

## **Blues Program Training Process**

## **Initial Blues Program Training**

Cost: \$3,000 (or \$500 per seat if attending an open class)

- A master Blues Program Trainer of Trainers (TOT) provides an 8-hour training and consultation on initial delivery of the Blues Program.
- The training is typically delivered over two half days, virtually.
- Groups of facilitators (up to 14) are trained together.

## **Fidelity Adherence Certification**

Cost: \$2,700 (\$225 per recording for reviewing, rating, supervision notes) Twelve approved sessions are needed to pass successfully.

- The goal of this stage is to establish and operate a model adherent program staffed by a proficient facilitator.
- Facilitator will audio- or video-record two cohorts of students receiving Blues
  Program groups (i.e., two examples of each of the 6 group sessions for a total of 12
  recordings) and send them to the master Trainer of Trainers (TOT) via secure
  method.
- The TOT will review and rate sessions using validated 100-point rating forms for session adherence and facilitator competence.
- The TOT delivers a supervision note after reviewing each session recording.
- A facilitator who receives adherent scores on 12 recordings is considered certified in fidelity adherence. They may move onto the process of becoming a Trainer-oftrainers for their agency's staff.
- Thresholds needed for certification:
  - An average session rating of 70 for session adherence
  - o An average session rating of 60 for therapeutic competence
  - Additional tapes will be reviewed if adherence scores are low, and an additional expense will be incurred.





## **Sustainability - Trainer of Trainers for your agency**

Cost for Step 1: \$150 (\$50 per recording review - minimum of three reviews) Cost for Step 2: \$3,000 for TOT to consult on training preparation, review trainee's plans, and observe the 8 hours of training (up to 3 trainees allowed per recording).

- The goal of this stage is to have a trained Trainer-of-Trainers (TOT) in place to support the ongoing implementation of the Blues Program in your organization.
- Requirements: Facilitator must be Fidelity Adherence Certified.
- TOT training Step 1 (Completed by COBYS Family Services):
  - TOT trainee reviews 3 session recordings provided by their organization, scores fidelity adherence and group leader competence and provides a supervision note.
  - o TOT trainer also reviews and scores these 3 session recordings.
  - o 75% of trainee's scores must be within 10 points of the trainer's scores.
- TOT training Step 2 (Completed by Dr. Paul Rohde):
  - Trainee delivers the initial Blues Program training to 2-14 staff from their own agency.
  - Prior to this training, the TOT trainee meets with Dr. Paul Rohde to review training plans.
  - o TOT trainer observes the 8-hour initial Blues Training provided by the TOT trainee.
  - o If training is adequate, the trainee becomes a certified Trainer of Trainers for their agency.



