

***A Fireside Chat:
Using Peers To Support
Maternal Mental Health***

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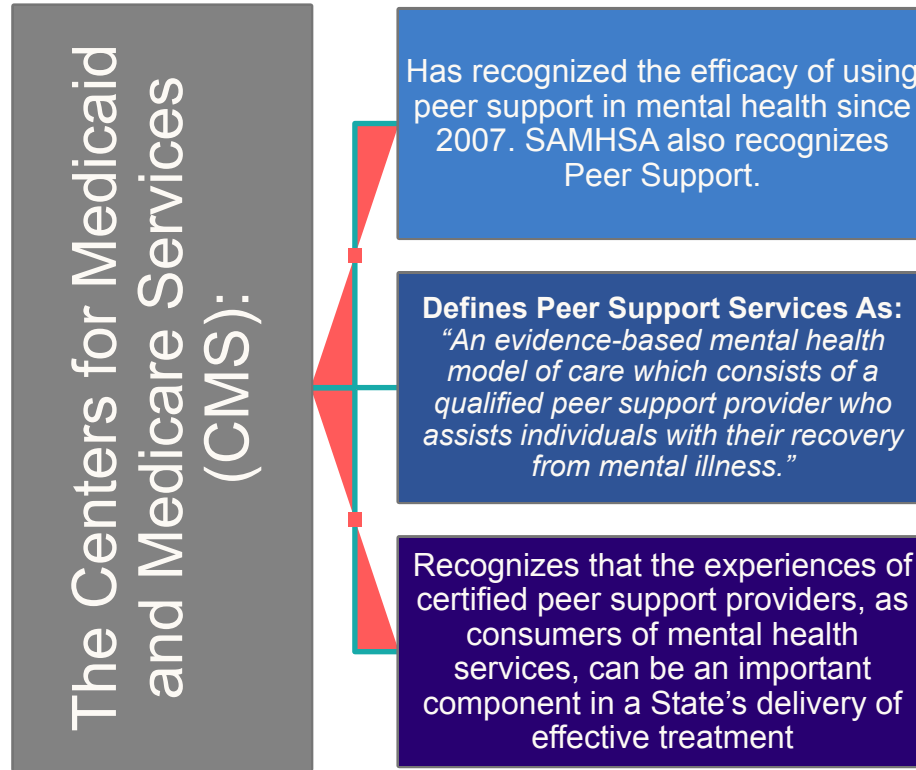
Certified Peers in MMH- Resource Hub

- Issue Brief
- Billing Guides
- Certification & Training by State



<https://policycentermmh.org/certified-peer-support/>

What is Peer Support?



What Supports do Peers Provide?

Peer Workers
Offer Different
Types of Support,
Including:

Emotional (Empathy and Camaraderie)

Informational (Connections to Information and Referrals to Community Resources that Support Health and Wellness)

Instrumental (Concrete Supports Such as Housing or Employment)

Affiliation Support (Connections to Community Supports, Activities, and Events)

What is a *Certified* Peer Specialist?


“Peer support providers must complete training and certification as defined by the State. Training must provide peer support providers with a basic set of competencies necessary to perform the peer support function.”

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What does it mean to be certified?

- Those who are “certified” sit for a test through an agency identified by the state.
- The testing process ensures the peer retained key knowledge provided through training, and allows peers to be issued a professional credential.
- All states now have a state sanctioned peer specialist certification process.

Peers can be Reimbursed through Medicaid



Can a Certified Peer Specialist Program Receive Reimbursement from Medicaid?

Most states reimburse for certified peer specialists billed time through their Medicaid programs.

At least 36 states offer providers the opportunity to bill Medicaid for mental health peer support services. They can do so through mechanisms such as a state plan amendment, the rehabilitation services option or a Medicaid waiver.

A few states also fund grant programs or other alternative financing to support peer specialists.

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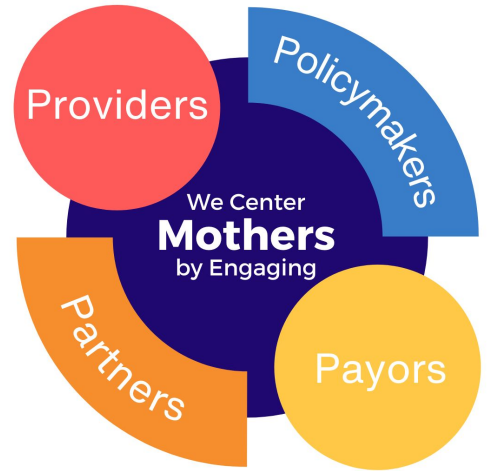
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Peer MMH Add on Training

October 22-24, 2024

Tuesday-Thursday, time TBD

State Certified peer support specialists are invited to join POEM and the Policy Center for training in maternal mental health designed for specifically for peers.

Interested? Learn More:

<https://policycentermmh.org/peer-addon-training/>

State Certified
**Peer Support
Specialist**
Maternal
Mental Health
Add-On Virtual Training



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