Geriatric Certificate Training (GCT) Booster: Substance Use in Older Adults

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Course Code: BH0202

Course Description
This Geriatric Certificate Training Booster training will provide awareness on substance misuse and addiction in older adults. Taking cultural, generational, and trauma experience into account, service providers will be guided through skills-based activities to practice engaging Older Adults. Participants will learn how to better identify the different types of addiction common in this population. They will also explore the intersection of substance use and misuse with individuals who may be experiencing chronic pain, terminal illness, or dementia. Attendance at both sessions is required for completion.
Click here to see the training outline.

Learning Objectives
Educational Goal: To enhance a practitioner’s knowledge and skills needed to work with older adults.
Upon completion of this training participants will be able to:

- List the different types of addiction present in Older Adults
- Describe the intersection of addiction, substance use, substance misuse, mental health and physical health
- List common risk factors and warning signs associated with addiction
- Identify manifestations of addiction in Older Adults who have chronic pain, terminal illness, or dementia
- Identify specific implications of marijuana and cannabis use and misuse in older adults
- Describe treatment options for Older Adults living with addiction

Live Virtual Training
This training will be conducted via Zoom
Dates: Session #1 9/2/2020 and Session #2 9/16/2020
Time: Both Session #1 and #2 will be held from 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

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Registration: If you already have an account, you may search for the course by name or course code. If you do not have an account in the LMS you will need to open one by clicking here. Email RIHS@sdsu.edu if you have any questions. This training is FREE of charge to BHS County employees and contractors.

Continuing Education: This course meets the qualifications for 6 hours of continuing education credit for LMFTs, LCSWs, LPCCs, and/or LEPs as required by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences. The Academy for Professional Excellence is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists and the California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists to sponsor continuing education for LMFTs, LCSWs, LPCCs and LEPs, Provider #91928. The Academy for Professional Excellence is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider # BSN CEP15014; CCAPP-El, Provider # 15-98-398-0820, and CAADE Provider # CP40 906 CH 0323 for 6 contact hours/CEHs. The Academy for Professional Excellence maintains responsibility for this program and its content. CE certificates will be available for download 5 business days after course completion. Click here for information on how to obtain CE Certificates. Click here for the CE Grievance Procedure.