






# TRAINING OVERVIEW\*

## ▶ ABOUT THIS ACTIVITY

-  **Time:** 10 minutes
-  **Objectives:** By the end of this session, participants will be able to:
  - Get to know each other in more
  - Understand the purpose and role of the Peer Educator Training Site (PETS) project to participants.
-  **In this activity you will:**
  - Provide information about project purpose (10 minutes).
-  **Materials:** None
-  **Preparation:** None

## Instructions

Gather all participants into a group and read the following introduction.

“Nationally, the purpose of the Peer Educator Training Site (PETS) project is to learn how to build the capacity of organizations and Peers to develop and replicate HIV Peer Education programs. In Missouri, we are one of three sites participating in this larger national program, which is funded by the federal government’s Health Resource Service Administration, also known as HRSA. The project is research-based, which means that on a local and national level you will help us gather information that may guide future program policies. Your input will be important in demonstrating how effective Peer support can be for engaging persons living with HIV into care.”

“We are excited that you have taken the second step of wanting to participate in Level II training. This week’s Level II training will provide insights about HIV and the important role Peer Educators play both in helping others who are living with HIV increase their knowledge, engage in primary care and education to improve one’s self-care. By the end of the training you will be ready to move onto Level III, that encompasses shadowing a Peer Educator who is already applying skills learned in working with patients in HIV primary care clinics. The trained Peer Educator will then provide reverse shadowing, which is supporting you at the site you will be working or volunteering to ensure the transition in the role as Peer Educator is seamless.”

“As stated earlier, another component of the project is building capacity of organizations that provide HIV primary care. We will invite primary care clinics to an informational session to tell them about PETS: Missouri AIDS Alliance and peek their interest in incorporating a Peer program in their clinics. We will complete a needs assessment of these interested clinics to determine whether the organization has the capacity to have a Peer program and, if not, how to go about developing the necessary capacity. Thank you for joining us for this training.”

\* This module comes from the Missouri People to People Training Manual, 2008.

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## Summary

The purpose of this session is to ensure that all participants understand the purpose of the Peer Educator Training Site (PETS) project and what will be expected of them as Peer Educators.

Before continuing, ask the group if anyone has any questions about the training program or the PETS project in general.

\* This module is part of the online toolkit Building Blocks to Peer Success. For more information, visit [http://www.hdwg.org/peer\\_center/training\\_toolkit](http://www.hdwg.org/peer_center/training_toolkit). This module comes from the Missouri People to People Training Manual, 2008.