



National Standards for Peer Recovery Support Services

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A Brief History-The Last Decade

- clearly distinct from both clinical treatment and mutual aid support
- established in the continuum of care for people seeking, stabilizing, and sustaining recovery from addiction to alcohol and other drugs
- peer recovery support services have been conceived, defined, and developed

The Evolution- The Need for National Standards

ensure the highest quality of care

keep intact the values, principles, and contexts

maintain the integrity and fidelity to peer recovery

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How were the CAPRSS Standards Developed?

CAPRSS standards come from the Recovery Community and reflect current practice in peer recovery support.

Culmination of years of work by recovery community advocates and allies

CAPRSS Philosophical Approach

Accreditation plus:

more than the evaluation and approval of an organization or peer support program

process that promotes capacity-building and the achievement of excellence

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Why was CAPRSS Formed?

covers a variety of service roles

has nationwide scope

ensures highest standards for principles, people, practices,
and performance within organizations

serves as a vehicle to highlight and develop best and
evidence-based practices

Standards

“an established guideline, model, or example that is used for the measurement of quality or value”

core of accreditation process

external guide to assess the capacity and efficiency of a program

organizational self-inventory

reflective process

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Why are Standards Essential?

create infrastructure

continuous quality improvement

facilitate and disseminate promising, best, and, ultimately, evidence-based practices

reinforce the recovery-based values and principles that underlie peer recovery support services

standards foster self-reflection and capacity-building within organizations

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CAPRSS Focus-The Four P's

Principles-often intangible, elements such as culture and climate

People-the heart of PRSS, recruitment, oriented, trained, and supervised

Practices-critical for organizational sustainability

Performance-program capacity to help people achieve and maintain recovery

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Principle Domains

Recovery principles, culture and climate

Ethical framework for service delivery

Example: *EFSD-1.0 The PRSS program has guidelines, policies, procedures and practices related to ethics that are consistent with recovery and peer values, protecting both providers and recipients of peer services*

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People Domains

Peer Leader Development

Peer Supervision Development

Example: *PSD-2.0 Selection. The program has clearly defined processes for identifying needed qualifications, screening and selecting peer supervisors*

Practices Domains

Governance

Management Systems

Example: *GOV-2.0 Board of Directors. The board of directors is appropriately representative of and responsive to local communities of recovery*

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Performance Domain

Peer Support Core Competencies

Example: *PSCC-5.0 Evaluation. The program uses evaluation data as a management tool*

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