Peer Specialist Workforce

State-by-state information on key indicators, and links to each state’s peer certification program web site.

Alabama
Certification program exists
Peer support not Medicaid-reimbursable
204 peer specialists statewide
www.mh.alabama.gov/MI/consumers.aspx

Alaska
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
Number of peer specialists unknown
www.akpeersupport.org

Arizona
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
2,524 peer specialists statewide

Arkansas
Certification under development
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
Number of peer specialists unknown
No web site

California
No certification
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
Number of peer specialists unknown

Colorado
Certification under development
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
Number of peer specialists unknown
http://www.coloradomentalwellnessnetwork.org/recovery-education/peer-support-specialist/

Connecticut
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
100 peer specialists statewide
www.mindlink.org
Delaware
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
29 peer specialists statewide
www.delawarerecovery.org

District of Columbia
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
107 peer specialists statewide
www.dbh.dc.gov/service/peer-specialist-certification-program

Florida
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
421 peer specialists statewide
www.peersupportfl.org

Georgia
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
1700 peer specialists statewide
www.gacps.org

Hawaii
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
190 peer specialists statewide
health.hawaii.gov/amhd/consumer/hcps/

Idaho
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
125 peer specialists statewide

Illinois
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
359 peer specialists statewide
www.illinoismentalhealthcollaborative.com/consumers/consumer_crss.htm

Indiana
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
378 peer specialists statewide
www.chwcrs.org/
Iowa
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
76 peer specialists statewide
http://www.iowabc.org/mhpss

Kansas
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
538 peer specialists statewide
www.webs.wichita.edu/?u=ccsr&p=/certifiedpeerspecialisttraining/

Kentucky
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
556 peer specialists statewide
www.dbhid.dbhid perkrecovery.aspx

Louisiana
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
74 peer specialists statewide
www.lapeersupport.org

Maine
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
100 peer specialists statewide
www.amistadinc.com

Maryland
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
107 peer specialists statewide
http://mapcb.wordpress.com/cprs/

Massachusetts
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
583 peer specialists statewide
transformation-center.org/home/training/certified-peer-specialists/

Michigan
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
1532 peer specialists statewide
www.mpsupeers.org
Minnesota
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
2 peer specialists statewide
www.mentalhealthmn.org/
www.riinternational.com/

Mississippi
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
143 peer specialists statewide
www.dmh.ms.gov/peer-support-services/

Missouri
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
326 peer specialists statewide
www.peerspecialist.org/PeerSpecialist1.0 /

Montana
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
Number of peer specialists unknown
www.mtpeernetwork.org

Nebraska
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
320 peer specialists statewide
www.dhhs.ne.gov/behavioral_health/Pages/DBHOCAPeer.aspx

Nevada
Certification under development
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
Number of peer specialists unknown
www.NVPPS.com

New Hampshire
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
Number of peer specialists unknown
www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcbcs/bbh/peer.htm

New Jersey
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
134 peer specialists statewide
www.certbd.org/
www.mhanj.org/consumer-connections-2/
New Mexico
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
362 peer specialists statewide
Web site unknown

New York
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
300 peer specialists statewide
www.nypeerspecialist.org/

North Carolina
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
1834 peer specialists statewide
https://pss.unc.edu/

North Dakota
Certification program exists
Peer support not Medicaid-reimbursable
16 peer specialists statewide
Web site unknown

Ohio
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
Number of peer specialists unknown

Oklahoma
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
400 peer specialists statewide
www.ok.gov/odmhsas/Mental_Health/Certified_Peer_Recovery_Support_Specialist/index.html

Oregon
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
515 peer specialists statewide
www.mhaoforegon.org

Pennsylvania
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
4389 peer specialists statewide
www.papsc.org
Rhode Island
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
89 peer specialists statewide
www.ricertboard.org/

South Carolina
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
1000 peer specialists statewide
www.seshare.com

South Dakota
No certification
Peer support not Medicaid-reimbursable
Number of peer specialists unknown
No web site

Tennessee
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
557 peer specialists statewide
www.tn.gov/behavioral-health/topic/certified-peer-recovery-specialist-program

Texas
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
750 peer specialists statewide
www.viahope.org/programs/peer-specialist-training-and-certification/

Utah
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
346 peer specialists statewide
https://dsamh.utah.gov/certified-peer-support-specialist-information-page/

Vermont
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
Number of peer specialists unknown
www.wwcvt.org

Virginia
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
464 peer specialists statewide
https://www.vacertboard.org/certifications
Washington
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
2,500 peer specialists statewide
Web site unknown

West Virginia
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
Number of peer specialists unknown
www.dhhr.wv.gov/bhhf/Sections/programs/ConsumerAffairsCommunityOutreach/Pages/default.aspx

Wisconsin
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
428 peer specialists statewide
www.wicps.org; www.sce-peerspecialist.uwm.edu

Wyoming
Certification program exists
Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable
56 peer specialists statewide
www.health.wyo.gov/behavioralhealth/mhsa/initiatives/peer-specialists/

Data sources:


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