



SUPPORTIVE PEERS SERVICES

Information for Community Health Choices and Older Adult Populations in the Community and Long-Term Care Residences (Nursing Facilities)

Since the implementation of Community Health Choices, CBH has been tasked to fund behavioral health services for a new population set; Individuals previously on the aging waiver and individuals residing in nursing facilities. The one service that CBH will be the primary payor for is Supportive Peer Services.

(Note: This service is not covered by Medicare)

Certified Peer Specialists and Certified Older Adult Peer Specialists are people who have been successful in the recovery process who help others experiencing similar situations. Through shared understanding, respect, and mutual empowerment, peer support workers help people become and stay engaged in the recovery process and reduce the likelihood of relapse. Peer support services can effectively extend the reach of treatment beyond the clinical setting into the everyday environment of those seeking a successful, sustained recovery process.

Peer support workers engage in a wide range of activities. These include:

- Advocating for people in recovery
- Sharing resources and building skills
- Building community and relationships
- Leading recovery groups
- Mentoring and setting goals
- Providing services for the home bound and nursing facility residents (transition)

NOTE: Referrals, please contact **CBH Member Services: 888-545-2600**, or **Sophiya John, CBH Member Services Supervisor, Community Health Choices CBH Representative: 215-413-7662**; sophiya.john@phila.gov

The following CBH providers are available to delivery Supportive Peer Specialist Services to the CHC populations: (This list varies with both staffing availability and wait times)

Elwyn, Inc: Partners in Recovery Certified Peer Specialists

215-895-5588 Krystal.Gamez@elwyn.org

Inglis Journey's Program

215-581-3121 or Journeys@inglis.org

Intercommunity Action, Inc. (Greenridge Counseling Center):

(215) 487-1330 greenridge@intercommunityaction.org

JEVS Peer Program

267-350-8600 recovery@jevs.org

PEERSTAR, Inc.

814-421-6378 cdistefano@peerstarllc.com