Living Works Start Course Guidance for CPW Applicants

The Center for Public Health Education (CPHE) at Stony Brook University is pleased to announce the availability of the **Living Works Start** course, which will serve as a virtual substitute for **Living Works Safe TALK**, a required course for all applicants for the New York State Peer Worker Certification Program in HIV, HCV Harm Reduction and PrEP. This 90-minute course teaches trainees to recognize when someone is thinking about suicide and connect them to help and support.

This class is available to peer worker applicants seeking NYS Certified Peer Worker (CPW) Certification and will be distributed to those who are near completion of the full application. In order to receive a license to access the course, the applicant must have completed the following:

- All other required courses*
- Code of Ethics
- Exam
- Resume
- Statement of Lived Experience
- Supervisor Evaluation

Applicants and/or program supervisors may request access to the course by submitting an email to stonybrookpeercertication@gmail.com. Once a request is received, the program will review the applicant's file to verify that the requirements have been met. If there are elements of the file missing, the program will notify applicant of the additional requirements needed before obtaining access to the class.

If approved, applicant will receive an email from Living Works Start to enroll. The license is only valid for 60 days so you must complete the class within two months. *Due to the interactive nature of this online training, enrollees must have access to a microphone on the device used to take the class*.

Take the following steps to complete the class:

1. Click on "Create your Living Works Connect Account."
2. Answer the demographic and pre-survey questions.
3. Once registered, you will see "My Dashboard" which will have the box "Enrolled Courses".
4. Click on "Go to my training" in the Enrolled Courses box. You will see the LivingWorks Start course with a "View Course" button which will start the modules.
5. Once completed with the modules, you will need to complete the post-survey.
6. When you have completed the survey you will receive a copy of your certificate.
7. Download and print your certificate for your records. You will also receive an email with a copy of the certificate in pdf format which you need to save.
8. Upload the certificate to your HIVTRAININGNY.ORG application profile on the Required Courses tab, in the section designated for safe TALK.

PLEASE NOTE: Your enrollment in the course is only valid for 60 days. If you are assigned a license and fail to complete the course in the time frame, you will not be issued another license. If you do not start the course within 30 days, the program reserves the right to reassign the license to another user**.**

Questions? If you have additional questions or need further assistance, please contact the Center for Public Health Education Program at 631-444-3209 or at stonybrookpeercertification@gmail.com

*The program may distribute licenses to peers with anticipated completion of coursework and other requirements within the next 30-90 days