Peer Integration and Expansion

Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services
The Arkansas Model was modified to include both substance use and mental health and graduated levels of training and certification becoming known as the Arkansas Model.

The Georgia Model, which was developed by the Appalachian Consulting Group and was considered the gold standard, was being used by up to 40 states.

The Georgia Model was appropriate to use in Arkansas.

Based on the review of programs, the Georgia Model was deemed to be the most peer-led. Uniquely, role of peers led to inappropriate job descriptions and an underutilization of peers were only working in treatment centers, whereas a lack of understanding of the state of Arkansas.

Before 2017, peer recovery was virtually non-existent in the state of Arkansas.

In 2017, DHS hired Peer Recovery Coordinator Jimmy McGill and sent him across the state.
Peer Support

The Arkansas Model

Peer Recovery Support

In 2021, the peer program has integrated mental health peer recovery into the model.

- Recovery efforts.
  The initial phase of development in Arkansas concentrated on the substance use workforce development.
  The Arkansas Model is the only one in the nation offering a career ladder with be the Diamond Standard.

Since the 2019, the Arkansas Model has gained national attention and is considered to...
Arkansas Peer Recovery Supervisor

Arkansas Advanced Peer Recovery Specialist

Arkansas Peer Recovery Specialist

Peer in Training

The Arkansas Model
Peer Recovery Support Services
Peer In Training

Eligibility Criteria:

- Have not committed a sex offense or murder
- Complete core training
- Have a certified Peer Recovery Peer Supervisor (PRPS) oversee the mandatory 500 hours of experience and sign off on those hours
- A minimum of 2 years of personal recovery

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Once the above requirements are met the peer is eligible to schedule credentialing exam

- 25 peer supervision hours (individual/group)
  (Advocacy=25, Ethical Responsibility=25, Mentoring/Education=25, Recovery/Wellness=25)
- 500 experience hours (100 hours domain specific)
- 16 hours needed after core training
- 46 education hours (core training = 30 Ed. Hours)
- Complete all Peer in Training requirements (Including core
  Credentialed Requirements:

Peer in Training
Once the above requirements are met the peer is eligible to schedule credentialing exam.

- 25 peer supervision hours (individual/group)
- 500 experience hours (100 hours domain specific)
- 16 hours needed after training
- 18 education hours (advanced training)
- Complete all core level peer training requirements

Credential Requirements:

Advanced Peer Recovery Specialist
Once the above requirements are met the peer is eligible to schedule credentialing exam

- 25 peer supervision hours (individual/group)
- 250 of those are providing supervision
- 500 experience hours (100 hours domain specific)
- 16 hours needed after training
- 24 education hours
- Complete all advanced level peer training requirements

Credential Requirements:

Peer Recovery Peer Supervision
over 30 days at a time.

• 85% had been incarcerated at the same jail more than three times for
housing upon their release.

• 60% choose to go into recovery
• treatment more than once.

• 40% had been in a traditional
known recovery was an option.
disease of addiction, and did not
treatment, we were not aware of the
• 60% had never been offered
• I2 have sustained recovery

Longoke County Jail released 76 men

Program Development
Current Programs in Arkansas Jails

Services of the Division of Youth Centers who are in the custody program for youth in treatment in addition, there is a peer

- Sebastian County
- Crawford County
- Lawrence County
- Lonoke County
Opportunities for individuals who are in recovery, criminal justice system, and others to identity and create
outreach to courts, law enforcement, hospitals, providers,
recovery support specialists training
DAABS is using multiple funding streams to support the peer
Support Specialists
classes are ongoing to increase the number of peer recovery
in the state of Arkansas
Currently there are 373 trained peer recovery support specialists
We Care. We Act. We Change Lives.