

## Free Webinar: The Living Room - A Welcoming Space for those in Crisis

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### Compassionate Approaches to Crisis Webinar Series

Over the next several months, the National Empowerment Center will be offering several webinars on peer-run services serving individuals experiencing an emotional crisis. Topics covered will include peer-staffed warmlines, peer respites, and the living room model.

The next webinar in the series is scheduled for **Thursday, August 27th, at 2:00pm Eastern, 11:00am Pacific**. The webinar will introduce participants to the Living Room model.



Thursday, August 27th, 2020  
2:00 - 3:30 pm ET

### The Living Room: A Welcoming Space for those in Crisis

**For many people in crisis, connecting with another person with shared lived experience can be a vital factor on the journey to mental health and addiction recovery. That connection is available at The Living Room hosted by Advocates, a welcoming space where people experiencing emotional distress can walk in and connect with a peer specialist on the spot.**

**The Living Room in Framingham, Massachusetts provides a 24-hour crisis response. No referral is necessary to visit this comfortable, home-like location, staffed entirely by trained, certified peer specialists. The Living Room creates an experience that is entirely voluntary and focused on respect, mutuality, and trust.**

**In this webinar, Keith Scott will describe the Living Room model and how it can be a valuable source of support during a mental health crisis.**

**Presented By:**



**Keith Scott**

As Vice President of Peer Support and Self-advocacy, Keith Scott is responsible for developing and overseeing peer support and self-advocacy for the entire organization, as well as oversight of all human rights mechanisms. His goal is to create and nurture an effective means of providing support for the voices of all of the people we serve while maintaining a vibrant and vigilant human rights program to ensure that the rights of everyone we serve are respected and preserved.

Prior to his promotion in 2015, Keith worked for Advocates' Mental Health Division for more than 20 years as a program director, administrative director, director of clinical services, and, most recently, director of recovery and peer support. Under his direction, the peer specialist team within the Mental Health Division has garnered recognition as an exemplary model and one that truly adheres to the values and principles of peers support.

Keith holds a bachelor's degree in human services administration from Springfield College and is a Certified Psychosocial Rehabilitation Practitioner and a Certified Peer Specialist.



**Moderator: Shira Collings**  
**Youth Coordinator, National Empowerment Center**

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