

Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)

Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP)

Peer Recovery Support Services Mentoring Initiative (PRSSMI) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Mentee FAQs

1. Who can register to participate?

PRSSMI provides an opportunity for new or early-stage peer programs to be matched with and learn from an experienced program in a structured way. A mentee site receives consultation and support from the staff of an experienced mentor program, culminating in a visit to the mentor site. (PRSSMI will cover travel for up to three persons per mentee team.)

2. Are there any requirements to be a mentee?

Mentees need to:

- ◀ Engage a consistent team of three to five individuals.
- ◀ Be able to actively participate and engage in virtual meetings and learning sessions throughout the mentorship (approximately once per month).
- ◀ Have at least two team members participate in the site visit to the assigned mentor site.

3. How will mentors and mentees be matched?

Mentors and mentees are matched on a variety of criteria, including, but not limited to, program size, service area, and program description.

4. What are the benefits of participating?

Mentees will be matched with an experienced program to receive consultation and support and also will have the opportunity to visit the mentor site.

5. What information do mentees need to apply to the program?

To complete this application, you will need to have:

- ◀ An idea of your program/program proposal or a description for the program.
- ◀ An understanding of your primary goals for participation in this mentorship program.
- ◀ A program staffing (or anticipated staffing) chart.
- ◀ Any other documents you would like to include in support of your application.

6. How much does the program cost for mentees?

Participation in this program is FREE to mentee sites. PRSSMI will cover travel for up to three persons for the site visit.



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