

Certified Recovery Specialist Program

Grandfathering Guidelines for Certified Recovery Specialist Applicants

The following guidelines are to be used when determining eligibility of a consumer who is applying for grandfathering certification: individuals who self-identify as having a mental health diagnosis, who are over the age of 18, who have completed a minimum of a high school or a GED program, and must be a resident of Indiana. A consumer will be expected to verify, with documentation, that they meet these requirements. A person must be able to meet at least one training and/or employment guideline and complete the online refresher course. The requirements are as follows:

1. A consumer not currently employed as a peer support, but who can verify he/she has been trained by a State Recognized Certified Peer Specialist Training Program within the past two (2) years may be granted certified status. Consumers must verify this status by submitting to ASPIN (1) a letter from that organization (2) documented evidence of passing certification tests, (3) Treatment Verification form, and (4) \$60.00 non-refundable administration fee.
2. A consumer who is currently working as a peer support and can verify training in a State Recognized Certified Peer Specialist Training Program within the past five (5) years may be granted certified status. Consumers must supply to ASPIN (1) proof of employment, (2) a copy of their current job description, (3) documentation of completing training (4) documented evidence of passing certification tests, (5) Treatment Verification form, and (6) \$60.00 non-refundable administration fee.
3. Persons meeting the grandfathering requirements, **listed above**, are required to complete an online refresher course and pass an online exam at a mastery level of 80%.

ASPIN contact information is as follows:

Address: 3600 Woodview Trace, Ste. 103
Indianapolis, Indiana 46268
Phone: 317-536-4684
Fax: 317-471-1891

It should be expected that ASPIN will verify any information and documentation that is submitted.

Consumers who are employed as peer supports, regardless of length of employment, and have no formal training from a State Recognized Certified Peer Specialist Training Program cannot be granted certified status based on the term of employment.

State Recognized Certified Peer Specialist Training Programs include:

- *The Georgia Model
- *Depression Bi-Polar Support Alliance Peer Support Specialist Training
- *Indiana Access To Recovery Peer Recovery Coach Academy
- *The National Association of Peer Specialist, Basic Training and/or the Advanced Course

()- Consumers must submit documentation that states location, dates of training and certification status related to at least one of these programs.*

Consumers must meet the requirements as listed in the guidelines content related to time since training and length of employment experiences and completing the online refresher course.

The Grandfathering Program ends December 31st 2010. ALL requirements must be completed by this date.

NOTE:

Individuals who achieve CRS status through the grandfathering process explained above will then be subject to all continuing education and recertification requirements in place for Indiana Certified Recovery Specialists. These may be found on the CRS website (www.certifiedrecovery specialist.org).