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Chris Scheiblein is the director of the Helping Hand Program for the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT). He has been working as an Employee Assistance Professional (EAP) since 2006. Chris started as a peer counselor at the Allied Trades Assistance Program (ATAP) in Philadelphia and soon transitioned to the clinical coordinator position in the same organization. In these roles, he worked closely with Philadelphia Building Trades members and their families, ensuring they received the proper help and support with substance use disorder and mental health challenges. In addition, Chris is a Certified Employee Assistance Professional (CEAP) and has been in long-term recovery for more than 20 years himself. He won the EAP of the Year Award in 2018 from the Employees Assistance Professional Association (EAPA) as well as the Pat Curran Award in 2015. Since 2018, Chris has been the EAP for IBEW Local Union 98 in Philadelphia and Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. This role allowed him to have a stronger presence within the workforce and within the apprentice program by providing referrals to appropriate levels of care, delivering messages geared toward eliminating stigma and facilitating peer support services. Prior to his work as a union EAP, Chris was a member of Local 1 Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers in Pennsylvania/Delaware, where he worked on prominent Building Trades' masonry restoration projects. Chris has a bachelor's degree in organizational dynamics from Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia.