

2020 PEER UNION COUNSELING PROGRAM

WEDNESDAYS 5:30PM -7:30PM

MARCH 4th-APRIL 17th

During the Peer/Union Counseling Program, participants learn about an array of human service programs available in our community and how to access them. They gain skills to effectively listen and communicate with others, evaluate problems, and make referrals. This course is ideal for anyone that wants to offer a compassionate "hand-up" to a coworker, a student, a neighbor, or a friend.

MARCH 04 INTRODUCTION TO PEER/UNION COUNSELING **United Way of Greater Lafayette**

WHAT IS A PEER/UNION COUNSELOR? In this session we will cover the basics including the history of Northern Indiana Area Labor Federation's (NIALF) community commitment and partnership with United Way of Greater Lafayette, the do's and don'ts of Peer Counseling, and active listening training. Attendees will walk-away, Day 1, with resources to help co-workers, students, neighbors and friends.

MARCH 11 POVERTY SIMULATION **IBEW Local #668**

WALK A MILE IN SOMEONE ELSE'S SHOES. The Poverty Simulation is an impactful and interactive experience in which participants begin to understand the realities of the working poor, trying to survive from month to month. Each participant takes on the role of a person living in poverty. Roles are based on real family scenarios. The goal is to make ends meet, feed your family and maintain housing for one month. **COULD YOU SURVIVE?**

MARCH 18 HOUSING & LEGAL ASSISTANCE **LTHC Engagement Center**

FROM RELOCATIONS TO EVICTIONS TO HOMELESSNESS we have all the resources to answer your questions. This session will feature everything from options for low-income families to build a home to the starting point to find resources when facing homelessness. Participants will tour the new LTHC Engagement Center and participate in an interactive activity to further understand our local homeless population and how to get them connected to permanent housing.

MARCH 25 BASIC NEEDS & STATE ASSISTANCE **Food Finders Resource Center**

ENERGY ASSISTANCE, FOOD PANTRIES, MEDICAID AND MORE When basic needs go unmet it can be difficult for students to focus, for employees to be productive, and for those in need to have hope for the future. This session uncovers all of the resources to connect individuals to assistance with food insecurity and medical needs as well as weatherization of their homes and energy cost savings.

APRIL 01 UNEMPLOYMENT & UNDEREMPLOYMENT **UAW Local #2317 Union Hall**

THE "NOT-SO-SECRET" SECRETS TO A SUCCESSFUL SEARCH Facing job-loss can be a difficult time in terms of meeting basic needs, but it can also be a time to tap into growth opportunities in a career. This session introduces local programs to help workers get back on their feet and "tool-up" for their next career move featuring a Q&A Panel of local apprenticeship programs, LARA resources, and WorkOne workforce development programs.

APRIL 08 CHILD CARE, ELDER CARE & OTHER DEPENDENT RESOURCES **Wabash Center**

QUALITY CARE WHEN YOU'RE NOT THERE. Leaving your loved ones in someone else's care can be scary and scary expensive. Thankfully our community has several resources to help working families have peace of mind while providing for their household. You'll learn about childcare, afterschool programs, guardianship assistance, senior care and more.

APRIL 15 MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE USE **Sycamore Springs**

OFFERING HOPE to those who face difficulties connecting with mental health services. The new Mental Health Navigator Services program connects individuals and families seeking mental health and/or substance use services with appropriate mental health professionals and supportive services. Hear from a panel of area professionals to understand variety of services offered in Greater Lafayette.

APRIL 17 GRADUATION BANQUET **The Columbian Room**

CELEBRATING YOUR SUCCESS Invite friends and family along for a delightful evening where you will be recognized for your dedication to serving our community. This banquet is to honor you and all Peer Union Counseling grads.

REGISTER TODAY AT

<https://www.uwlafayette.org/peer-counseling>



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SPEAKER LIST

More than 20 area professionals will led sessions, sit on panels, and engage participants in interactive immersive experiences to help understand the needs and resources in the Greater Lafayette area community.

Presenters & Facilitators

MARCH 04

Michael Budd, **United Way of Greater Lafayette**
Dennis Demay, **NIALF Lafayette Chapter President**
Al Salazar & Ebony Barrett, **United Way of Greater Lafayette**

MARCH 11

Amy O'Shea , **United Way of Greater Lafayette**

MARCH 18

Jennifer Shook, **LTHC Homeless Services**
Marie Morse, **Homestead**
Amanda McIlwain, **Legal Aid Corporation of Tippecanoe County**
Jennifer Miller, **Indiana legal Services**
Tom Elliott, **Habitat for Humanity**

MARCH 25

Briton Weise, **Food Finders Food Bank**
Don Scheiber, **GUCA**
Area IV

APRIL 01

April Gilman, **WorkOne**
Amy Wood, **Lafayette Adult Resource Academy (LARA)**
Steve Snyder, **Tippecanoe Building Trades**

APRIL 08

Pam Biggs-Reed, **Bauer Family Resources**
Barry Richard, **Boys and Girls Club**
Jaqueline Varela, **Hannah Center**
Pablo Malavenda, **LUM**
Kimberly Gordon, **On my way Pre-K**
Eric Lin, **Wabash Center**
Laurie Earnst, **Tippecanoe Senior Center**

APRIL 08

Brandi Christiansen, **MHA**
Sheri Moore, **NAMI**
Jason Pagett, **QRT**
Zoe Frantz, **Valley Oaks**
Sherri Davis, **Sycamore Springs**
Rebecca Maslanka, **We Bloom - Recovery Cafe**