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Objective

As a CPS, my primary objective is to assist and support my peers in achieving their own needs, wants and goals. I adhere to the emerging core recovery values for delivering peer support services. As a secondary objective, I am an agent of change among non-peer staff.

Work experience

Opening Doors to Recovery

October 2014 — Present

Peer CNS

NAMI-Georgia has begun the ODR Project to support those with serious and persistent mental illnesses who are recidivating in the deep end and put an end to that unacceptable, wasteful, expensive, painful outcome. This project is about collaboration— bringing stakeholders to the table to work together and support their citizens who have been failed miserably by an under funded, fragmented mental health system. ODR is about systems and communities coming together, measuring it up, and finding solutions.

A CNS will serve as personal advocate and systems navigator for recidivists assigned to their case load. They will identify local mental health and primary health services, assist with securing and maintaining safe and affordable short term and or/permanent housing, establish productive collaboration and rapport with local public and private community service systems, faith communities, local businesses, mental health and human services providers, advocacy organizations, support systems and other services and supports necessary for maintaining recovery.

National Alliance on Mental Illness

January 2007 — Present

Volunteer Support Group Facilitator

- Qualified Recovery Education Mentor from 2009
- Experienced facilitating support groups at the jail, probation day reporting center, and general public
- Experienced guest speaker at a broad range of events
- In our Own Voice presenter
- Peer Mentor

Georgia Mental Health Consumer Network

March 16, 2013 — August 24, 2014

Certified Peer specialist

- Provide intentional peer support and trauma informed peer support
- Operate a 24/7 peer support warm-line
- Conduct Respite Center house tours
- Conduct pro-active interviews
- Facilitate Wellness Activities with volunteer participants
- Provide transportation to and from the PSWRC
- Back-up facilitator at Double Trouble Recovery 12 step meetings
- WRAP workshop facilitator
- WHAM wellness coach
- Engage in co-supervision with peer staff coworkers
- Coordinate special events/celebrations

- Schedule guests for respite
- Diligently complete shift duties and provide shift reports
- Build mutual(learn and grow together) relationships

Janssen Pharmaceutical, Chicago IL
Paid Consultant

September 2010 — March 2013

- Serve as an adviser on the Community Council Board
- Featured in documentary Living with Schizophrenia : A Call For Hope and Recovery
- Travel the country speaking at events including : APA annual convention Honolulu Hawaii 2011 , APNA in Anaheim CA 2011 , NAMI convention in Chicago IL 2011, New York, Philadelphia , and much more.

New Horizons CSB , Columbus GA
Certified Peer Specialist

JAN 2010 — DEC 2010

- Experience in the mental health court department of New Horizons Community Service Board
- Contracted to Muscogee County Jail to facilitate recovery dialog with inmates
- Created my own job as a pilot program

Qualifications

- [Community Navigation Specialist \(ODR\) 2014](#)
- [Certified Peer Specialist \(CPS\) 2009](#)
- [Mental Health First Aid 2014](#)
- [Certificate of Completion GA Peer Support & Resiliency Project Workshop 2013](#)
- [Certificate of Completion Trauma-Informed Peer Support 2013](#)
- [Certificate of Completion WRAP for Facilitators Workshop 2013](#)
- [Certificate of Completion WHAM Whole Health & Wellness Coach 2012](#)
- [Certificate of Attendance Working on Wellness 2013](#)
- [Certificate of Attendance Catalyst for Recovery 2013](#)
- [Certificate of Attendance Peer Support Whole Health 2010](#)
- [RESPECT Institute of Georgia graduate 2012](#)
- [RESPECT Institute of Georgia Facilitator in Training](#)
- [Certificate of Completion Stepping Stones to Recovery 2010](#)
- [Certified NAMI Recovery Education Mentor 2009](#)
- [Certified NAMI Connection Recovery Support Group Facilitator 2011](#)
- [Certified NAMI In Our Own Voice Presenter 2011](#)
- [Certificate of Achievement NAMI Basics](#)
- [Excellent computer skills](#)

Education

General Educational Development
Diploma

May 1998 — May 1998

Technical College System of Georgia

Obtained GED and attended some college.

Interests

I am a creative artist with audio/video samples on computers. I enjoy the outdoors (hiking, fishing, biking, skiing, swimming), as well as inner-city exploration (New York City, Atlanta, Philadelphia, Honolulu, Houston, Washington DC). I enjoy flying and boating, the ocean and sand. I am an animal lover. I am great with kids. I have a curious interest in other cultures and worldviews. And I love fine dining.

References

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