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Peer Support Roles in Criminal Justice Settings

Title	Roles and Responsibilities	Key Characteristics
Peer Specialists and Peer Support Specialists	<p>Provide 1-on-1 peer support, facilitate support groups, share experiences, linkage to services and resources, advocacy, training and supervision.</p> <p>Perform a wide range of tasks to support individuals in living their own lives and directing their own treatment and recovery process.</p>	<p>Recovery from diagnosis of mental illness is the primary shared experience</p> <p>Provides peer support services in wide variety of public and private settings including justice settings</p> <p>Typically paid but may be volunteer positions</p> <p>Training and certification is available and may be required</p> <p>Many of the services are reimbursable from third party sources</p>
Peer Recovery Coaches	<p>Provide 1-on-1 peer support, facilitate support groups, guide and mentor individuals seeking to achieve and sustain long-term recovery from substance use disorder, and enhance their quality of life.</p> <p>Perform a wide range of tasks to support individuals in identifying and developing their own recovery goals, recovery pathways, and recovery plans.</p>	<p>Recovery from substance use disorder is the primary shared experience</p> <p>Provides peer support services in wide variety of public and private settings including justice settings</p> <p>Typically paid but may be volunteer positions</p> <p>Training and certification is available and may be required</p> <p>Some services may be reimbursable from third party sources</p>
Peer Mentors	<p>Build 1-on-1 relationships, providing encouragement, motivation, and support to individuals seeking to establish or strengthen their recovery.</p>	<p>Recovery from diagnosis of mental illness and/or substance use disorder is shared experience</p> <p>Provides peer support services in wide variety of public and private settings including justice settings</p> <p>Typically volunteer positions but they may be paid</p> <p>Training is available and is recommended but often not required</p>
Veteran Mentors	<p>Mentor fellow veterans by offering support with accessing treatment, securing housing, obtaining employment, furthering education, accessing transportation, applying for benefits, contesting discharge status, and connecting with other services and resources.</p>	<p>Military service is the primary shared experience</p> <p>Typically volunteer positions but they may be paid</p> <p>Training available (e.g. NADCP's Justice for Vets Mentor Corps Boot C Tw 0.1N.9()00 Tc 0 Tr2.0)</p>

Using the Sequential Intercept Model to Explore Peer Support Roles in Criminal Justice Settings



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The Sequential Intercept Model helps communities develop a comprehensive picture of how people with behavioral health disorders flow through the criminal justice system along six distinct intercept points: (0) Community Services, (1) Law Enforcement, (2) Initial Detention and Initial Court Hearings, (3) Jails and Courts, (4) Reentry, and (5) Community Corrections. It is often used by communities as a strategic planning tool to assess available resources.

problem-solving courts use peer support services. Peer support activities at this intercept include

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