



# CERTIFICATION FOR PEER RECOVERY SPECIALISTS

Peer support is an evidence-based practice for supporting people with mental illness and substance abuse disorders. Peer support is provided by specially trained individuals who self-identify as having personally experienced a mental illness, substance use disorder, or co-occurring disorder and who have successfully accessed treatment and resources necessary to build their own personal recovery.

The Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services certifies Peer Recovery Specialists to provide this unique service.

Certified Peer Recovery Specialists:

- assist people by promoting self-directed recovery goals
- lead support groups, recovery groups
- teach recovery education classes
- serve as role models, mentors and advocates

WELCOMING PEERS WHO HAVE LIVED EXPERIENCE OF MENTAL ILLNESS, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, OR CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS

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MEDICAID-REIMBURSABLE SERVICES BY PEERS WHO HAVE LIVED EXPERIENCE OF MENTAL ILLNESS, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, OR CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS

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INITIAL WEEKLONG TRAINING PROVIDED WITHOUT COST TO APPROVED APPLICANTS

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TRAINING APPLICATIONS AND ADDITIONAL DETAILS CAN BE FOUND ON THE STATE [WEBSITE](#): OR CALL 800-560-5767