



Provider Notice

From: Magellan Healthcare

Subject: Youth Peer Support training coming in September

The next Youth Peer Support training will take place live on Zoom

Monday-Thursday, Sept. 21-24, 2026

9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.* MT / 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m.* PT with a 30-minute lunch break each day.

*A timed exam will be held on the last day of the training (Sept. 24) beginning by 2:30 p.m. MT / 1:30 p.m. PT. Trainees will stay on Zoom to take the exam and can leave the training once they have completed the exam.

The deadline to apply is Sunday, Aug. 16, 2026. Please read the following information in full. The link to the training application is below.

Overview

Youth Peer Support training is available as additional training with a certificate of completion for individuals who hold a current Peer Support Specialist certification. Earning the Youth Peer Support certificate of completion allows qualified Certified Peer Support Specialists to work with youth aged 12-17 on a peer-to-peer level. The Youth Peer Support certificate is issued by Magellan Healthcare of Idaho and is only valid within Idaho Medicaid. Please read on to learn about the screening and training process.

Trainee qualifications:

To qualify to attend Youth Peer Support Training, an individual must:

- Have current Peer Support Specialist certification (CPSS)
- Be an individual with their own personal lived experience with a mental health or co-occurring condition in their youth
- Be in recovery for a minimum of one year (12 consecutive months)
- Successfully pass the interview screening process
- Have successfully passed a background check
 - o A Certified Peer Support Specialist who has a background check waiver/variance is not eligible to attend Youth Peer Support training and *cannot* provide youth peer support services. Please note that applying for and receiving a background check waiver/variance is a separate process from passing a background check. Applying for a background check waiver/variance is only necessary for Certified Peer Support Specialists who are not able to pass a background check.

Before applying:

- It is recommended that Youth Peer Support Specialists be aged 18-35.
- It is important for youth to experience their Youth Peer Support Specialists as their **PEER**.
- It is important for Youth Peer Support Specialists to have a strong personal connection to current youth culture and the ability to connect on a peer-to-peer level with youth based on shared knowledge and experience. Please consider your ability to be relatable to a teenager before applying.

Screening & training process

The screening and training process includes:

- Completion of the [Youth Peer Support training application](#)
- Zoom group interview with one to two Youth Peer Support training facilitators
 - Please attend this meeting with the equipment you plan to use for training. During this meeting we will check your technology to ensure your webcam and microphone work properly. A phone or tablet is not sufficient for this meeting.
- Full attendance and participation at the live online training Sept. 21-24, 2026.

Application instructions

If you are interested in attending Youth Peer Support training, complete the training application linked below as soon as possible. There are limited training seats available, and applying does not guarantee acceptance. The application also offers details about the screening and training process.

Please note, there are a limited number of spaces for each Youth Peer Support training. If the current session is full, you can sign up to be notified of future trainings. These trainings occur quarterly. Please notify us if you need accommodation to participate in the application, Zoom interview, or the training. For instance: translation, closed captioning, etc.

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY TO YOUTH PEER SUPPORT TRAINING](#)

The application deadline is Sunday, Aug. 16, 2026.

Questions?

Please email IdahoRR@MagellanHealth.com if you have questions about Youth Peer Support training.

All the best,

The Youth Peer Support Training Team