

# Geriatric Certificate Training (GCT) Behavioral Health Training Booster: Older Adults & Homelessness



Older adult homelessness is becoming one of the defining aspects of homelessness in America. This interactive training explores adult homelessness as a spectrum, examining what creates it and how government agencies, funding issues, and competing interests shape federal and state responses. Participants explore individual antecedents and risk factors, societal perspectives and bias, including their own, and engage trauma-informed, whole-person treatment approaches to counter the dehumanizing impact of social ostracism, creating interventions that can acknowledge suffering while supporting autonomy and encouraging hope. Participants explore California's response to this growing problem, what resources exist, and how to collaborate more effectively on solutions.

See [Training Outline](#) below.

## Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this training, participants will be able to:

- Describe factors that shape federal and state government responses to older adult homelessness
- Explain factors, both personal and societal, that lead to older adult homelessness
- Analyze the role of bias in the problem of older adult homelessness, including personal bias
- Identify existential and trauma informed approaches to assisting older adults dealing with homelessness
- Demonstrate ability to take a whole person approach to treatment of an older adult dealing with homelessness
- Recognize what resources exist and how to use them collaboratively



## Registration Information

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](mailto:RIHS@sdsu.edu) if you have any questions. This training is FREE of charge to BHS County employees and contractors.



## Audience

This training is open to behavioral and allied health professionals and persons caring for older adults who are outside the BHS system. If you are outside of the BHS system please email [RIHS@sdsu.edu](mailto:RIHS@sdsu.edu). Please note in the email the training information and that you are outside of the BHS system.

## LIVE VIRTUAL TRAINING



This training will be conducted via [Zoom](#).

**June 10, 2022**

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Participants will receive 5 CE's upon completion of ALL training activities. No partial CE's will be given.

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Course Code: BH0320

See [Registration Information](#) for further information.

## THE TRAINER

[Alice Joy Kirk, LCSW](#)

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## Continuing Education

This course meets the qualifications for 5 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 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 # BRN CEP10014; CCAPP-EI, Provider # 1S-98-398-0822, and CAADE Provider # CP40 906 CH 0323 for 5 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](#).

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## Educational Goal:

*To improve the delivery of behavioral and allied health services to older adults, particularly those facing homelessness.*

## Learning Objectives:

*Upon completion of this training, participants will be able to:*

- 1. Describe factors that have shaped Federal and State government responses to older adult homelessness*
- 2. Explain the factors, both personal and societal, that lead to older adult homelessness.*
- 3. Analyze the role of bias in the problem of older adult homelessness, including personal bias.*
- 4. Identify existential and trauma informed approaches to assisting older adults dealing with homelessness*
- 5. Demonstrate ability to take a whole person approach to treatment of an older adult dealing with homelessness*
- 6. Give examples of meaning in life for an older adult and how it can impact an older adult who is homeless*
- 7. Recognize what resources exist and how to use them collaboratively*

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
9:00am – 9:30am	History of Homelessness in America, Affordable Housing and Models of Help
9:30am – 12:00pm	Older Adults and Homelessness: Variables, Divisions, and Social Biases
12:00pm – 12:30pm	Lunch
12:30pm – 1:45pm	Homelessness and Adult Mental Health: Impacts of Ostracism and Trauma-informed Care Strategies, Collaborations, and CA Master Plan For Aging
1:45pm – 2:00pm	Questions and Check-in

**\*Please note: In order to receive completion and credit/CE's, you must have your video camera on for the duration of training.**