



Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation
presents the
**2020 Eric Gilbertson Advocacy Institute for Behavioral Health
APPLICATION**

The Eric Gilbertson Advocacy Institute for Behavioral Health (aka Institute) is designed for service recipients, family members, board members of behavioral health agencies, and individuals concerned about quality behavioral health services in Arizona. The goal of the training is to provide a comprehensive overview of the Arizona behavioral health system and to assist you in becoming an effective advocate for those receiving behavioral health services.

The Institute provides information, training, and resources to participants on behavioral health issues as the system continues to move towards integration of physical and behavioral health. We want to empower you at the individual, provider, and system level to be a voice about what works and what needs improvement. The Institute will provide participants with opportunities to gather information from leaders and advocates in the Arizona behavioral health system. Additionally, you will have an opportunity to network with others who have a similar interest in creating a powerful voice on important issues. You will learn how various state agencies are responsible for the delivery of integrated behavioral health services and how the public policy process works at the state and national levels to impact behavioral health policy.

Topics Covered
(Subject to change)

History of the Disability Movement
State Agencies That Deliver Services to Individuals
The Role of DHS, DES, AHCCCS, DOE, the Courts & Corrections
The Role of the Regional Behavioral Health Authorities (RBHAs) & Complete Care Contractors
Community Supports
State & Federal Policy
Legislative Process
Organizing for Change



Dear Applicant,

Attached is the Institute's 2020 application form.

When completing the application, please consider the time commitment required to participate in this program. To obtain the greatest benefit from the program, it is important that you attend as many of the online sessions as possible. In addition, students will be given access to video presentations prior to each online session.

There is a **nonrefundable \$10 application fee due at the time your application is submitted.** Upon acceptance into the program, a **\$75 program fee will be due to obtain your WebEx access to the course.** The program fee is refundable only if the accepted student cancels his/her enrollment **before** the first scheduled session.

Students will commit to:

- Review video presentations prior to the next session.
- Attend all online sessions.
- Complete all homework assignments.
- Utilize skills attained through the Institute.

For the safety of participants, course facilitator and speakers, all training will be held virtually via WebEx this year.

The Board of Directors of the Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation will review applications. Final selection should be completed by August 28, 2019.

Please remember to complete the **full** application (with requested references) and submit your \$10 application fee by the application deadline on **August 24, 2020**. **Please make sure you attach a check or money order (no cash please) with the application. Credit card payments will also be accepted and can be made at www.azabc.org/eg_institute.**

Thank you!

Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation



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SESSIONS TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY VIA WEBEX

2020 DATES

- Session 1: September 12, 2020, 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Session 2: September 26, 2020, 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Session 3: October 10, 2020, 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Session 4: October 24, 2020, 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Session 5: November 7, 2020, 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Session 6: November 21, 2020, 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: August 24, 2020

Email the completed application and the two character reference letters to Jodi Herfurth at jodih@azabc.org, re: EG Institute, or by physical mail to:

**ABC – EG Institute
501 E. Thomas Road
Phoenix, AZ 85012**

Application fee payments can be made by credit card at www.azabc.org/eg_institute. If paying by check or money order, please make payable to:

Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation

Please do not send cash. Make sure you have sufficient postage on your application/check envelope.

Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation will notify all applicants regardless of acceptance by **September 4, 2020**.

Questions? Contact Jodi Herfurth at 602-712-9200, ext. 208 or JodiH@azabc.org, subject line "ABC – EG Institute"



APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION

1. **Name**
2. **Street Address:** **Apt. #:**
3. **City:** **County:** **Zip:**
4. **Home Phone:** **Work Phone:**
Cell Phone:
5. **E-Mail Address:**

**QUESTION 6 – 8 TO BE COMPLETED IF YOU ARE APPLYING AS
A BOARD MEMBER, COMMUNITY ADVOCATE, OR
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICE WORKER**

6. Which agency/group/board are you associated with? Please list all that apply.
7. How long have you been working with this agency/group/board?
8. What motivates your involvement in the Institute?



QUESTION 9 – 12 TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS

9. How did you learn of the Institute?

10. Please list any volunteer activities, past and present.

11. Please tell us why you think you should be chosen for the Institute (in 25 words or less).

12. Please provide any additional information you think the Institute should know regarding your application. (Use additional sheets if necessary.)

Please include and attach two letters of character reference (*not from family members*) the Institute can contact. Be sure to include telephone numbers.



OPTIONAL

(The Institute keeps this information strictly confidential and uses the information only in aggregate to document the population served by the Institute advocacy program for funders of the Institute. Individuals are never identified.)

17. Are you a parent, guardian and/or family member of an individual with behavioral health needs? Yes No

18. Are you an adult receiving behavioral health services? Yes No