

Mississippi Behavioral Health Services  
Certified Peer Support Specialist

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Provides individual Peer Support Specialist (PSS) services in the community.

- Assists clients in developing goals for treatment within the first 30 days of service.
- Assists clients in restoring, rehabilitating, and developing social and interpersonal skills.
- Identify, enhance, and establish support networks, community awareness, coping strategies, and improve functioning in the individual's social environments (home, work, school).
- Help restore, rehabilitate, and support the development of daily living skills.
- Help improve each client's self-management of the negative effects of psychiatric or emotional symptoms.
- Assists clients in identifying, effectively responding to or avoiding identified precursors ("triggers") that lead to functional impairments.
- Help implement Peer Support Plan on an ongoing basis.
- Participate in collaborative meetings with Mississippi Behavioral Health Services staff, other agencies or community and natural supports as needed.
- Communicate client's status on a regular basis, including, but not limited to changes in mood or functioning, medical issues and all crisis and health and safety issues.
- Be knowledgeable of and adept at producing effective, clinical documentation of every contact with recipient.
- Turning in notes on time according to policy. Document all "no shows," and communicate all difficulties contacting clients with appropriate office staff.
- Be able, or willing to learn, to use computer interface to complete documentation for billing or other purposes as needed.
- Attend all office trainings as well as regular clinical supervision sessions with Clinical Manager and/or Case Manager.
- Document services provided regularly, concisely, and completely in accordance with clinical standards by office deadline.
- Return phone calls promptly
- Follow all safety rules

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Has at least a high school diploma or GED equivalent; and
- Must self-identify as a current or former consumer of mental health services; and
- Must demonstrate a minimum of 6 months in self-directed recovery within the last year; or
- Self-identify as a first degree family member
- Must receive DMH approved Certification as a Peer Support Specialist within 30 days of employment
- Applicant must possess a valid drivers license (in good standing) and proof of auto insurance
- Successful clearance of state criminal background check as well as a successful clearance of drug and TB skin test