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Peer Support and Recovery

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Agenda



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- Peer Services in Texas
- Peer Support and Recovery
- Highlights
- Workforce Development
- Services and Capacity Expansion
- Data and Research Alignment
- Question and Answer

Peer Services in Texas

1. H.B. 1486, 85(R) authorized the creation of a new “Peer Services” Medicaid benefit.
2. To implement legislative direction and highlight the importance of peer support, HHSC established the Peer Support and Recovery team.



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Mission

- To support, strengthen, and enhance the peer workforce and recovery services.

Vision

- A Texas where everyone can access peer and recovery support to achieve their ideal quality of life.

Highlights



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- Started as a team of one, expanded to eight employees
- October 2022, team re-organized to reflect broader scope
- Functions include:
 - ▶ Technical support,
 - ▶ Project management,
 - ▶ Policy consultation, and
 - ▶ Contract oversight

Workforce Development



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- Certification administration
- Workforce development hub, [Peerforce.org](https://peerforce.org)
- Transformational Leadership Program
- Stakeholder engagement
- Curriculum development and training support



Services and Capacity Expansion



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- Recovery support services
- Youth recovery services
- Peer-run organizations
- Clubhouses
- Capacity expansion projects





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Data and Research Alignment

- University research partners
- Technical assistance alignment
- Contract strategy alignment
- Program development and strategic planning



Peer Support and Recovery Section



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Goals

1. Enhance the fidelity of peer and family partner roles
2. Use data and stakeholder input to drive policy, planning, and program decisions
3. Create opportunities for collaboration and relationship building
4. Strengthen and support the peer workforce
5. Develop infrastructure to expand the capacity of peer-run and peer-allied organizations
6. Advance the principles of recovery
7. Provide excellent customer service





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Questions?



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Thank you

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