

What are the goals of DBHR's Certified Peer Counseling Program?

The primary goal of DBHR's peer counselor training program is to certify individuals to work in positions that are Medicaid reimbursable. We prioritize individuals we feel will add to the peer specialist workforce and expand the use of peer support primarily in Medicaid services. Certified Peer Counseling is currently billable only in Regional Support Network contracted agencies, also called Behavioral Health Agencies.

Peer support is, of course, invaluable in many other settings, including residential communities, employment programs, chemical dependency recovery services, and other services and supports. While we are occasionally able to train individuals working in these fields, this is not within the true scope of our current DBHR training program. If you are a non-Medicaid provider, agency, or other organization, feel free to contact DBHR about possible avenues for sponsoring trainings for your individual needs.

Additionally, while many types of professionals may be peers and would benefit from the Certified Peer Counselor training, peers who desire to work as Certified Peer Counselors have a higher priority.