Education and Training

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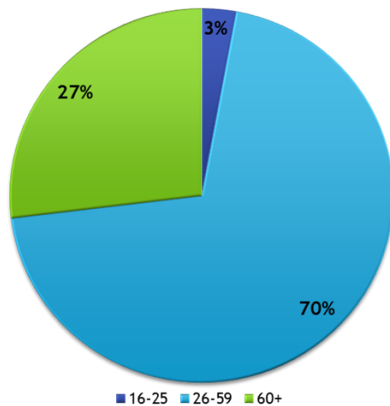


Peer Support Specialist Training

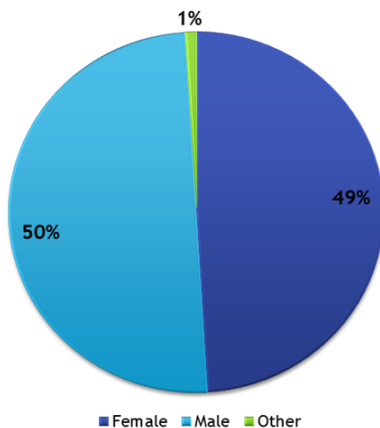
**Race/Ethnicity**



**Age**



**Gender**



This program recruits, engages, supervises and supports peers as volunteers and interns in mental health agencies and organizations. Peer Education and Training (PET) provides education and employment services and promotes mental health system transformation through peer participation in quality improvement activities, while expanding awareness of recovery to all segments of the mental health community. The program provides an in-depth 13-week Peer Support Specialist Training class that prepares individuals with lived mental health experience to work and provide support in a variety of positions requiring this specialized skill set.

PET was especially hard hit due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Training was discontinued and staff began the process of converting to a distanced learning format expected to resume in the first quarter of 2020-2021, and internships been placed on hold. The program was unable to provide service to peer employment-seekers or those receiving peer mentorship. At the onset of COVID-19 support groups and presentations were suspended.

A bright note was the release of the newsletter, *Peer Voices Now*, which was distributed in June of 2020.

Peer Education and Training, as part of the Behavioral Health contract, will moved to the Empowerment Center beginning July 1, 2020.