



Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation
presents the
**2022 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 meet and talk with leaders and advocates in the Arizona behavioral health system. Additionally, you will have an opportunity to meet and unite 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 2022 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 sessions as possible.

There is a **nonrefundable \$10 application fee**. Upon acceptance into the program, a **\$75 program fee will be due**. The program fee is refundable only if the accepted student cancels his/her enrollment **before** the first scheduled session. A limited number of scholarships for this program are available upon request.

The Institute will:

- Provide a continental breakfast, lunch, snacks, and beverages (coffee, water, soda) for each session.
- Provide all training materials electronically (hard copies available by prior arrangement), and speakers.

Students will commit to:

- Attend all sessions.
- Complete all homework assignments.
- Keep Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation informed about advocacy activities after graduation.
- Utilize skills attained through the Institute.

Training will be at Recovery Empowerment Network (REN), 212 E Osborn Rd, Phoenix 85012.

The Board of Directors of the Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation will review applications. Final selection should be completed by September 2, 2022.

Please remember to complete the **full** application (with requested references) and submit your \$10 application fee by the application deadline on **August 19, 2022**. **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.** All payment is due **prior** to our first class on September 10, 2022 unless other arrangements have been made.

Thank you!



Eric Gilbertson Advocacy Institute for Behavioral Health

SESSIONS TO BE HELD AT:

Recovery Empowerment Network (REN)
212 E Osborn Rd
Phoenix, AZ 85012

(Please do NOT send applications to this location.)

2022 DATES

Session 1: September 10, 2022, 9:30 am to 4 pm
Session 2: September 24, 2022, 9:30 am to 4 pm
Session 3: October 8, 2022, 9:30 am to 4 pm
Session 4: October 22, 2022, 9:30 am to 4 pm
Session 5: November 5, 2022, 9:30 am to 4 pm
Session 6: November 19, 2022, 9:30 am to 4 pm

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

August 19, 2022

Email the completed application and the two character reference letters to Jodi Herfurth at jodih@azabc.org, Subject: 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 **ABC**. Cash payments will no longer be accepted.

Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation will notify all applicants regardless of acceptance by **September 2, 2022**.

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



APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION
ALL APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE ITEMS 1-10
(PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

1. **Name** _____

2. **Street Address:** _____ **Apt. #** _____

3. **City:** _____ **County:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

4. **Phone:** _____ **Alternative Phone:** _____

5. **E-Mail** _____

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

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

8. How did you learn about the Institute?

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



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

10. Please list any special dietary requirements:

Please note: The Institute will do its best to accommodate special dietary needs, but cannot guarantee meeting all special needs.

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.)

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

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

13. Would you like to apply for a scholarship for the Institute? Yes ___ No ___

14. Will you need special seating or other accommodations (wheelchair space, etc.)? Yes ___
If yes, what kinds? _____ No ___

QUESTION 15-17 TO BE COMPLETED IF YOU ARE APPLYING AS A BOARD MEMBER, COMMUNITY ADVOCATE, OR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF

15. Which agency/group/board are you associated with? Please list all that apply.

16. How long have you been working with this agency/group/board?

17. What motivates your involvement in the Institute?
