**1. Title:** National Practice Guidelines for Peer Specialists and Supervisors

Description

The National Practice Guidelines for Peer Specialists and Supervisors provide direction to supervisors of peer support workers to educate and support their staff in providing services that align with the core values of peer support. This workshop includes an overview of the practice guidelines with a demonstration scenario and a small group activity with vignettes where peer support workers and their supervisors are given opportunities to put the guidelines into practice. A vital ingredient to an effective peer support workforce is the ongoing education of and informed action by the supervisors. These guidelines provide opportunities for both.

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