

The Serious Mental Illness/Severe Emotional Disturbance Section of Division 18 (Psychologists in Public Service) Excellence in Training Award

The Serious Mental Illness/Severe Emotional Disturbance section of Division 18 (Psychologists in Public Service) is soliciting nominations for our annual **Excellence in Training Award**. The goal of the award is to recognize psychology training programs (graduate programs, internships, and post-doctoral fellowships) which prepare their students to provide recovery-oriented, evidence-based services to adults diagnosed with serious mental illnesses and/or youth diagnosed with severe emotional disturbances.

A prime criterion for the award is that programs should reflect adoption of recovery model principles in their training curriculum. Efforts to involve students and/or trainees in implementing such evidence-based practices are also highly regarded. A successful training program would include many of the training practices listed below:

- 1 Practicum opportunities with persons diagnosed with SMI/SED, particularly across a range of settings (inpatient, outpatient, day treatment, supported employment and education, and supported housing) with a multidisciplinary team,
- 2 Specific didactic offerings related to assessment and treatment of SMI/SED,
- 3 Formal inclusion of perspectives from people with lived experience,
- 4 Promotion of evidence based psychosocial rehabilitation strategies and practices,
- 5 Faculty involved in research, practice, and clinical supervision in working with individuals diagnosed with SMI/SED.

Programs that are interested in applying for the award should send the following information to sgenden@gmail.com: 1) title of program, 2) program contact name, address, telephone number, and email address, and 3) a description of the way(s) in which their program meets the criteria for the award. **Nominations should be no longer than 3 pages and are due by July 17, 2017.**

The winning site will receive \$500, which will be awarded at the Annual APA Convention in Washington D.C. in August 2017. For programs that submitted nominations in 2016, these nominations can be active for two years. If you wish, you may submit updated material by the July deadline but you are under no obligation to do so to be considered in 2017. If you do not wish that your program be considered this year, please respond to this notice by the July deadline.