

Peer Specialist Webinar Series

Tuesday, January 26

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Enhancing Quality of Care with Psychiatric Advanced Directive (PAD) and Peer Support

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**Presented by Rayshell Chambers, Laurie Hallmark,
Elyn R. Saks, Christopher Schnieders,
and Tristan Scremin**

A Psychiatric Advance Directive (PAD) is a legal document that details preferences for future mental health treatment, services, and supports. This webinar will present the core elements of a PAD, and the role and benefits of Peer Specialists facilitating and supporting their development. Presented by experts in field, this panel discussion will share how PADs are having positive impacts on mental health and crisis services.

Learning Objectives:

- List at least 5 core elements of a Psychiatric Advanced Directive (PAD)
- Identify the benefits of developing a PAD to quality of care, community safety, and cultural responsiveness
- Describe the role of Peer Specialists and benefits of peer-facilitated PADs

Meet the Presenters

Rayshell Chambers is a black community leader from Oakland, CA, who has dedicated her personal and professional pursuits to designing and advocating for comprehensive health and human service programs that enhance the human condition of the most vulnerable populations. Chambers

holds a Bachelor's degree in Sociology and a Master of Public Policy & Administration, She utilizes both her cultural experiences and lived mental health challenges as a peer to design culturally-responsive programs. She is the co-founder of Painted Brain, a mental health tech nonprofit based in Los Angeles, that provides peer-based services and practice training in technology and clinical mental health. In addition, Chambers is an independent consultant who provides capacity building support and grant writing for small nonprofits that serve communities of color.

Laurie Hallmark leads a Psychiatric Advance Directive (PAD) project for Texas RioGrande Legal Aid. For the past four years, Hallmark's work has focused exclusively on PADs as a mechanism to increase system accountability and open avenues for self-determination-based advocacy. Hallmark is an advisor on PADs to the state of California and a person with lived experience.

Elyn R. Saks is Orrin B. Evans Distinguished Professor of Law, Psychology, and Psychiatry and the Behavioral Sciences at the University of Southern California Gould School of Law; Founder and Faculty Director of the Saks Institute for Mental Health Law, Policy, and Ethics; Adjunct Professor of Psychiatry at the University of California, San Diego, School of Medicine; and Faculty at the New Center for Psychoanalysis. Professor Saks received her J.D. from Yale Law School, and a Ph.D. in Psychoanalytic Science from the New Center for Psychoanalysis. She was also awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree (LL.D., Hon.) from Pepperdine University and an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D., Hon.) from William James College. Saks writes extensively in the area of law and mental health, having published five books and more than fifty articles and book chapters. Her memoir, *The Center Cannot Hold: My Journey Through Madness*, describes her struggles with schizophrenia and her managing to craft a good life for herself in the face of a dire prognosis. She has won numerous honors, including a 2009 John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Fellowship (the so-called "Genius Grant").

Christopher Schnieders leads the development, planning, and implementation of Saks Institute research and activities, including the annual spring symposium and the Institute's Supported Decision-Making research study. He also contributes to the academic efforts of Professor Elyn Saks and the Saks Student Scholars.

Tristan Scremin was born in Rosario, Argentina, and immigrated to the US as a child with his family. He grew up in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and currently lives in Los Angeles, California. Tristan has lived with schizophrenia for his entire adult life. He currently works as Community Liaison at Painted Brain. Scremin is a Certified Peer Specialist and has completed a JD from Peoples College of Law and an MFA from Antioch University.

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Incorporating Youth Leadership into Treatment

By: Evelyn Clark and Tyus Reed

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Leadership skills are an essential part of life. Every person has leadership qualities. Come learn from these experts on how they have incorporated youth leadership into treatment plans to empower youth to see how their resilience is leadership. You will also hear from a youth who received behavioral health treatment and how leadership has helped them thrive. You will be empowered and so will the youth you serve!

Learning Objectives:

- List at least 3 tools mental health peer specialists can use to empower youth.
- Name 3 leadership skills and how they promote engagement in treatment planning.
- Describe how resilience can be defined as a type of leadership.

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