



Promoting Wellness and Recovery

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OhioMHAS Peer Recovery Supporter Certification

Recovery Conference

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Introduction

- OhioMHAS will begin formally certifying Peer Recovery Supporters July 1, 2016.
- Peer Recovery Supporters is an all-inclusive term consisting of peer specialists, recovery coaches, and peer supporters.
- In order to have a formal certification, individuals delivering peer services needed to have one title for consistency.
- Peer Recovery Supporter was chosen as it represents the three largest sections of the current peer workforce.



Certification Basics

- Individuals eligible to apply to be a Certified Peer Recovery Supporter include:
 - Individuals with a direct lived experience of a mental health and/or substance use disorder who are in recovery
 - In Ohio, the definition of recovery is: The personal process of change in which Ohio residents strive to improve their health and wellness, resiliency, and reach their full potential through self-directed actions.
 - Individuals interested in using their personal stories to help others



Certification Basics

- Individuals interested in becoming certified will need to:
 - Complete an application
 - Submit 2 references
 - Submit a recent Bureau of Criminal Investigations background check (within 30 days of submitting the application)
 - Submit proof of completion of a 40 hour in-person peer services training OR 3 years work/volunteer experience
 - Submit proof of completion of 16 hours of E-Based Academy Courses
 - Submit a signed copy of Code of Ethics
 - Pass the Ohio Peer Supporter Exam



Certification Basics Continued

- For individuals who need to take E-Based Academy courses, please visit <http://www.ebasedacademy.org/lms/>.
- The 16 hours of E-Based Academy Courses required include:
 - Ethics and Boundaries for Peer Supporters
 - Supervising Peer Recovery Supporters
 - Behavioral Health Redesign
 - Human Trafficking for Peer Supporters
 - Health and Wellness in Peer Support
 - Trauma Informed Care in Peer Support
 - History of the CSX Movement
 - History of the SUD Movement
 - Introduction to Peer Support



Integrated Peer Supporters

- For individuals who have taken the OhioMHAS Peer Supporter Training, the 12 hours of E-Based Academy courses that were already taken will be honored.
- In order to make up the 4 additional hours, individuals who have taken the OhioMHAS Peer Supporter Training will only need to take both the **Ethics and Boundaries for Peer Supporters and Supervising Peers Recovery Supporters**.



Approved 40 Hour In-person Peer Trainings

- Examples of approved 40 hour in-person peer services training models include:
- Appalachian Consulting
- OhioMHAS Integrated Peer Supporter Training
- Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery (CCAR)
- InterNational Association of Peer Specialists (INAPS)
- Pennsylvania Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Certified Peer Specialist training
- Michigan Department of Community Health Peer Support Specialist Training
- North Carolina Peer Support Specialists training
- Arizona Peer Support Specialists training (Recovery Innovations)
- **All listed trainings have been approved in their intended format.**
If trainings have been changed, please contact ohiopeersupport@mha.ohio.gov.



Approved 40 Hour In-person Peer Trainings Continued

- If you have taken or are interested in taking a training not listed, please contact the Bureau of Recovery Supports (ohiopeersupport@mha.ohio.gov) to ensure the training meets core competencies required by OhioMHAS.



Disqualifying Offenses for Certification

- (1) 2903.01 (aggravated murder);
- (2) 2903.15 (permitting child abuse);
- (3) 2903.16 (failing to provide for a functionally impaired person);
- (4) 2903.21 (aggravated menacing);
- (5) 2905.32 (human trafficking);
- (6) 2905.33 (unlawful conduct with respect to documents);
- (7) 2903.34 (patient abuse and neglect);
- (8) 2903.341 (patient endangerment);
- (9) 2905.04 (child stealing) as it existed prior to July 1, 1996;
- (10) 2905.05 (criminal child enticement);
- (11) 2907.02(rape) ;
- (12) 2907.03 (sexual battery);
- (13) 2907.04 (unlawful sexual conduct with a minor, formerly corruption of a minor);
- (14) 2907.05 (gross sexual imposition);
- (15) 2907.06 (sexual imposition);
- (16) 2907.07(importuning) ;
- (17) 2907.08(voyeurism) ;
- (18) 2907.12 (felonious sexual penetration);
- (19) 2907.21 (compelling prostitution);
- (20) 2907.22 (promoting prostitution);
- (21) 2907.31 (disseminating matter harmful to juveniles);
- (22) 2907.32 (pandering obscenity);
- (23) 2907.321 (pandering obscenity involving a minor);
- (24) 2907.322 (pandering sexually-oriented matter involving a minor);
- (25) 2907.323 (illegal use of minor in nudity-oriented material or performance);
- (26) 2907.33 (deception to obtain matter harmful to juveniles);
- (27) 2909.22 (soliciting/providing support for act of terrorism);
- (28) 2909.23 (making terrorist threat);
- (29) 2909.24(terrorism) ;
- (30) 2913.40 (Medicaid fraud);
- (31) 2919.22 (endangering children);
- (32) 2925.02 (corrupting another with drugs);
- (33) 2925.23 (illegal processing of drug documents);
- (34) 2925.24 (tampering with drugs);
- (35) 2925.36 (illegal processing of drug samples);
- (36) 3716.11 (placing harmful objects in food or confection);



Application Process

- Applications can be downloaded from <http://mha.ohio.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=712>
- Application packets will be sent to the Peer Center, a Consumer Operated Service in Columbus.
- A dedicated Peer Center staff member will review application packets for completeness.
- If an application is not complete, they will contact the applicant and provide further instruction.
- If an application is complete, it will be delivered in-person to OhioMHAS.
- All applications, regardless of status, will be kept in a locked filing cabinet.



Application Process

- Completed application packets should be mailed or e-mailed to Lisa Kiner.
- The P.E.E.R. Center
Attn: Lisa Kiner
1221 E Broad St
Columbus, OH 43205
- lkiner@thepeercenter.org



Recertification

- Peer Recovery Support Certifications are good for a period of 2 years.
- Certified Peer Recovery Supporters will complete the re-certification application 60 days prior to the date the certification expires.
- Applicants will need to submit proof of completion of 30 hours of Continuing Education Credits (CEU) to include trainings on trauma informed care and ethics and boundaries.
- **CEU hours that can count towards the recertification must be earned between the effective date of the certification and date the recertification application is submitted.**

Remaining in Good Standing

- As with other professional and licensure and certifications, it is necessary for individuals to remain in good standing in order to maintain certification.
- The Ohio Peer Recovery Supporter Code of Ethics is the professional standard of conduct for certification.
- When working for a provider, Consumer Operated Service, or other organization, it is crucial to abide by their employee code of conduct and code of ethics.

Supervising Peers

- Either clinicians OR Peers with 5 years experience delivering peer services may supervise Certified Peer Recovery Supporters.
- Both clinicians and Peers with 5 years experience delivering peer services must complete the 16 hours of E-Based Academy Courses AND the 4 hour in-person OhioMHAS Supervising Peer Recovery Supporters training.
- OhioMHAS is currently working to schedule in-person trainings

Considerations for Specialized Recovery Services

- Funding opportunities for Peer Recovery Services may be funded in a variety of ways.
- Currently, the majority of funding for PRS comes through Mental Health and Recovery Boards and grant opportunities.
- Beginning July 1, PRS may be funded by Medicaid under Specialized Recovery Services (1915i) for individuals eligible for the program. In order to bill Medicaid, the Peer Recovery Supporter and provider must be certified through OhioMHAS for peer services and their results for their background check must meet requirements in OhioMHAS 5122-29-15.1 & ODM 5160-43-09.



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- The E-Based Academy may be accessed at <http://www.ebasedacademy.org/lms/>.
- All forms including the certification application, recertification application, code of ethics, etc. may be accessed at <http://mha.ohio.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=712>.
- For questions about the Peer Recovery Supporter Certification process, please visit ohiopeersupport@mha.ohio.gov

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Questions?

