

## Peer Recovery Support Services and Supporting Fathers in Recovery

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## Peer Recovery Support Services

The BJA COSSAP TTA Center on Peer Recovery Support Services

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## Criminal Justice Involvement, Substance Abuse, and Peer Support



- ▲The criminal justice population has a disproportionately high rate of substance use disorders (as well as co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders) compared with the general population.
- ▲ Peer recovery support services (PRSS) have emerged as important resources for engaging and supporting criminal justice-involved individuals and their families in their recovery.



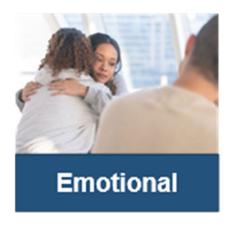
Increasingly, peer recovery support services are an important—and sometimes central—part of efforts to effectively address the opioid epidemic.

Peer-based services can be a vital part of the continuum of care for substance abuse and of efforts to address alcohol and drug abuse—including opioid misuse.

#### Overview: Peer Recovery Support Services (PRSS)



▲ Peer recovery support services (PRSS) refers to the wide-array of nonclinical supports provided by peer practitioners (also referred to as peer specialists).









#### Peer Recovery Support Services (PRSS)

#### Recovery happens in community.

- ▲ Ready-made pro-social environment
- ▲ Focus on building trusting *relationships*
- ▲ Use recovery community resources and assets
- ▲ Provide a variety of models of the benefits and expectations of a life in recovery



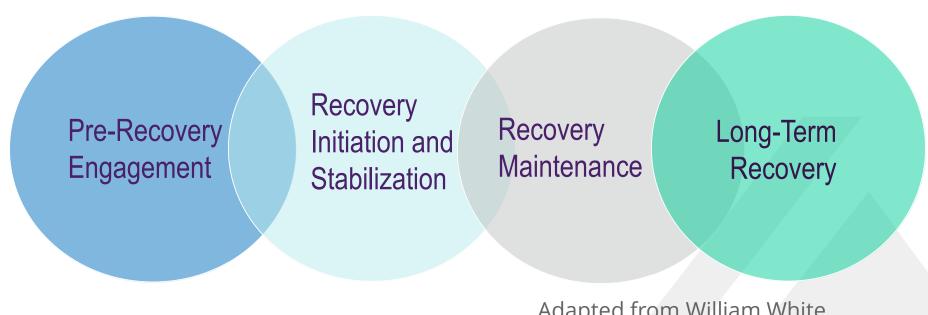
#### PRSS create, build, reinforce, and strengthen Recovery Capital



- ▲In assisting people to achieve their recovery goals, it is often useful to help them assess and build their **Recovery Capital**
- ▲ Recovery Capital is the sum of the strengths and supports—both internal and external—that are available to help someone initiate and sustain long-term recovery from addiction

  (Granfield and Cloud, 1999, 2004; White, 2006)

#### PRSS engage individuals across the time span of recovery—and keep them engaged



Adapted from William White

#### **TTA Center for Peer Recovery Support Services**



- ▲ Developing tools that assist staff to effectively integrate PRSS in criminal justice settings
- ▲ Facilitating program-to-program sharing of evidence-supported services, best practices, and promising approaches
- ▲ Consulting with individual programs to strengthen operations, by identifying and solving challenges to program success.

#### TTA Center for Peer Recovery Support Services Areas of Focus



#### Resources

• Staffing levels, caseload, service array, physical space, technology

#### Infrastructure

 Written policies and procedure, communication tools, organizational structure

#### Organizational Learning

• Practice knowledge, staff training, coaching

- Communication and multi-disciplinary collaboration
- Performance measurement, reporting, and evaluation

## Organizational Culture & Climate

- Shared beliefs and vision
- Conflict resolution and trust
- Commitment to change

#### **Engagement & Partnership**

- Within the Agency, with other organizations, and with communities
- Leadership including leading change

#### TTA Center for PRSS



In-Person and Virtual Consultation

Capacity Building

Training and Facilitation

Thought Leadership

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#### Overview



▲ The purpose of Peer Recovery Support Services Mentoring Initiative (PRSSMI) is to advance the inclusion of peer recovery support services in jurisdictions' portfolios of substance abuse intervention and treatment strategies.

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#### Purpose of PRSSMI



- ▲ Promote peer-to-peer learning among organizations that are implementing PRSS in criminal justice settings.
- ▲ Disseminate evidence-supported PRSS programming, promising approaches, and best practices.
- ▲ Enhance the capacity to develop PRSS as a component of their diversion, alternatives to incarceration, or other criminal justice-focused program.
- ▲ Improve ability to successfully implement a PRSS program, in collaboration with community partners.

#### **Capacity Building Focus**



## Engagement and Partnership

• Strategic relationship building and partnerships within the wide organization, with other organizations, and with communities

## Organizational Culture and Climate

- Purpose, vision, and shared beliefs supportive of peer practice
- Organizational readiness for supporting peer practice

#### Organizational Learning

- Peer practice knowledge and awareness among all staff
- Training, coaching, and development for peer staff
- Communication and multi-disciplinary collaboration in support of goals

#### Infrastructure

- Written policies and procedures that provide structure and support for PRSS
- Supervision processes and protocols

#### Resources

- Appropriate staffing levels
- Depth, breadth, and scope of peer support menu
- Arrangement of physical space and use of technology in support of recovery

#### **Mentor Sites**



#### Launched in late 2018 with the selection of four mentor sites

- Faces and Voices of Recovery Greenville (South Carolina)
- Council of Southeast Pennsylvania, PRO-ACT
- RecoveryPoint (West Virginia)
- University of Alabama at Birmingham, School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry, Community Justice Programs



#### **Role of Mentor Sites**



- ▲ PRSSMI participants are matched to an experienced "mentor site" program that provides consultation and support through virtual learning sessions and an on-site visit.
- ▲ Mentor sites are experienced collaborators with first responders, law enforcement, courts, jails, prisons, and community corrections to help people suffering from substance use disorder to achieve and maintain recovery from addiction.

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#### Mentee Sites



Applications accepted on rolling basis, with following criteria:

- ▲ Stage of program development—planning, start-up, or early implementation
- ▲ Diversity of team
- ▲ Clarity and appropriateness of outcomes sought through peer program
- Clarity and appropriateness of goals for mentorship



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A little bit about Rise Up Central Kansas

# How Did We Get Here?



## Oz's Story

One Dad's Journey





## Strong Dads Make Strong Kids

## Quenching the Father Thirst

Developing a Dad



Kirk's Turn...
Tell Us About
Your Journey

## Fatherhood Initiative Incentive Program:

#### \$2000 Incentives:

Programs that enable a payor to progress their career

- HVAC certification
- Barbershop or cosmetology licensure
- Forklift driver certification
- CDL certification
- Nursing certificate
- Welding certificate

#### \$1000 Incentives:

Programs that are education related

High school diploma or GED

#### \$500 Incentives:

Programs that enable payor to enhance personal lives

- Fatherhood or parenting classes
- Finance classes
- Addictions classes



Can We Answer Any Questions?

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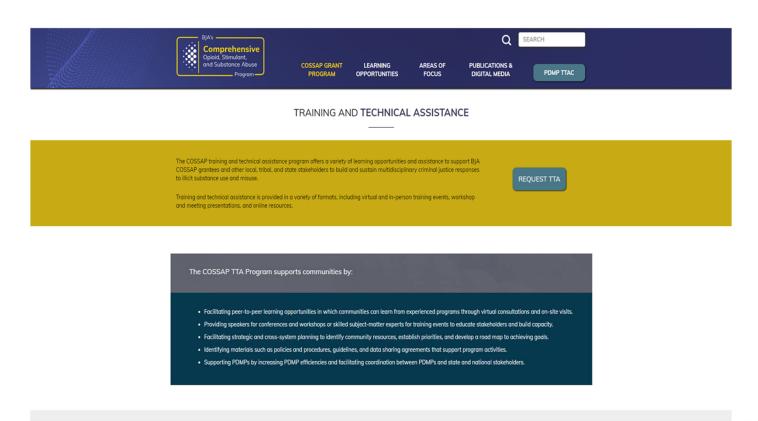
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### **COSSAP** Resources

**Tailored Assistance**—The COSSAP training and technical assistance (TTA) program offers a variety of learning opportunities and assistance to support local, tribal, and state organizations, stakeholders, and projects in building and sustaining multidisciplinary responses to the nation's substance abuse crisis. **You do not need to be a COSSAP grantee to request support**. TTAs are provided in a variety of formats, including virtual and in-person training events, workshop and meeting presentations, and online resources. Request TTA to support your activities at <a href="https://cossapresources.org/Program/TTA/Request">https://cossapresources.org/Program/TTA/Request</a>.

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