



Welcome to our March Wellness Coach newsletter. You can find additional updates on the Wellness Coach model from our most recent quarterly [webinar](#) and from our [February Newsletter](#).

Public Engagement

Thank you to all that completed our marketing survey last month! Your continued input is essential in the development of this role. Below are areas for stakeholder engagement that will be included in future newsletters later this year and early next year.

- a. **Technical Assistance:** We are developing a technical assistance resource center as a central guidance and resource hub for potential applicants and employers. These will highlight how to get trained as a Coach and how to hire and utilize Coaches once they're trained. We are looking to connect with our stakeholder partners across all sectors to provide guidance on what resources they need in order to integrate Coaches into their organizations.
- b. **Certification Renewal:** Our Wellness Coaches will need to recertify every two years. In early 2024 we will begin connecting with our stakeholders to gather input as we develop the renewal process.

Stay tuned for more information in future newsletters!

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. **Peer Personnel Training and Placement Program**

This program supports organizations that recruit, train, certify, and place peer personnel specialists in the behavioral health system. Awards will be announced at the end of April 2023. Learn [more](#).

b. **Community-Based Organization Grant**

The awardees of the Community-Based Organization Behavioral Health Workforce Grant program have been announced. To see the awardee list, click [here](#).

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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