

May 19, 2017

9am – 4pm

Navigating Public Benefits for Special Populations

A number of special populations have access to specific public benefits based on the category to which they belong. This presentation will review public benefits access for non-citizens, victims of Domestic Violence, Veterans and justice-involved populations. In addition, best practices for navigating the disability benefits application process will be discussed. The presentation will also examine special factors to consider when working with Seniors and Persons with Disabilities.

Register Now:

at www.mc708.org or please contact:

Kristen Doherty Phone (815) 788-4399

Fax: (815) 455-2925.

Email: kdoherty@mc708.org

*CEU's: 6 CEUs for social workers, and professional counselors/clinical counselors will be provided.

IAODAPCA CEUs pending.

McHenry Co. Mental Health Board
620 Dakota Street, Crystal Lake, IL



Kristin Hartsaw

Kristin Hartsaw is the Director of Training and Technical Assistance with the DuPage Federation on Human Services Reform. In this role, she helps to develop and conduct training programs including *Making the Connection: Accessing Public Benefits*, Health Insurance Navigator/Assistor training, Cultural Competency and Mental Health First Aid. Ms. Hartsaw currently serves as the State Team Lead for the SOAR initiative.

Prior to her work with the DuPage Federation, Ms. Hartsaw worked for fifteen years in public health. The majority of her past professional experience includes work within the HIV prevention and case management fields but also includes topics ranging from teen pregnancy prevention, cultural competency, community health education and more.

Kristin received a Master's degree in Public Health from the University of Illinois-Chicago (Health Policy and Administration) and is a Master Certified Health Education Specialist (MCHES). In addition to her work with the DuPage Federation, Ms. Hartsaw has been a part-time instructor with the on-line MPH Program at Benedictine University since 2011.

Kathryn Nelson

Kathryn Nelson is the Program Director for Public Benefit Access with the DuPage Federation. Prior to her work with the DuPage Federation, Ms. Nelson worked for 30 years in state government with the State of Illinois Department of Human Services. Since leaving state service, Ms. Nelson developed the *Making the Connection* training program. This training is designed to provide information about public benefits and strategies to improve benefit access and case advocacy for consumers. The targeted training audience is community organizations, area hospitals, mental health providers and other social service providers. Since 2008, Ms. Nelson has been a SOAR trainer and a member of the statewide SOAR planning and implementation team.

From 2013-2016, Ms. Nelson has been part of the University of Illinois at Chicago, School of Public Health and the State of Illinois Get Covered training team. This team has been responsible for developing and training the new In Person Assister/Navigators under the Affordable Care Act.

McHenry County Behavioral Healthcare Network Continuing Education Program

McHenry County Mental Health Board Training Registration

Name of Training: Navigating Public Benefits for Special Populations

Presenters: Kristin Hartsaw & Kathryn Nelson

Date: May 19, 2017

Location: McHenry County Mental Health Board

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Agency: [Redacted]

Cost: Sponsored by MCMHB

	Name	License number (if applicable)
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		
9		
10		
11		
12		
13		
14		
15		
16		
17		
18		
19		
20		
21		
22		
23		
24		
25		

Please return to Kristen Doherty: Mental Health Board, 620 Dakota Street, Crystal Lake, IL 60012

Phone (815) 788-4399/ Fax (815) 455-2925 / Email kdoherty@mc708.org (Include Agency name above.)