Transplant Center Role

How to Contribute

Support the Transplant Patient Peer Program by introducing the program at your transplant center, identifying people who are interested in being a Transplant Trailblazer, hosting program meetings at your site, and celebrating program accomplishments. Collaborate with dialysis centers and your ESRD Network to promote the program beyond your organization.

How It Works

1. Share information about how to become a Transplant Trailblazer at your center and notify your Network that you have done so

2. Work closely with local dialysis centers to connect your Transplant Trailblazers with a Dialysis Peer

3. Host an orientation kick-off to teach Transplant Trailblazers about their role and program expectations

4. Support the program by collaborating with local dialysis facilities and your ESRD Network

5. Provide basic resources about the benefits of transplantation for your Transplant Trailblazer to share with their Dialysis Peer

6. Celebrate the program success with your local Network, dialysis facilities, Trailblazers, and Dialysis Peers

Implementation Recommendations

- Use introductory materials to announce the program and create awareness.
- Identify a transplant program staff member to lead the program and connect Transplant Trailblazers with Dialysis Peers
- Share kick-off materials to educate Transplant Trailblazers on their role and program expectations
- Provide the opportunity for Transplant Trailblazers and Dialysis Peers to share their program experience during transplant center new patient orientation
- Establish a way for Transplant Trailblazers and Dialysis Peers to meet in-person or virtually at their dialysis facility or local transplant center
- Offer support by scheduling regular check-ins with Transplant Trailblazers engaged in the program
- Start small and expand incrementally based on success stories
- Celebrate successes and continue to expand program reach

How will your center benefit?

- **Increases patient accountability** by encouraging patients to maintain and be engaged in their post-transplant treatment plan
- **Improves the patient experience** by helping patients feel supported emotionally and socially after receiving their transplant
- **Creates a community** by supporting the development of relationships amongst your past and present patients
- **Promotes transplantation** as the preferred treatment option for Dialysis Peers