Peer Recovery Support Services and Supporting Fathers in Recovery

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Peer Recovery Support Services

The BJA COSSAP TTA Center on Peer Recovery Support Services

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The criminal justice population has a disproportionately high rate of substance use disorders (as well as co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders) compared with the general population.

Peer recovery support services (PRSS) have emerged as important resources for engaging and supporting criminal justice-involved individuals and their families in their recovery.
Increasingly, peer recovery support services are an important—and sometimes central—part of efforts to effectively address the opioid epidemic.

Peer-based services can be a vital part of the continuum of care for substance abuse and efforts to address alcohol and drug abuse—including opioid misuse.
Overview: Peer Recovery Support Services (PRSS)

Peer recovery support services (PRSS) refers to the wide-array of non-clinical supports provided by peer practitioners (also referred to as peer specialists).
Peer Recovery Support Services (PRSS)

Recovery happens in community.

▲ Ready-made pro-social environment
▲ Focus on building trusting relationships
▲ Use recovery community resources and assets
▲ Provide a variety of models of the benefits and expectations of a life in recovery
In assisting people to achieve their recovery goals, it is often useful to help them assess and build their **Recovery Capital**.

**Recovery Capital** is the sum of the strengths and supports—both internal and external—that are available to help someone initiate and sustain long-term recovery from addiction.

(Granfield and Cloud, 1999, 2004; White, 2006)
PRSS engage individuals across the time span of recovery—and keep them engaged.
TTA Center for Peer Recovery Support Services

▲ Developing tools that assist staff to effectively integrate PRSS in criminal justice settings
▲ Facilitating program-to-program sharing of evidence-supported services, best practices, and promising approaches
▲ Consulting with individual programs to strengthen operations, by identifying and solving challenges to program success.
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TTA Center for PRSS

- In-Person and Virtual Consultation
- Training and Facilitation
- Capacity Building
- Thought Leadership
The purpose of Peer Recovery Support Services Mentoring Initiative (PRSSMI) is to advance the inclusion of peer recovery support services in jurisdictions’ portfolios of substance abuse intervention and treatment strategies.
Purpose of PRSSMI

▲ Promote peer-to-peer learning among organizations that are implementing PRSS in criminal justice settings.

▲ Disseminate evidence-supported PRSS programming, promising approaches, and best practices.

▲ Enhance the capacity to develop PRSS as a component of their diversion, alternatives to incarceration, or other criminal justice-focused program.

▲ Improve ability to successfully implement a PRSS program, in collaboration with community partners.
### Capacity Building Focus

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| Organizational Culture and Climate | • Purpose, vision, and shared beliefs supportive of peer practice  
  • Organizational readiness for supporting peer practice |
| Organizational Learning        | • Peer practice knowledge and awareness among all staff  
  • Training, coaching, and development for peer staff  
  • Communication and multi-disciplinary collaboration in support of goals |
| Infrastructure                 | • Written policies and procedures that provide structure and support for PRSS  
  • Supervision processes and protocols |
| Resources                      | • Appropriate staffing levels  
  • Depth, breadth, and scope of peer support menu  
  • Arrangement of physical space and use of technology in support of recovery |
Mentor Sites

Launched in late 2018 with the selection of four mentor sites

- Faces and Voices of Recovery Greenville (South Carolina)
- Council of Southeast Pennsylvania, PRO-ACT
- RecoveryPoint (West Virginia)
- University of Alabama at Birmingham, School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry, Community Justice Programs
Role of Mentor Sites

▲ PRSSMI participants are matched to an experienced “mentor site” program that provides consultation and support through virtual learning sessions and an on-site visit.

▲ Mentor sites are experienced collaborators with first responders, law enforcement, courts, jails, prisons, and community corrections to help people suffering from substance use disorder to achieve and maintain recovery from addiction.
Applications accepted on rolling basis, with following criteria:

- Stage of program development—planning, start-up, or early implementation
- Diversity of team
- Clarity and appropriateness of outcomes sought through peer program
- Clarity and appropriateness of goals for mentorship
A little bit about Rise Up Central Kansas

How Did We Get Here?
Oz’s Story
One Dad’s Journey
Strong Dads Make Strong Kids

Quenching the Father Thirst

Developing a Dad
Kirk’s Turn...
Tell Us About Your Journey
$2000 Incentives:
Programs that enable a payor to progress their career
• HVAC certification
• Barbershop or cosmetology licensure
• Forklift driver certification
• CDL certification
• Nursing certificate
• Welding certificate

$1000 Incentives:
Programs that are education related
• High school diploma or GED

$500 Incentives:
Programs that enable payor to enhance personal lives
• Fatherhood or parenting classes
• Finance classes
• Addictions classes
Can We Answer Any Questions?
COSSAP Resources

Tailored Assistance—The COSSAP training and technical assistance (TTA) program offers a variety of learning opportunities and assistance to support local, tribal, and state organizations, stakeholders, and projects in building and sustaining multidisciplinary responses to the nation’s substance abuse crisis. You do not need to be a COSSAP grantee to request support. TTAs are provided in a variety of formats, including virtual and in-person training events, workshop and meeting presentations, and online resources. Request TTA to support your activities at https://cossapresources.org/Program/TTA/Request.

Funding Opportunities—Current COSSAP and complementary funding opportunities are shared at https://www.cossapresources.org/Program/Applying.

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