

Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)

Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP)

Peer Recovery Support Services Mentoring Initiative (PRSSMI)

Mentor Application

This form is for jurisdictions applying to be mentor sites. Please save a copy of this form, complete it, and upload it with supporting documents (see page 6) through the PRSSMI Mentor Document Uploader at http://s.iir.com/PRSSMI_Mentor2020.

All questions MUST be answered for your submission to be considered. Further details on the PRSSMI program and application process are available on the [Mentor Program](#) and [Mentee Program](#) FAQs. For questions not addressed by these documents or for tailored assistance, please contact Erin Etwaroo at Erin.Etwaroo@altarum.org.

The Peer Recovery Support Services Mentoring Initiative (PRSSMI) is seeking jurisdictions experienced in implementing peer recovery support services (PRSS) to be mentors to other jurisdictions that are early in the process of implementing PRSS. Mentor programs should:

- ◀ Advocate the value of peer support services within the larger context of behavioral health, recovery-oriented systems of care, criminal justice, and/or child welfare.
- ◀ 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 their intervention leads to positive outcomes.
- ◀ Demonstrate strong collaboration among the courts, child welfare, substance abuse treatment agencies, and others.

Organization Information

Organization Name:

Mailing Address:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Website:

Congressional District:

Which one of the following best describes your organization?

County Health Department

Health Care Agency

Jail/Detention Center

Treatment/Addiction Services Organization

Problem-Solving Court

Recovery Community Organization

Law Enforcement

SSA/Behavioral Health Council

First Responder

Other (please specify):

Which of the following applies to your organization? (Check all that apply.)

COAP or COSSAP grantee with at least two years of experience managing or coordinating a PRSS program in a criminal justice setting.

Grantee of another BJA program, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), or other federal program with at least two years of experience in developing and operating a PRSS program in a criminal justice setting.

Established recovery community organization or PRSS program with at least two years of experience providing peer support for criminal justice-involved individuals.

Established recovery community organization or PRSS program with at least two years of experience providing peer support for individuals involved with child welfare.

Other (please specify):

How long has your organization been providing peer recovery support services? Please specify the number of years and months.

How did you learn about the COSSAP Peer Recovery Support Services Support Services Mentoring Initiative?

Primary Contact Person

First and Last Name:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Other Points of Contact

List any additional contacts for your organization.

First and Last Name

Email Address

Phone Number

PRSS Program Information

What is the title of your program?

Provide a brief description of your program.

Describe the nature and scope of the substance abuse problem in your area of service.

On which intercept(s) does your PRSS program focus? (Check all that apply.)

Intercept	Yes	No	If "yes" was selected, what peer service do you provide at that intercept?
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Intercept 0 – Community/crisis response

Intercept 1 – Law enforcement

Intercept 2 – Initial detention/
initial court hearings

Intercept 3 – Jails/courts

Intercept 4 – Reentry

Intercept 5 – Community corrections

Other (please specify):

How many peers work in your program?

Are the peer workers employed by your agency or by a collaborating organization?

Our agency

Collaborating organization

Other (please specify):

How many individuals or families does your program serve?

What are the anticipated outcomes for your program?

What are the outcome measures?

What performance and/or outcomes data do you collect?

Who or what are the key partners/collaborating organizations for your project?

What connection does your program have with local recovery community organizations (RCOs) or other entities within the recovery community? Of particular interest are those beyond Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous.

Focus Questions

Why are you interested in being a PRSSMI mentor site? What are your primary goals for the mentorship? What are the three key lessons learned that you consider important to share with mentees?

Given the PRSS qualities sought by the PRSSMI, what makes your organization exemplary? What evidence-supported practices or promising approaches do you use? What are your program results to date?

Supporting Documents

Please visit the PRSSMI Document Uploader at http://s.iir.com/PRSSMI_Mentor2020 and upload this completed form and the following documents in support of your application. PDF documents are preferred; however, MS Word documents are acceptable.

- ◀ One-to-two-page program description
- ◀ Program brochure, promotional materials, or media clippings
- ◀ Program staffing chart
- ◀ Program budget from the previous two years
- ◀ Reports on outcomes/results
- ◀ Any other documents that you would like to submit in support of your application

By checking this box, you certify that if selected, your program agrees to the following:

- ◀ Participate in mentor-site training
- ◀ Be a mentor for up to three sites, assisting them through virtual consultation and learning sessions before and after the in-person site-visit(s).
- ◀ Host site visit(s) with assigned mentee sites
- ◀ Complete consultation and post-site visit report(s)

Visit the COSSAP Resource Center at www.cossapresources.org.

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