1. **Who can register to participate?**

PRSSMI provides an opportunity for new or early-stage peer programs (mentees) to be matched with and learn from experienced programs (mentors) in a structured way. A mentee site receives consultation and support from the staff of an experienced mentor program, culminating in a visit to the mentor site. (PRSSMI will cover travel for up to three persons per mentee team.)

2. **Are there any requirements to be a mentor?**

Mentor sites need to:
- Have established programs utilizing peer supports.
- Leverage the uniqueness of peer status in program design.
- Have clearly defined roles for peers and other staff.
- Use sound evidence-supported practices and policies.
- Engage in systematic recruitment, screening, and hiring of peer workers.
- Provide (or require) training in core competencies (basic) and specialized skills (advanced) for peer staff.
- Promote continuing education and development for peer staff.
- Train non-peer staff members on the value and purpose of peer supports.
- Provide appropriate supervision of peer workers.
- Focus on outcomes; use data to assess program efficacy.
- Demonstrate that programmatic interventions lead to positive outcomes.
- Demonstrate strong collaborations among the courts, child welfare, substance use treatment agencies, and others.

3. **How will mentors and mentees be matched?**

Mentors and mentees are matched on a variety of criteria, including, but not limited to, program size, service area, and program description.

4. **What are the benefits of participating?**

As a mentor, you will have the opportunity to strengthen another program, the satisfaction in advancing colleagues’ efforts, and the chance to showcase your program. In addition, you will also receive a $1,500 stipend per mentee site for your commitment.

5. **What information do mentors need to apply to the program?**

To complete this application, you will need to have:
- An understanding of why you are interested in participating in the program, goals for participation, and what you can bring to the table.
- Key descriptors of your program, such as outcome metrics and key collaborators.
- A one- to two-page program description.
- A program brochure, promotional materials, or media clippings.
- A program staffing chart.
- A program budget from the previous two years.
- Reports on your program's or organization's outcomes/results.
- Any other documents that you would like to submit in support of your application.