Role: The Peer Recovery Supporter’s role is to support others in recovery from a substance use disorder. They will serve as a role model, mentor, advocate and motivator to recovering individuals in order to help prevent relapse and promote long-term recovery. The Peer Recovery Supporter must demonstrate an ability to share personal recovery experiences and to develop authentic peer-to-peer relationships.

Duties and Functions:

- Maintain project logs, reports and records in appropriate files and database(s)
- Provide recovery education to individuals for every phase of the recovery journey from pre-recovery engagement, recovery initiation, recovery stabilization, and sustained recovery maintenance
- Provide a model for both people in recovery and staff by demonstrating that recovery is possible
- Assist individuals to identify their personal interests, goals, strengths and weaknesses regarding recovery
- Assist individuals in developing their own plan for advancing their recovery
- Promote self-advocacy by assisting individuals in expressing their voice, needs, goals and objectives
- Actively identify and support linkages to community resources (communities of recovery, educational, vocational, social, cultural, spiritual resources, mutual self-help groups, professional services, etc.) that support the individual’s goals and interests
- Support connections to community based, mutual self-help groups
- Link individuals to appropriate professional resources
- Provide vision-driven hope and encouragement for opportunities at varying levels of involvement in community based activities (e.g., work, school, relationships, physical activity, self-directed hobbies, etc.)
- Identify barriers (internal and external) to full participation in community resources and developing strategies to overcome those barriers
- Maintain contact by phone and/or e-mail with recovering person after they leave the program to insure their ongoing success and to provide re-engagement support in partnership with others in the agency if needed. Long-term engagement, support, and encouragement.