#### PEER EDUCATOR DEVELOPMENT & LEADERSHIP:

### **Keeping Leaders Engaged and Tools for Recruiting Strong Leaders**

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## WELCOME!

#### **Meeting Objectives:**

- Learn about the PEDAL (Peer Educator Development and Leadership) program to keep leaders engaged and excited
- Review CDSME Toolkit Materials to Maximize Your Leader Workforce
- Technical Assistance Updates



#### Peer Educator Development and Leadership







# WHAT IS PEDAL?

Quarterly meeting with HL Leaders

• Similar structure as HL workshop (but can be shortened if necessary): 2 ½ hours with a 20 minute break

 Includes brainstorming, problem solving, action planning

### WHY PEDAL?

Increase fidelity

• Maintain Leader Engagement

Coordinate Logistics/paperwork



#### **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

- Build Agenda: Program Coordinators/Fidelity Checkers maintain list of common/recurring issues observed in workshops
- At meeting, address above issues AND:
  - Brainstorm list of problems that Leaders have experienced in facilitating
  - Select a problem to Problem Solve
  - Discuss problem a little more to really "Identify the Problem"



# TYPICAL PEDAL SESSION, CONTINUED

 Once the problem is well identified, conduct a Brainstorm of possible solutions

(E.g, Problem: "Participants are too talkative.")
Solution ideas:

Talk to disruptive participants at break/

Say: "Shhhh!"

Say: "Let's all give our attention to this topic now"

### **SKILLS BUILDING IN PEDAL:**

• Role Play Feedback/Report on Action Plans in which each Leader/ "participant" acts as a someone they have experienced in a workshop – e.g., someone who had not done their action plan but didn't seem to care that they had not done it.

• After role play, discuss how the "Leaders" handled the difficult situations, and whether the situations were handled with fidelity to the Stanford curriculum.

## MORE PEDAL ACTIVITIES

- "Lecturettes" on updates of Program Activities/ how many participants/completers so far
- Brainstorm "Why is data collection important?"
- Discuss participant retention/completion



# SAMPLE AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions each person shares where they have facilitated/how many workshops
- Report: Program Activities & Accomplishments
- Brainstorm facilitation issues/problems
- Problem solve 1-3 of the problems
- Logistics: give out new folders and supplies
- Action Plans (what Leaders will do with new knowledge)

### RESOURCES TO IMPLEMENT PEDAL

• Time (~2 hours planning plus 2 ½ hour meeting)

Conference Room

Paper/whiteboard/flipchart/markers

# CHALLENGES

 Scheduling PEDAL so that all Leaders can attend – give lots of lead time

• Different levels of skills - not everyone needs all of the skill building, but the higher level leaders can help the ones that need to improve.

## **OVERALL IMPACT**

- Informal evaluation and feedback has shown that participants are more confident because of skills building in the PEDAL sessions.
- Leaders stay engaged.
- Venue for leaders to give feedback about how the program is going.
- Leaders meet with each other.
- Improve skills and program fidelity.

# 3 Steps to Implement PEDAL

• Ask yourself and your leaders: What are some common struggles in workshop facilitation?

Set meeting date

• Build agenda, and be flexible!

# **CA Healthier Living Coalition Brainstorm:**

 What are some issues your program could address in a PEDAL session?



# QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? DISCUSSION?



# **CDSME LEADER TOOLKIT**

**Materials to Maximize Your Leader Workforce** 







## WHAT IS THE LEADER TOOLKIT?

- 1. Introduction Letter/Packet
- 2. Volunteer Application
- 3. Interview Script
- 4. Welcome Letter
- 5. Leader Agreement

# WHY A LEADER TOOLKIT?

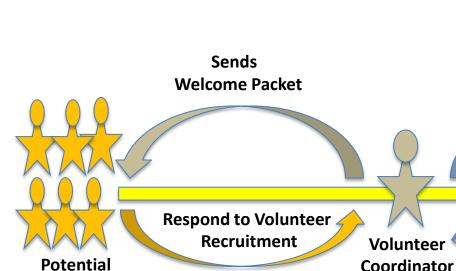
#### Aligns with / supports PEDAL

- Offers a warm welcome
- Creates new volunteer roles to support CDSME
- Affirms appreciation
- Emphasizes volunteer contribution
- Orients new volunteers
- Builds relationship

#### **Promotes Fidelity**

- Enhances communication
- Provides an overall vision for their role
- Makes expectations clear
- Screens potential volunteers
- Aligns volunteer role with individual skills and needs
- Mentoring opportunity

# HOW TO USE THE LEADER TOOLKIT



**Send in Application** 

Recruits Volunteers

**Volunteers** 

Current Leaders invited to PEDAL Meetings



Sends Selected Volunteers
Welcome Letter with
Orientation / PEDAL
meeting date

New Volunteers
receive an
orientation, meet
existing Leaders,
experience a PEDAL
meeting

PEDAL Meeting

# HOW TO USE THE LEADER TOOLKIT

#### **STEP 1:**

Introduction Letter & Leader Application

#### **STEP 2:**

Leader
Interview
Script &
Assessment
Tool

#### **STEP 3:**

Welcome Letter & Orientation / PEDAL

#### **STEP 4:**

CDSME
Training &
Leader
Agreement
for "Leaders"

# INTRODUCTION LETTER / PACKET

For individuals interested in becoming a volunteer & / or leader

#### Provides overview of:

- Agency
- Evidence-based Programs
- Healthier Living & other EBPs
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Process
- Volunteer Coordinator
   Contact Information

#### Healthier Living Volunteer Introduction Letter

Put on Agency Letterhead

Date

Dear [Name of Volunteer]:

Thank you for your interest in (Agency Name) and the Healthier Living program. Our mission is to serve as a (Agency's Mission). Evidence-based programs (EBPs) are programs that are proven to promote health and prevent disease through rigorous research, and they are an important part of the services we provide to make significant impact in the quality of life and day-to-day management people have in managing their health and chronic conditions. Included in this information packet you will find, an overview of (Agency Name), materials describing Healthier Living and our other evidence-based programs (EBPs), the volunteer opportunities we have available, and the process of becoming a volunteer. Please let me know if you have any questions whatsoever.

Healthier Living is, an evidence-based program, also known as the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program, developed by Stanford University. It is an interactive workshop for people with varying chronic condition(s) to help and support one another. The program is designed to help people manage ongoing health conditions such as arthritis, diabetes, heart disease, depression and asthma. It is a six week workshop series that takes place once a week for 2 ½ hours facilitated by two trained leaders. Overall, Healthier Living teaches the skills needed in the day-to-day management of chronic condition(s) and to maintain and/or increase life's activities. The curriculum includes appropriate behavior modifications and coping strategies to enable participants to manage their chronic disease(s) and medications and increase physical activity levels. At (Agency Name), we also offer other workshops similar to Healthier Living, including (Other evidence-based programs, such as Diabetes Self-Management, Walk with Ease, etc.).

Volunteering to support the Healthier Living program provides you with the opportunity serve your community through evidence-based health promotion programs that educate, strengthen, and motivate people living with chronic conditions to better manage their health, giving them tools they can use every day to feel better and be in control of their health. There are many ways to support the program and the greater health of your community by volunteering, such as being a workshop facilitator, prepping materials, identifying community partners, or developing newsletter stories.

After reading the enclosed materials we hope that you will be interested in joining us to spread Healthier Living and other evidence-based programs. To begin the process of becoming a volunteer, please fill out the attached application and send to our office via postal mail, email or fax. We appreciate your interest in learning more about our program, and if you have any further questions, feel free to contact us directly at (Agency Phone Number).

Sincerely,

(Coordinator's Name) (Position Title, Program Title) (Email, Fax Number)

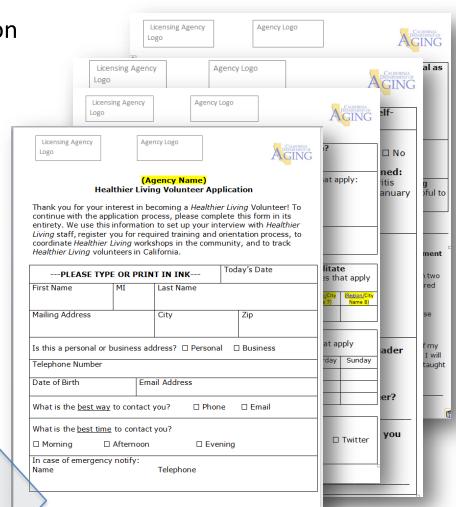
### LEADER APPLICATION

Application provided in the introduction letter/packet

- This tool will provide agencies with potential leader's:
  - Contact Information
  - Preferred Service Areas
  - Details on their experience
  - Agency affiliation (if any)
  - Goals for becoming a volunteer
  - Volunteer interests

#### **Next Step:**

➤ Volunteer Coordinator conducts screening process



# LEADER INTERVIEW SCRIPT & ASSESSMENT TOOL

# Guide to assess the skills, abilities, and motivation

- Provides the opportunity for:
  - The candidate to ask questions and express concerns
  - The Coordinator to review:
    - Personal motivation
    - Volunteer opportunities
    - Position Responsibilities
    - Program Fidelity
- **Next Step:**
- Volunteer Coordinator sends Welcome Letter

- 5. How can this volunteer experience/leading the Healthier Living workshop be beneficial to you?
- 6. What do you feel would be challenging for you as a volunteer with us?

#### CDSME Leader Interview & Assessment Form

Date:	Interviewer(s):	
Prospective Volunteer Name:	Phone:	Email:

- 1. What inspired you about this opportunity?
- Tell me more about your experience and how it prepares you for our work (ask about their experience working with different populations in the local community).
  - a. What skills or personal qualities do you feel you could bring to this program? (outteach & communications, computers/copiers, people skills, mentoring, problem solving, partnership development, public speaking, etc.)
  - b. (If they have attended a Healthier Living/EBP workshop before) What was your experience during the workshop you attended?
- 3. Describe your ideal volunteer position and volunteering environment.
  - a. What would you like to get out of the volunteering experience?
- 4. How do you feel about using a workshop script and teaching the workshop only as outlined in the course manual?

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### WELCOME LETTER

# Provided to selected volunteers after the interview

#### This tool will provide candidates with:

- Orientation session dates
- Next steps & process
- Introduction to PEDAL
- Contact person
- Leader Agreement

#### Healthier Living Volunteer Welcome Letter

Put on Agency Letterhead

#### Date

#### Dear [Name of Volunteer]:

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with (Agency Name)! It was a pleasure to meet and learn more about you. I am pleased to offer you a position as a [Volunteer Position Name].

We invite you to attend an orientation session for new volunteers (details to the right) to commence your volunteering with us. During the session, we will:

- Provide program background & training
- Review policies and procedures
- Discuss staff and volunteer responsibilities

In addition, we will also work with you to schedule a (CDSME Program Name) training and subsequent workshop to facilitate. Together, the training and workshop will prepare you for your work as an (CDSME Program Name) Leader and help you attain (CDSME Program Name) Leader Certification. At the orientation we will provide you

#### Welcome to the (Agency Name)!

#### Orientation Details

Where:

Tim

Please review and bring a signed copy of the attached Leader Agreement to orientation.

with an overview of what to expect during the (CDSME Program Name) training and certification process.

Please know we do not expect you to have all the answers at the end of this initial orientation or training, and a variety of resources are available to you as our volunteer. (Agency Name) will support your work as a Leader and volunteer by providing ongoing opportunities to learn and strengthen your skills through our Peer Education Development and Learning (PEDAL) sessions (and / or Agency Name volunteer support practices). These PEDAL sessions are a great opportunity to meet other volunteers, share experiences, and receive valuable tips. We also have experienced Leaders and volunteers available to mentor new (Agency Name) volunteers.

I've enclosed a volunteer agreement form. Please review, sign, and bring it with you to the orientation session. Thank you very much for signing up to volunteer with (Agency Name) I look forward to working with you in service to our community. Please let me know if you have any questions at all, I am here to support you!

#### Sincerely,

(Coordinator's Name)
(Position Title, Program Title)
(Agency Name)
(Agency Address)
(Agency Phone Number, Fax Number)
(Fmail)

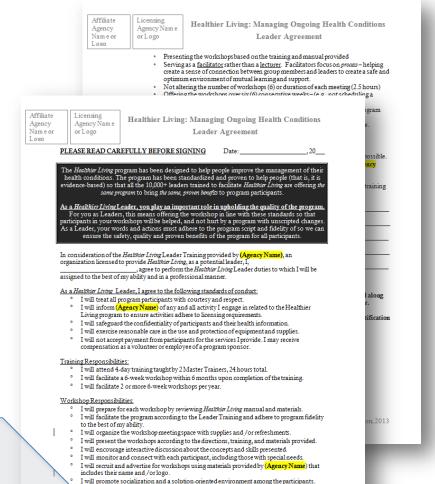
### LEADER AGREEMENT

# Provides an overview of the program standards & Leader responsibilities, including:

- Standards of Conduct
- Training Responsibilities
- Workshop Responsibilities
- Upon Completion of the Workshop

#### **Next Step:**

New volunteer attends orientation & PEDAL meeting. Coordinator puts all volunteer documents into a leader file.



I will strive to ensure that workshops follow the proven model by:

Co-facilitating workshops with another trained Leader

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#### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE UPDATE

#### New Statewide CDSME License coming soon!

Chronic Pain Self-Management added to license

Cross – Trainings

New Affiliate Agreement available

# New process for holding Leader Trainings under statewide license!

Leader Training Request Form

**Leader Training Data Packets** 

# THANK YOU!

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