



House Bill 116
Peer Recovery
Specialists
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Human Services Worker I-Corrections
(Peer Recovery Specialist)

Salary Range

\$17.28-\$31.35 Hourly

\$35,938-65,201 Annually

Duties and Responsibilities

- Advocate for inmates/clients by speaking on personal experiences regarding substance use or co-occurring experiences
- Support inmates/clients throughout their recovery process and encourages them to take empowering actions to regain control over their lives and recovery
- Meet with clinical staff and other facility staff to support inmates/clients by providing input into developing a recovery and transition plan, determining the steps to reduce barriers to recovery and reach their recovery goals
- Prepare reports and records to document individual accomplishments, growth and recovery process



- May be asked to provide testimony in court proceedings
- May be asked to transport clients to treatment facilities using a county vehicle
- Perform data collection and reporting
- Conduct follow-up screenings and interventions for inmates who screen positive for substance use disorders
- Assist with co-facilitation of treatment and self-help groups



MINIMUM REQUIRED EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE:

Associates Degree and one (1) year related experience; or equivalent combination of education and experience

PREFERRED EDUCATION, KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

Applicants for the classification must be in a state of recovery for two years from a substance use or co-occurring disorder before they can be qualified to be hired as a Peer Recovery Specialist

Employees in this classification must complete any additional training that is deemed necessary and appropriate to obtain and maintain required certification

Employees in this classification are subject to substance use testing



-Co-facilitate Bureau of Addictions Groups: We have peers and licensed therapists in all of our Bureau of Addictions Groups. This includes all male and female groups. They can discuss their own personal experiences with recovery and relate to our clients on a different level given these experiences.

-Conduct SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment) Screenings: Peers meet with inmates to conduct substance use disorder screenings and help facilitate referrals to treatment from the Detention Center. They meet and refer individuals who are not in the Detention Center long enough to get into the Bureau of Addictions. The Howard County Detention Center was the first Detention Center in the State of Maryland to offer SBIRT services and the first Detention Center Peer hired was for this purpose.



-Conduct Group and Individual Sessions: Peers run groups in the Detention Center and meet with clients for individual sessions.

-Complete GPRA's for Individuals on MAT: For individuals already on or placed on MAT in the Detention Center, peers have helped complete the required GPRA's (Government Performance and Results Act) for the SOR (State Opioid Response) Grant.

-Reentry Support: Peers have conducted reentry services for clients. This includes transporting clients to inpatient treatment directly from the Detention Center.

