

### [Achilles International](#)

**Description:** Achilles International is a 501(c)3 non-profit encouraging people with disabilities to participate in mainstream athletics. Achilles has a program called "Running Your Life." RYL is a motivational workshop coupled with a physical training program for people with diabetes.

**Location:** New York, NY

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**Website:** [www.achillestrackclub.org](http://www.achillestrackclub.org)

### [Bay Clinic Inc.](#)

**Description:** Bay Clinic's Diabetes Self-Management Education Program helps patients with diabetes to learn to self manage their diabetes and is credentialed by the American Diabetes Association. The value of peer support has been taken seriously with the formation of a peer supported group who named themselves Warriors Against Diabetes. The warriors lead outreach activities in farmers markets, retail grocers, community events and annually produce and coordinate a large community Fun Fair. Power of One.

**Location:** Hilo, Hawaii

**Contact:** Stacy Haumea, [shaumea@bayclinic.org](mailto:shaumea@bayclinic.org)

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### [Black Creek Community Health Centre - Diabetes Education Program](#)

**Description:** Live, Learn & Share uses a strengths-based approach, focusing on the assets and capacities of the community and its residents with diabetes, to achieve two main goals: 1) to create a culturally relevant guide for developing diabetes peer support groups, and 2) to train members of the community to be peer support facilitators.

**Location:** Toronto, Ontario

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### [Boston University Medical Center](#)

**Description:** Dr. Quintiliani and colleagues are implementing a peer counseling program whereby undergraduate college students receive training in principles of motivational interviewing to promote healthy eating and physical activity for nontraditional college students (i.e. older students and/or attending part-time).

**Location:** Boston, MA

**Contact:** Lisa Quintiliani, [lmquinti@bu.edu](mailto:lmquinti@bu.edu)

### [Campesinos Sin Fronteras](#)

**Description:** The Campesinos Diabetes Management Program (CDMP) is offered by Campesinos Sin Fronteras (CSF). The program assists medically underserved and poor migrant and seasonal farm workers and new immigrants who have diabetes and who live in the rural border communities of Somerton, Gadsden, San Luis, Wellton, Dateland, and “colonias” surrounding the City of Yuma in Yuma County, AZ.

**Location:** Yuma County, AZ

**Contact:** Campesinos Diabetes Management Program Tel: (928) 722-5735

**Website:** [www.campesinossinfronteras.org](http://www.campesinossinfronteras.org)

### [Cincinnati Islet Initiative](#)

**Description:** Mentoring people with diabetes to help them achieve better glycemic control and reduced A1C levels, as well as higher quality of life.

**Location:** Cleves, OH

**Contact:** Terri Becker, [tlbesb@fuse.net](mailto:tlbesb@fuse.net)

### [College Diabetes Network](#)

**Description:** College Diabetes Network (CDN) aims to improve the health, well-being, and longevity of students with Type 1 Diabetes. We accomplish this goal through our chapter support networks which connect college students with Type 1 Diabetes with each other and provide peer support and resources to the students, their family and friends, and school administrators.

**Location:** Hingham, MA

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**Website:** <http://www.collegediabetesnetwork.org/>

### [Diabetes Sisters](#)

**Description:** The mission of DiabetesSisters is to unite and empower women with diabetes through peer support and education. The remote (web-based) programs include a Women's Forum, Diabetes Buddy Program, and Weekly Blogs from women with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes, a student with diabetes, and a pregnant woman with diabetes.

**Location:** Durham, NC

**Contact:** Brandy Barnes

**Website:** [www.diabetessisters.org](http://www.diabetessisters.org)

### [Diabetes Support Group of Connecticut](#)

**Description:** Diabetics, their family and friends: supporting each other.

**Location:** Wallingford, CT

**Contact:** Maritza Garcia

**Website:** <http://diabetessupportgroupofct.com/>

### G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery VA Medical Center

**Description:** Our organization provides mental health care to United States Veterans. We are currently shifting from a case management model to a model which relies more on evidence-based psychotherapies for treatment. To achieve this goal, we are interested in methods such as individual and group peer support to assist Veterans in moving from formal support to informal support following treatment in an evidence-based psychotherapy so that we have greater capacity to provide services to more Veterans.

**Location:** Jackson, MS

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**Website:** <http://www.jackson.va.gov/>

### KDI Health Solutions

**Description:** KDI Health Solutions is an emerging provider of preventive and chronic care management health care services to employer groups and physician practices.

**Location:** Raleigh, NC

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### OASIS

**Description:** OASIS is a national education organization designed to enrich the lives of adults age 50 plus through programs in the arts, humanities, health, technology and volunteer service. OASIS creates opportunities for people to discover more - to learn, develop talents, connect with others, stay healthy and active, and make a positive impact in the community.

The monthly peer-led discussion groups use trained volunteers to connect older adults to the resources, information and social contacts that can help them better cope with life's transitions. These groups were first developed in response to the interests of older adults in underserved communities who were reluctant to utilize individual peer counseling services. Discussion facilitators, who are recruited from the populations being served, conduct sessions on topics of emotional wellness and social interest, and create safe spaces for the sharing of knowledge and ideas among participants. Along with creating an environment in which older adults feel comfortable examining important topics that deal with their physical, emotional, mental and social wellbeing, sharing life experiences, and exploring possible coping skills, participants increase their knowledge and improve their attitudes, beliefs and behaviors with these discussion groups.

**Location:** Saint Louis, MO

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### [Oregon Research Institute](#)

**Description:** Oregon Research Institute is an independent behavioral sciences research center dedicated to understanding human behavior and improving the quality of human life through the prevention and treatment of health, educational, and social problems.

**Location:** Eugene, Oregon

**Contact:** Deborah Toobert, (541) 484-2123

**Website:** [www.ori.org](http://www.ori.org)

### [Queen's University, Dept of Family Medicine, Centre for Studies in Primary Care](#)

**Description:** Research into diabetes

**Location:** Kingston, Ontario

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### [Speaking of Health](#)

**Description:** I am a non-medical professional speaker/teacher dedicated to helping fellow diabetics achieve self-care mastery. I focus on maintaining a positive attitude, appropriate behavior and a working relationship with diabetes. My work is in collaboration with CDEs and other health professionals. I call myself the Joyful Diabetic as I reflect in the joy achieved by gaining control of this baffling and cunning disease.

**Location:** Alford, MA

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**Website:** [www.joyfuldiabetic.com](http://www.joyfuldiabetic.com)

### [Thurston County Diabetes Management Program](#)

**Description:** The Chronic Disease Prevention program strives to prevent chronic diseases, such as asthma, diabetes, and heart disease, among the men, women, and children of Thurston County. We are highly committed to developing programs that encourage behavior and community changes as a means to support lifelong healthier living.

**Location:** Thurston County, Washington

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#### [University of Illinois at Chicago](#)

**Description:** We conduct research on peer support coupled with pharmacist care to improve medication management (adherence and intensification) of underserved populations with diabetes.

**Location:** Chicago, Illinois

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#### [University of Louisville, School of Public Health](#)

**Description:** Research on the preferences of African Americans with type-2 diabetes regarding social support groups.

**Location:** Louisville, KY

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#### [University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey](#)

**Description:** Training and development of Peer Specialists working in behavioral health.

**Location:** Piscataway, NJ

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#### [University of Victoria - Centre on Aging](#)

**Description:** Implementing self-management programs provincially (population in British Columbia is 3.5 million). The self-management programs include: Stanford Self-Management Programs (Chronic Disease, Chronic Pain, Diabetes) and A Matter of Balance (reducing fear of falls) and Active Choices (telephone support program to encourage physical activity). All of these programs are delivered by peers.

**Location:** Delta, British Columbia

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#### [YMCA of the USA](#)

**Description:** The YMCA of the USA is working with local YMCAs that are engaging with the Hispanic/Latino & African America populations in helping them to try out the promotores de salud concept as an approach to making lifestyle behavior changes.

**Location:** Chicago, Illinois

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