

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

Essential Information

October 2025



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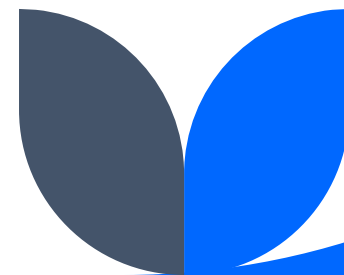


Certified Peer Support & Recovery Professional Credential (CPSRP)

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

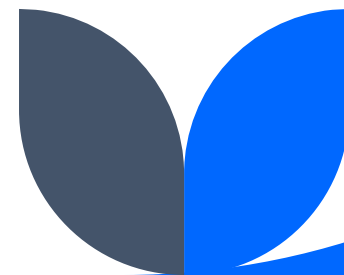
It ensures that all individuals trained by a DMHAS-approved Peer Training Organization have been taught SAMHSA's Twelve Core Competencies and DMHAS' Peer Ethics & Values (2024).

This credential is in alignment with national standards.



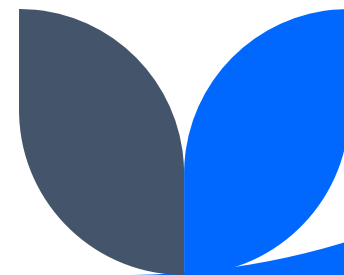
CPSRP Grandparenting

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

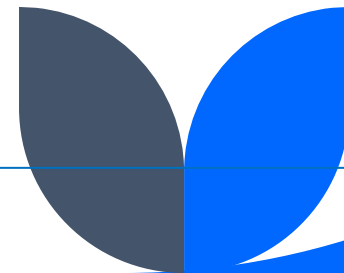
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Grandparenting forums- Virtual

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

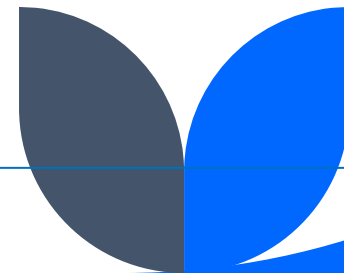
Open Office Hours- Virtual

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



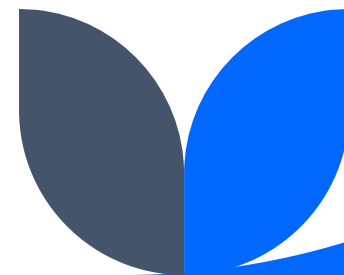
STAYING CONNECTED

- 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



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



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)



Applications for Grandparenting CPSRP credential

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



Opened October 2nd, 2025

Closes October 1st, 2026

Who isn't eligible?

- Completed training by a non-approved trainer.
- Completes training after April 1st, 2026 by a DMHAS approved trainer.
- Obtains their CPRS credential through the CCB after April 1st, 2026.

Grandparenting Application

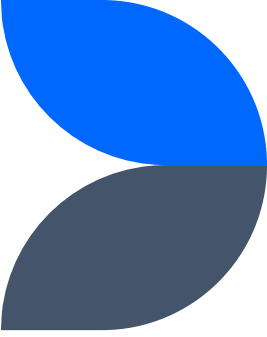
Required Documents

- ❖ 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 3rd 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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