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Elevating Language Through COVID-19 Part One: The Power of Language

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Presented by Roslind
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Description

The emergence of mental health as a talking point in media reports and conversations around COVID-19 has demonstrated how language can be a barrier to wellness and recovery. "Elevating Language through COVID-19" provides a 360-degree view of the language of behavioral health. In the training, we take a peer-centered look at how language is used by others to describe us, how we use language to describe ourselves, and how language can increase or decrease stigma and access to quality mental health recovery and wellness supports. In "Part One: The Power of Language," we will look at the behavioral health language that has emerged through the COVID-19 pandemic, and discuss alternatives and opportunities. By the end of the webinar, participants will be able to:

- Recognize the power of language in mental health advocacy
- Use historical precedents to approach COVID-19 advocacy
- Identify effective language for advocacy
- Replace challenging language with strengths-based language
- Use language with intent and purpose throughout COVID-19

About the Presenters

Roslind D. Hayes, BS, CPS-AD, CARES, WHWC has been an employee of the Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network since 2010. Her current position is that of Statewide Coordinator of the Peer Support, Wellness, and Respite Centers. She supports GMHCN as a trainer/facilitator, including Certified Peer Specialist, Peer Zone, and Intentional Peer Support. **Chris Johnson**, MFA, CPS, CPS-AD is the Director of Communications for the Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network, where he is responsible for disseminating information about recovery and wellness opportunities to behavioral health peers and providers across the state. Since joining GMHCN, Chris has overseen the expansion of the outreach and impact of GMHCN at the local, state, and national level.

