



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 5122-29-15.1 Certified peer recovery supporter.

Effective: October 5, 2018

(A) A certified peer recovery supporter is an individual, with a direct lived experience, who has self-identified as being in recovery from a mental health or substance use disorder, and has been certified through the department.

Peer recovery supporter certification requires the completion of the following requirements:

- (1) A sixteen hour on-line e-based academy administered by the department;
- (2) Submission of proof of a minimum of forty hours of peer service delivery training or three equivalent years formal experience in peer service delivery as a peer navigator, peer supporter, peer specialist, or peer recovery coach;
- (3) Passing the department peer recovery supporter exam;
- (4) Submission of a signed certified peer recovery supporter code of ethics established by the department;
- (5) The submission of a completed application; and,
- (6) The submission with the completed application, the results of a bureau of criminal identification and investigation criminal records check conducted within thirty days prior to submission.

Certified peer recovery supporters may have an identified specialty of mental health or substance use disorder based upon their personal recovery experience.

(B) Certified peer recovery supporters shall be certified for a period of two years from the date of issuance of certification by the department.



(C) Certified peer recovery supporters must be supervised by an individual who either:

(1) Has been delivering peer services for five years, as a peer navigator, peer supporter, peer specialist, peer recovery coach, or peer recovery supporter; have completed the sixteen hour on-line e-based academy courses offered through the Ohio department of mental health and addiction services, and have completed the four hour in-person supervising peers training by Ohio department of mental health and addiction services recovery support staff; or,

(2) Is a clinician with one of the following licenses:

(a) Licensed social worker;

(b) Licensed independent social worker;

(c) Licensed professional counselor;

(d) Licensed chemical dependency counselor II;

(e) Licensed chemical dependency counselor III;

(f) Licensed professional clinical counselor;

(g) Licensed independent chemical dependency counselor;

(h) Licensed marriage and family therapist;

(i) Licensed independent marriage and family therapist

(j) Psychologist; or,

(k) Psychiatrist.

The behavioral health clinician shall have completed the sixteen hour on-line e-based academy



courses offered through the Ohio department of mental health and addiction services, and have completed the four hour in-person supervising peers training administered by the Ohio department of mental health and addiction services recovery support staff or their designee.

(D) Peer recovery supporter certification may be renewed by submission to the department of:

- (1) A renewal application;
- (2) Proof of thirty hours of continuing education credits; and,
- (3) The results of a bureau of criminal identification and investigation criminal records check, or any other state or federal agency designated by the director, conducted within thirty days prior to submission.

Renewal of certified peer recovery supporter status is dependent on all materials being completed and submitted to the department. Renewal of certification is for two years from the date of the expiration of previous certification or the completion of the review of renewal materials, whichever is later.

(E) Peer recovery supporter certification may be denied, not renewed, or revoked for any of the following:

- (1) A failure to provide peer recovery supporter services in accordance with the standards set forth in this rule.
- (2) A failure to submit a complete certification or renewal application.
- (3) A failure to complete any of the requirements for certification or renewal.
- (4) The department determines that the certified peer recovery supporter pledge has been violated.
- (5) The individual is included in one of the following databases:



- (a) The sex offender and child-victim offender database established pursuant to division (A)(11) of section 2950.13 of the Revised Code (available at <http://www.icrimewatch.net/index.php?AgencyID=55149&disc=>);
- (b) The database of incarcerated and supervised offenders established pursuant to section 5120.66 of the Revised Code (available at <http://www.drc.ohio.gov/OffenderSearch/Search.aspx>).
- (6) The individual shall have a criminal records check that is free from any convictions, excluding minor traffic violations, and has been released from all sanctions, for three years prior to application.
- Except that individuals with an offense listed in paragraph (I) of this rule shall be permanently excluded from certification and shall not be eligible for a waiver.
- (7) The individual has a negative finding from the department conflict of interest review committee.
- (F) The denial of an application for certification or renewal, or the revocation of certification is subject to appeal under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.
- (G) Any individual who has been denied certification or had their certification revoked pursuant to this rule shall not be eligible to apply to the department for certification for at least three years from the date of revocation without the written consent of the department.
- (H) Continuing education shall be based on individual needs, skill level, and interest of the individual; and shall address, at a minimum, the following:
- (1) An understanding of systems care, such as natural support systems, entitlements and benefits, inter and intra-agency systems of care, crisis response systems, medications, culture, trauma informed care, diversity competence, human trafficking, and intent of peer recovery services
 - (2) Characteristics of populations to be served such as symptoms, medications, culture, age, gender, sexual orientation, and human development
- (I) Any individual disqualified from certification due to a criminal offense in paragraph (D) of this



rule may request a waiver of that disqualification by submission of a waiver request form. The waiver form shall set forth factors related to conviction, time lapsed since the conviction, related circumstances, and changes in the applicants life since the charge or conviction. If a waiver is granted for an individual, the waiver is only for those offenses listed on the waiver and is not subject to review by the department upon the individuals certification renewal.

(J) Applications for certification and renewal, and all accompanying materials, are subject to public records requests pursuant to Chapter 149. of the Revised Code; however the department shall not use the applications for any purpose other than determining certification status and shall be kept confidential unless disclosure is required by state or federal law.

(K) Disqualifying offenses (sections of the Revised Code);.

(1) 2903.01 (aggravated murder);

(2) 2903.15 (permitting child abuse);

(3) 2903.16 (failing to provide for a functionally impaired person);

(4) 2903.21 (aggravated menacing);

(5) 2905.32 (human trafficking);

(6) 2905.33 (unlawful conduct with respect to documents);

(7) 2903.34 (patient abuse and neglect);

(8) 2903.341 (patient endangerment);

(9) 2905.04 (child stealing) as it existed prior to July 1, 1996;

(10) 2905.05 (criminal child enticement);



- (11) 2907.02 (rape);
- (12) 2907.03 (sexual battery);
- (13) 2907.04 (unlawful sexual conduct with a minor, formerly corruption of a minor);
- (14) 2907.05 (gross sexual imposition);
- (15) 2907.06 (sexual imposition);
- (16) 2907.07 (importuning);
- (17) 2907.08 (voyeurism);
- (18) 2907.12 (felonious sexual penetration);
- (19) 2907.21 (compelling prostitution);
- (20) 2907.22 (promoting prostitution);
- (21) 2907.31 (disseminating matter harmful to juveniles);
- (22) 2907.32 (pandering obscenity);
- (23) 2907.321 (pandering obscenity involving a minor);
- (24) 2907.322 (pandering sexually-oriented matter involving a minor);
- (25) 2907.323 (illegal use of minor in nudity-oriented material or performance);
- (26) 2907.33 (deception to obtain matter harmful to juveniles);
- (27) 2909.22 (soliciting/providing support for act of terrorism);



- (28) 2909.23 (making terrorist threat);
- (29) 2909.24 (terrorism);
- (30) 2913.40 (medicaid fraud);
- (31) 2919.22 (endangering children);
- (32) 2925.02 (corrupting another with drugs);
- (33) 2925.23 (illegal processing of drug documents);
- (34) 2925.24 (tampering with drugs);
- (35) 2925.36 (illegal processing of drug samples);
- (36) 3716.11 (placing harmful objects in food or confection);