

# **Certified Peer Support & Recovery Professional (CPSRP) Credential Grandparenting Process**

## **Essential Information**

October 2025



# **Certified Peer Support & Recovery Professional Credential (CPSRP)**

This credential integrates Recovery Support Specialists and Recovery Coaches under one certification, administered by a credentialing-body.

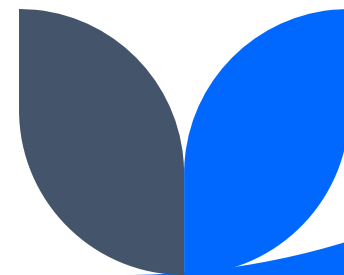
It ensures that all individuals trained by a DMHAS-approved Peer Training Organization have been taught SAMHSA's Twelve Core Competencies and DMHAS' Peer Ethics & Values (2024).

This credential is in alignment with national standards.



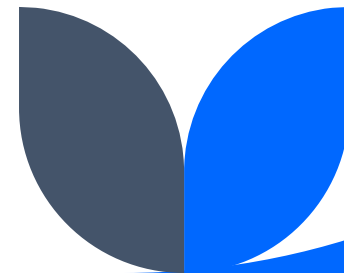
# CPSRP Grandparenting

Individuals can grandparent into the CPSRP credential based on existing training.



# We Listened, We Heard, We Learned

- In Previous townhalls
- In Listening Sessions
- From Emails and Phone Conversations
- At Events



# Grandparenting Changes Made:

- No pilot exam requirement.
- No work/volunteer requirements.
- No CE requirements.
- Expired RSS certification accepted.
- Extended time-period for grandparenting application.

## Other General Changes....

Communication accessibility with individuals in the Recovery Community & DMHAS.

- DMHAS website Peer Cert. tab
- DMHAS website Recovery tab
- Email Contact List developed
- Office Hours monthly

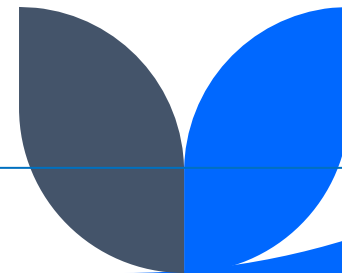
# STAYING CONNECTED

## Grandparenting forums- Virtual

- Last one- November 20th
- 6-7:30 pm

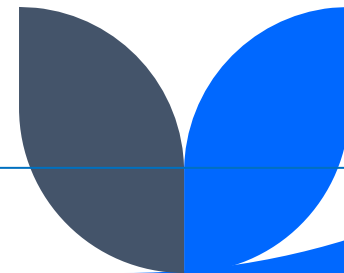
## Open Office Hours- Virtual

- 2nd Thursday of every month
- Rotating 6-7 pm to 12-1 pm
- October 9th at 6pm



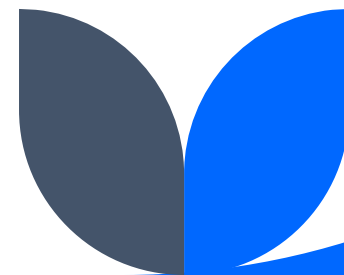
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- Contact List
  - Receive emails on updates through the Office of Recovery Community Affairs.
  - Email any questions or concerns directly.  
(go to the source directly)
- Email [elsa.ward@ct.gov](mailto:elsa.ward@ct.gov)



# WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Everyone that completed training  
from a DMHAS-approved  
training organization  
on or before February 1st, 2026





# And

Everyone that has the IC&RC CPRS  
credential through the CCB  
on or before February 1st, 2026



# **Applications for Grandparenting CPSRP credential**

**are located on the Connecticut Certification Board  
(CCB) website (under application and renewal)**



**Opened October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025  
Closes October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**



# DMHAS Approved Training Organizations

## Recovery Support Specialist

- ❖ Advocacy Unlimited (AU)
- ❖ Hartford Healthcare- Recovery Leadership Academy  
(HHC-RLA)

## Recovery Coach

- ❖ Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery  
(CCAR)

# Who isn't eligible?

- Completed training by a non-approved trainer.
- Completes training after February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 by a DMHAS approved trainer.
- Obtains their CPRS credential through the CCB after February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

# Grandparenting Application

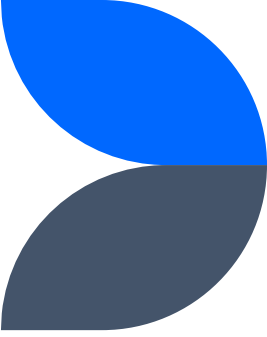
## Required Documents

- ❖ State or Federal Picture ID
- ❖ Training Completion Certificate

# Grandparenting Application

- ❖ Once complete, allow 4-6 weeks to process.
- ❖ The CCB will email the certificate the beginning of each month after processing is complete.

# OTHER INFO



- Certification valid for 2 years
  - The 3<sup>rd</sup> year was based on taking the pilot exam.
- 10 hours of CEs per year
  - Must include 2 CEs CT. Peer Ethics & Values & 4 CEs Peer Specific

# CCB Recertification Fees

## IC&RC Certified Peer Recovery Specialist

1 year	\$50.00
2 year	\$95.00
3 year	\$135.00

## Certified Prevention Specialist

1 year	\$50.00
2 year	\$95.00
3 year	\$125.00

## CPSRP

- **1 year**      **\$25.00**
- **2 year**      **\$40.00**
- **3 year**      **\$55.00**



# Have Questions?

Please contact  
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