

**ELEVATE ACADEMY: INTEGRATING EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES AND COLLABORATIVE MODELS INTO ALAMEDA'S ADULT REENTRY NETWORK**

**APPLICATION**

Thank you for your interest in the Elevate Academy for Adult Providers. We are very excited to invite applicants for the inaugural cohort of fellows for the Elevate Academy. Applications are due December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, and you can contact [sdebussh@gmu.edu](mailto:sdebussh@gmu.edu) if you have any questions. Please read the information below carefully before filling out the application.

***Elevate Academy Description***

The Elevate Academy for Adult Providers is a new professional development opportunity for community-based organizations serving justice-involved adults in Alameda County. The Academy has 3 goals: (1) increase understanding and use of evidence-based practices, (2) enhance program capacity to become data-driven and improve service delivery on an ongoing basis, and (3) build collaborative partnerships with Alameda County Probation Department and other reentry providers. The ultimate goal is to strengthen the network of adult reentry services in Alameda County.

The Academy is a learning fellowship with a series of collaborative learning sessions which will take place every 2 weeks from late January through early May. While most sessions will be 90-minute virtual sessions, there will also be two half-day, in-person residencies. Sessions are tentatively scheduled for the dates listed below. **Fellows are expected to participate in all sessions**, so please make sure these dates and times work for your schedule before applying.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>SESSION</b>	<b>MODALITY</b>
1/26/23, 10-11:30 AM	Module 1: A Starting Place: Building a Foundation for Becoming Evidence-Based	Virtual
2/9/23, 10-11:30 AM	Module 2: Being Data-Driven: Communicating & Measuring Your Services	Virtual
2/23/23, 10-11:30 AM	Module 3: Developing a Quality Working Relationship with Clients	Virtual
3/9/23, 10-11:30 AM	Module 4: Guiding Service Delivery with Assessments	Virtual
3/23/23, 9 AM- 1 PM	Module 5: Collaborating with Probation and Other Service Providers	In-person
4/6/23, 10-11:30 AM	Module 6: Building Clients' Motivation and Capacity to Change	Virtual
4/20/23, 10-11:30 AM	Module 7: Taking Care of Yourself: Self-Care and Compassion Fatigue	Virtual
5/4/23, 9 AM- 1 PM	Module 8: Looking Forward: Sustainability & Action Plans	In-person

### ***Eligibility & Selection***

Eligible applicants are program managers or individuals responsible for professional development/training for programs which serve justice-involved individuals in Alameda County who are currently on probation or have previously been incarcerated.

Up to 15 programs will be selected to participate in the Spring 2023 fellowship cohort. For each program, a program manager is expected to attend. An additional direct services staff member may also be nominated to attend, if desired. We are asking for programs to send no more than 2 representatives to keep our sessions small and interactive. A selection of probation staff will also be joining for module 5, which is focused on collaboration.

A lottery/random selection process will occur by December 9<sup>th</sup> to select applicants. Up to 15 programs will be selected. Two slots will be reserved specifically for non-AB 109 funded programs, although non-AB 109 funded programs may also be selected in the general lottery if there is space after selecting AB 109-funded programs. To keep this process fair and unbiased, the selection of applicants will be completely random, performed by George Mason University using a random number generator.

### ***Expectations and Participation Stipend***

Because this is a learning fellowship, attendance is expected for every session and there will be some activities outside of the training that fellows will be asked to complete to deepen their learning. We aim to create a space that invites fellows to share knowledge with each other and the facilitators to create an engaged and collaborative learning environment where we all benefit from each other's areas of expertise. Each selected organization will receive a \$1,200 stipend to help support participation and the accompanying activities to be done outside of sessions (the stipend will be paid to the applicant's organization in two payments- one mid-way through and one after completion of the Academy).<sup>1</sup> Payment will be dependent on fellows' active participation in the sessions and the outside activities. This training series will culminate in an action plan to help your organization to strategize ways to enhance services for your clients and strengthen connections with other reentry providers.

### ***Application Questions***

Please complete the following questions to apply for the Elevate Academy's Spring series.

1. What is your name? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is your email? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is your phone number? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is your organization? \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>1</sup> Examples of these types of activities include mapping out your services, having team discussions about current practices and areas for growth, completing checklists or worksheets to help identify the needs of your program.

5. What is your position? \_\_\_\_\_

6. What is the name of the eligible program? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Provide a brief description of the program, including what services it provides:

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8. Is the program currently funded by AB 109 funds?

Yes

No

Don't know

9. Which of the following populations does the program serve? (Select all that apply)

Individuals currently on probation

Individuals currently on parole

Individuals formerly incarcerated in jails

Individuals formerly incarcerated in prisons

Other justice-involved populations. Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

We do not serve justice-involved populations

10. Why would you like to participate in the Elevate Academy?:

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11. What are you hoping to get out of this experience?:

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Applicant Pledge:

Please check the box below and click "submit" if you have completed the application and agree to the following statement:

I have reviewed all of the information above, obtained support from my organization, and confirm that I am able to attend all listed dates and participate in the Academy as described.