

Abstract
National Peer-Run Training and TA Center for Addiction Recovery Peer Support
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The Curators of the University of Missouri, on behalf of the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC), will coordinate a National Peer-Run Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Center for Addiction Recovery Peer Support (APRS TA Ctr.) with efforts driven by a Peer-Led Steering Committee comprised of persons in recovery from substance use disorders (SUDs) plus representation from national recovery-centered organizations. UMKC will capitalize on its institution's track record of managing the Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC) Network Coordinating Office (NCO); the Mid-America ATTC Regional Center; and the Prevention Technology Transfer Center NCO. Additionally, UMKC will collaborate with three partners with deep expertise and experience in peer recovery support to implement the project: the University of Wisconsin (UW; Great Lakes ATTC), the University of Texas (UT; South Southwest ATTC), and the National Council for Behavioral Health (NCBH). Leveraging the capacity of multiple institutions, this peer-run Center will serve three major demographic groups: a) peer support workers and networks, b) recovery community organizations (RCOs), and c) clinicians in settings that traditionally have not integrated peer support workers into care delivery. The APR-CoE anticipates serving 5,300 over 4 years (Y1-875; Y2-1475; Y3-1475; and Y4-1475) and will collect performance measures through SAMHSA's Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) as well as outcome and process evaluations.

Proposed activities will address four major service gaps: 1) discrimination in traditionally "non-peer" systems; 2) minimal workforce development for peer support workers; 3) deficiency of scalable approaches to build RCOs; and 4) shortage of mechanisms to spread existing and future peer recovery support evidence-based practices. Four goals for addressing these gaps are: 1) increase the number of clinical and other settings that integrate peer support workers into care delivery (specifically those that have not traditionally used peers); 2) enhance professionalization of the peer support workforce; 3) increase the number of RCOs with strong organizational capacity to provide sustainable services to the communities in which they are located; and 4) improve the dissemination of peer recovery support evidenced-base practices and practice-based evidence. Key activities will include conducting capacity assessments; develop and maintain a web-based resource library; provide TA to requesters; create toolkits/curriculum; webinars/podcasts; online courses; educational and RCO leadership development events.

The APRS TA Ctr. aims to play a leading role in successfully integrating peer services into a myriad of traditional and non-traditional organizational and community settings.