Virginia Organizations Utilizing Peer Services Workers

One key aspect of the pathway towards certification as a Peer Recovery Specialist, established by the Virginia Certification Board (vacertboard.org), is the requirement of **500 Experience hours**. These hours providing direct peer services can be completed as an internship, volunteership, or paid placement at any organization with the capacity to support peer services (including a qualified direct supervisor). We encourage peers to document all experience hours to include, the date, location, brief description of tasks completed, and a supervisor’s signature.

Below, please find a list of organizations (by geographic region) that have hired peer recovery specialists and/or certified peer recovery specialists in the past. This should not be considered an exhaustive list of all opportunities for peer service workers in Virginia. We simply hope that this resource will reduce the overall challenges peers face in securing experience hour and employment opportunities.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Community Services Boards</th>
<th>Other</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| **Northwestern: Region One** | Northwestern CSB  
Harrisonburg-Rockingham CSB  
Alleghany-Highlands Community Services  
Rappahannock-Rapidan CSB  
Rappahannock Area CSB  
Rockbridge Area CSB  
Region Ten CSB | Bridging the Gaps - Winchester  
Mental Health Recovery Center - Winchester  
On Our Own of Charlottesville  
Spirithworks - Warrenton  
Strength In Peers - Harrisonburg  
Within Reach - Winchester  
Roads to Recovery - Lynchburg  
Western State Hospital - Staunton |
| **Northern: Region Two**   | Arlington County CSB  
Alexandria Department of Human Services  
Fairfax-Falls Church CSB  
Prince William County CSB  
Loudoun County CSB | Phoenix House of the Mid-Atlantic - Arlington  
Peers Helping Peers - Arlington  
Consumer Wellness Center - Annandale  
Depression Bipolar Support Alliance - Fairfax & Arlington  
PRS, Inc - Fairfax, Leesburg  
Laurie Mitchell Empowerment & Career Center - Alexandria  
Merrifield Peer Resource Center - Fairfax  
Wellness Center - Reston  
South County Recovery & Drop In Center - Alexandria  
Pathway Homes, Inc - Fairfax  
Trillium Center - Woodbridge |
| **Southwestern: Region Three** | Southside CSB  
Danville-Pittsylvania Community Services  
Cumberland Mountain CSB  
New River Valley CSB | Frontier Healthcare - Big Stone Gap, Weber City  
401 Peer Center - Radford  
Carillion Peer Recovery Center - Roanoke  
On Our Own of the Roanoke Valley |
### Southwestern continued

- Piedmont Community Services
- Blue Ridge Behavioral Health Care
- Mount Rogers CSB
- Highlands CSB
- Floyd Integrity- Floyd
- WeCare, Inc - Martinsville
- Roanoke Valley HOPE Initiative - Roanoke
- Western Virginia Regional Jail - Salem
- Veterans Administration Medical Center - Salem
- Catawba Hospital - Catawba
- Bradley Free Clinic - Roanoke

### Central: Region Four

- Richmond Behavioral Health Authority
- Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services
- Chesterfield CSB
- Hanover County CSB
- Goochland-Powhatan Community Services
- Crossroads CSB
- District 19 CSB
- Central State Hospital - Dinwiddie
- CleanSlate - Mechanicsville
- Virginia Center for Addiction Medicine - Richmond
- Southside Regional Medical Center - Petersburg
- HandUp Resource Center - Richmond
- Friends 4 Recovery - Richmond
- Robin’s Hope - North Chesterfield
- The Healing Place (Caritas) - Richmond
- New Journey Family Services - Emporia
- Riverside Regional Jail - Prince George
- HYPE Counseling Services, LLC - Richmond

### Eastern: Region Five

- Hampton-Newport News CSB
- Chesapeake Integrated Behavioral Healthcare
- Norfolk CSB
- Middle Peninsula-Northern Neck CSB
- Colonial Behavioral Health
- Western Tidewater CSB
- Eastern State Hospital - Williamsburg
- Peer Recovery Center - Warsaw
- 84 East Peer Recovery Center - Gloucester
- Peer Recovery Drop In Center - Norfolk
- Spiritworks - Williamsburg
- Southampton Memorial Hospital - Franklin

### Statewide

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Advocacy Organizations:</th>
<th>Managed Care Organizations:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>VOCAL (Advocacy Opportunities)</td>
<td>Aetna Better Health</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mental Health America of Virginia and affiliates</td>
<td>Anthem Healthkeepers Plus</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>National Alliance of Mental Illness - Virginia and affiliates</td>
<td>Magellan Complete Care</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SAARA Center</td>
<td>Optima Health</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DBHDS: Office of Recovery Services</td>
<td>United Healthcare Community Plan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Virginia Premier</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>