



Advocacy for Peer Recovery Specialists

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9:00 AM - 4:30 PM*

Trainers

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- ◇ **Jennifer Tuerke**, CPRS, CPRS Supervisor, Peer Community Coordinator, ValueOptions® Maryland
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- ◇ **Kheninh Daniels**, BSW, CAC-AD, CPRS, Director of Programming, M-ROCC

Objectives of the Training

- ◇ Define advocacy and demonstrate the difference between Little a and Big A advocacy
- ◇ List methods, skills and traits for successful advocacy
- ◇ Explain why self-advocacy is important in the role of a Certified Peer Recovery Specialist (CPRS)
- ◇ Explain how self-determination relates to recovery and wellness
- ◇ List the steps of a basic approach to advocacy
- ◇ List the basic rights of individuals who have mental illness or addiction concerns
- ◇ Demonstrate the ability to work with another individual to advocate on their behalf

Location

The Behavioral Health Administration
Vocational Rehabilitation Building
(formerly the ADAA Building) Training
Room– Ground floor
55 Wade Ave. Catonsville, MD 21228
Spring Grove Hospital Center Campus
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Who Should Attend

This training is for peers seeking to become Certified Peer Recovery Specialists (CPRS). The certification is for the peer recovery support worker who provides recovery support services to individuals living with behavioral health disorders. This training meets 6 hours of the required 10 training hours in the Advocacy domain to make application to the Maryland Addiction and Behavioral-health Professionals Certification Board for the Certified Peer Recovery Specialist certification. In order to receive a certificate for this training a participant must complete all 6 hours of training. No partial credit hours will be given.

Purpose

Advocacy is an important role for a certified peer recovery specialist. As an advocate, the CPRS performs two major functions: help the community understand and support recovery and wellness; but also on an individual level assisting individuals in their recovery by applying the principles of individual choice and self-determination. This training will explore the role of the CPRS as an advocate at both the community and individual level.

Sponsored by the Behavioral Health Administration and the University of Maryland Training Center.

This training is certified by the Training Center of the University of Maryland and has been approved by the Maryland Addiction and Behavioral-health Professional Board to meet 6 training hours in the Advocacy domain of the CPRS certification.