1. **Who can register to participate?**

   PRSSMI provides an opportunity for new or early-stage peer programs (mentees) to be matched with and learn from experienced programs (mentors) 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 mentor?**

   Mentor sites need to:
   - Have established programs utilizing peer supports.
   - Leverage the uniqueness of peer status in program design.
   - Have clearly defined roles for peers and other staff.
   - Use sound evidence-supported practices and policies.
   - Engage in systematic recruitment, screening, and hiring of peer workers.
   - Provide (or require) training in core competencies (basic) and specialized skills (advanced) for peer staff.
   - Promote continuing education and development for peer staff.
   - Train non-peer staff members on the value and purpose of peer supports.
   - Provide appropriate supervision of peer workers.
   - Focus on outcomes; use data to assess program efficacy.
   - Demonstrate that programmatic interventions lead to positive outcomes.
   - Demonstrate strong collaborations among the courts, child welfare, substance abuse treatment agencies, and others.

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?**

   As a mentor, you will have the opportunity to strengthen another program, the satisfaction in advancing colleagues’ efforts, and the chance to showcase your program. In addition, you will also receive a $1,500 stipend per mentee site for your commitment.

5. **What information do mentors need to apply to the program?**

   To complete this application, you will need to have:
   - An understanding of why you are interested in participating in the program, goals for participation, and what you can bring to the table.
   - Key descriptors of your program, such as outcome metrics and key collaborators.
   - A one- to two-page program description.
   - A program brochure, promotional materials, or media clippings.
   - A program staffing chart.
   - A program budget from the previous two years.
   - Reports on your program’s or organization’s outcomes/results.
   - Any other documents that you would like to submit in support of your application.