



Welcome to our December monthly newsletter! You can find updates on the Wellness Coach model from our most recent quarterly [webinar](#) and from our [November Newsletter](#).

Looking Ahead to 2023

We are so excited about the development of our Wellness Coach model and feel proud of all the work that went into creating this role. And we couldn't have done it without you! With the model established, we are excited for the work that lies ahead in 2023. Below are some of the major milestones we have in store for the Wellness Coach role.

- a. **Certification:** HCAI will be the certifying entity for the Wellness Coach. We plan to have the certification process up and running by the end of 2023 to support the certification of individuals who may already meet the training and competency requirements to become Wellness Coaches. More information on this process will be available in Spring 2023.
- b. **Curriculum:** We have identified training paths for our Wellness Coach role, and 2023 is the year that we develop and implement them! We are working with our education partners and intend to have our training program for the Wellness Coach role ready for students in early 2024.
- c. **Funding:** We continue to work with our partners at the Department of Health Care Services and Department of Managed Health Care to create a sustainable funding mechanism for our Wellness Coach role

through Medi-Cal and commercial insurance, respectively. Stay tuned for more info in 2023!

What else is HCAI working on to support the behavioral health workforce?

HCAI offers many programs to build and support the behavioral health workforce.

- a. **Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Earn & Learn Program:** application currently open through January 31, 2023. This grant opportunity will result in a three-year agreement with SUD Earn and Learn organizations who provide education and paid job experience for students earning their SUD certification. Learn [more](#).
- b. **Allied Healthcare Scholarship Program:** application opens January 2, 2023. This program offers funding opportunities for behavioral health profession students. Learn [more](#).
- c. **Advanced Practice Healthcare Scholarship Program:** application opens January 2, 2023. This program offers funding opportunities for behavioral health profession students. Learn [more](#).
- d. **Peer Personnel Training and Placement Program:** application opens January 31, 2023. This program supports organizations that recruit, train, certify, and place peer personnel specialists in the behavioral health system. Learn [more](#).

Related Resources

- a. [HCAI Behavioral Health Programs](#)
- b. [CalHHS-Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative](#)
- c. [HCAI-Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative](#)
- d. Questions or comments? We'd love to hear from you at CYBHI@hcai.ca.gov

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