

Please Note: The CPS Job Description has been developed to better direct services provided by Certified Peer Specialists under Medicaid. Please contact cps.training@wichita.edu for assistance, support, and information for any implementation issues.

Sample CPS Activities Related to the CPS Service Definition

Service Definition Component

A. Helping the consumer to develop a network for information and support from others who have been through similar experiences.

Sample Activities

1. Small group and individualized work providing information and helping consumers identify and share what works in their recovery.
2. Facilitate a dialogue and create a knowledge base among consumers to help them to be actively involved in their treatment.
3. In partnership with the consumer, create new strategies for achieving their goals/plans by sharing lived experience with mental illness and recovery and modeling successful strategies.
4. Help consumers access new resources and attempt and practice new skills in the community.
5. Network consumers with other consumers, consumer run organizations and the community at large.
6. Cultivate a dialogue and disseminate information regarding educational and vocational opportunities within the community as part of the recovery process (e.g.: Student Success, CAP, Leadership Academy, etc).

Service Definition Component

B. Assisting the consumers with regaining the ability to make independent choices and to take a proactive role in treatment including discussing questions or concerns about medications, diagnoses or treatment approaches with their treating clinician.

Sample Activities

1. Help individual consumer articulate in their own words their goals and aspirations in the development of their individualized plan.
2. Working at Staff Decision Support Centers (such as “Common Ground”).

Service Definition Component

C. Assisting the consumer with the identifying and effectively responding to or avoiding identified precursors or triggers that result in functional impairments.

Sample Activities

1. Share and support use of recovery tools including established best practices (Examples: WRAP plans & Pathways to Recovery) and individually developed tools and strategies.
2. Sharing “lived experiences” and model recovery strategies.

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