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## Information about Online Peer Support Specialist Training

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The health and safety of our trainees is of utmost importance. After extensive research and discussions with Peer Support Specialist Training facilitators nationwide, we have decided to transition to a live online training format in response to the current COVID-19 pandemic. We understand that online training may not be preferable, however we have a responsibility as a training entity to heed current public health guidelines. We are confident we can create an online training environment that is conducive to effective learning. We are all in this together and appreciate your understanding in this matter. Please familiarize yourself with the following information if you are interested in attending one of our upcoming online trainings.

### Training Format

The entire 40-hour Peer Support Specialist Training will take place live online via Zoom. All trainings will be held from 9am-6pm MST / 8am-5pm PST Monday-Friday. There will be a daily lunch break from 12:30-1:30pm MST / 11:30am-12:30pm PST and several 15 minutes breaks will be provided throughout each day. You will need to be present and participating on camera for all 40 hours of training.

### Online Training Requirements

- You must have access to a laptop or desktop computer for the duration of the training. Tablets can work; however, there are limitations to the features of the Zoom online learning platform and computers are *strongly* encouraged. A smartphone is **NOT** sufficient as your primary device to participate in the training.
- You must have access to reliable internet service, a webcam, and a quiet, private location where you can effectively participate in the training without distractions.
- You must attend the training in full and participate on camera for the entire training. Please address any scheduling conflicts ahead of time. Driving while attending the training will not be permitted.

### Required Tech Check

You must attend an online tech check to ensure you are set up correctly to participate in the live online training. You will receive a link to participate in the tech check via Zoom after you are accepted into the training.

### Training Manual Pick Up or Delivery

If you are in the Boise area, we would love to meet you in person to give you your training manual after you have been accepted into the training. If you are outside the Boise area or unable to attend the manual pick up time, we would be happy to mail your manual to you. You can indicate your preference in the training application.

**Please read the training guide and application instructions at [www.idahopeer-support.com/training](http://www.idahopeer-support.com/training) if you are interested in attending an upcoming online training. Thank you!**