

Collaborative Approach to Integrating Recovery Peer Support in Child Welfare Systems

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Background of Recovery Peer Support in Ohio

- Peer Recovery Coaching didn't emerge in Ohio until approximately 6-8 years ago
- Summit County was even further behind
- Implementation of a Recovery Peer Support Program within child welfare started at the inception of a federally funded Regional Partnership Grant that was awarded to Summit County Children Services

Why do we need Peer Recovery Support in Child Welfare?

- In 2015, at least 50% of families with open child welfare cases in Summit County were identified to have AoD concerns
- Recovery coaches work with parents, child welfare caseworkers and treatment agencies/teams to remove barriers, engage parents and provide on-going support

Engaging Community Partners and Building Collaborative Relationships

- Communication and education between child welfare and AoD (Alcohol and other Drugs) treatment providers
- Form multi-disciplinary collaborative workgroup for cross system input
 - Identify the group of peer supporters desired
 - Define the expectations
 - Identify prerequisites

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How to Recruit, Train and Match Peer Recovery Supporters

- Community collaborations
- Provide orientation and on-going training
- Trouble-shoot problems
- Keep peer supporters involved
- Develop a matching tool

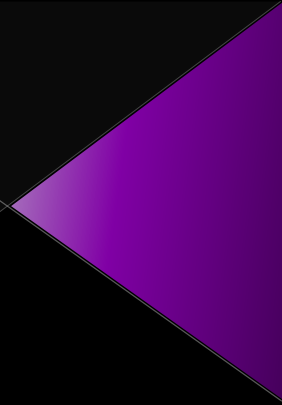
Documentation and Billing

- Obtain stakeholder buy-in
- Determine funding streams
- Secure resources
- Develop a tool that can clearly depict the activities and interaction in a concise manner
- Documentation is only as good as the ease of completing it

Identifying Common Problems

- Mutual respect between professional staff and recovery coaches
- Boundaries
- Ethics
- Burn out
- Coach relapse
- Meaningful supervision

Meet the Recovery Peer Supporters



Conclusion

Recovery Peer Supporters or Recovery Coaches help Child Welfare Agencies ensure the **safety, permanency and well-being** of children.

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