

Community Helpers Program Module Overview

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Module		Objectives
1.	Orientation	 Introduction to other participants, the Coordinator and CHP. Identify the main qualities of a helper.
2.	Ethics, Assumptions and Supports	 Explore ethical issues one may encounter when helping. Explore assumptions people make about one another and the impacts. Learn about the importance of helpers supporting one another.
3.	Setting the Stage for Helping	 Understand the language common to health (both physical and mental). Identify warning signs for when others need help, and recognize situations in which help may be required. Observe and practice non-verbal and verbal listening skills.
4.	Helping as a Process	 Discuss the CAST and SUPPORT concepts for helping. Practice helping others using these frameworks. Understand the role of a helper when supporting others.
5.	You can Help Yourself Too	 Apply the concepts of CAST and SUPPORT to helping yourself. Recognize the importance of self-care, and strategies for self-care.
6.	Boundaries and What to Do About Them	Explore setting and establishing boundaries when helping others.
7.	How to Respond in a Crisis	 Become familiar with the characteristics of a crisis, the helper's role in a crisis and how to support others going through a crisis. Explore local community resources and how to refer others to services.

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8.	Mental Health Awareness	 Explore the concepts of mental health and mental illness. Determine how to respond in a crisis situation in which someone may be experiencing a mental health concern or acute symptoms of a mental illness.
9.	Understanding Suicide	 Discuss suicide myths, facts and emotions. Recognize the signs and symptoms of suicide, how to support someone thinking about suicide, and where to refer.
10.	Stress and Coping	 Explore stress, and how to help manage stress. Develop and discuss ways to help others manage and cope with their stress.
11.	Self-Esteem, Self-Image and Social Media	 Explore self-esteem and self-image in relation to mental health. Learn about social media and other influences on self-perceptions and help friends manage factors that influence self-esteem and self-image.
12.	Healthy Relationships and Sexual Health	 Discover characteristics of a healthy friendship and how to create and maintain healthy friendships. Determine characteristics of unhealthy romantic relationships, consent, information on STI's, and resources.
13.	Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Gender Expression Awareness (How to be an Ally)	 Understand sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression. Become aware of LGBTQ2S+ perspectives and ways to be an ally.

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14.	Use, Misuse and Addictions- Substances and Processes	 Identify substance and process addictions, and commonly misused substances. Determine how to support a friend who may have an addiction or unhealthy amount of use.
15.	Grief and Loss	 Recognize a wide range of losses and grief as a response to loss. Discuss support for those who are grieving.
16.	Learning and Education Concerns	 Understand learning and education concerns and how they relate to mental health. Learn ways to help their friends with their learning and education concerns.
17.	Abuse and Conflict	Define abuse and conflict, and ways to support friends safely.
18.	Career and Work Concerns	Identify career development principles and how to support friends with career or work concerns.