

PA Coalition of Drop-In Centers and Peer Resource Centers FACT SHEET

Who are we?

PA Coalition of Drop-In Centers and Peer Resource Centers (Coalition) is an affiliation of 90-plus programs across the Commonwealth. The Coalition members are primarily individuals who attend, work, or volunteer at drop-in centers in the state of Pennsylvania.

The vision of the Coalition is to encourage and provide support to Drop-In Centers and Peer Resource Centers that welcome all people to recovery and wellness through community integration and inclusion.

Members of the Coalition support each other by sharing best practices and program ideas and working together to promote Drop-In Centers throughout all regions of Pennsylvania.

Background

The statewide Coalition was officially formed, with OMHSAS support, in 2009.

The Coalition will be guided by an interim steering committee during a 2-year start up period ending in 2012. The statewide interim steering committee will be governed by 2 co-chairs and 6 steering committee members representing six regions of PA including (northwest, north central, northeast, southwest, south-central, and southeast).

An interim technical assistance team with representatives from PMHCA, PAPSRS and OMHSAS will assist in the initial growth and development of the Coalition.

By 2012 it is anticipated that the coalition will be freestanding and will have a full slate of officers operating under bylaws approved in 2009. When fully operational each region of the Coalition will elect two representatives serving two year terms.

What is the purpose of this coalition?

The purpose of the Coalition is to promote effective statewide communications and networking among affiliates leading to vital sustainable programs.

The Coalition provides technical assistance, mentoring and training to affiliate centers with a commitment to developing best practice approaches to improve the services, activities and governing of the Coalition.

The Coalition will accomplish these goals by:

- Encouraging recovery-promoting services and activities and advocating for individuals who attend, work, or volunteer at drop-in centers or peer resource centers throughout Pennsylvania

- Develop local and regional networks that can meet and connect with representatives to the 4 statewide steering committee meetings per year including: January Webex meeting, April @ PAPSRS Conference, June @ PMHCA Conference, and September Webex meeting.
- Development of shared resources that will strengthen centers in their ability to development and maintain best practice programming and sustainable financial resources.

What resources will the coalition provide?

- Statewide Drop-in Center and Peer Resource Center Directory is available on PA Recovery website (parecovery.org).
- Development of a statewide newsletter.
- Opportunity to collaborate with other statewide coalitions and organizations.
- Technical assistance to centers.

How do I get involved with the coalition?

- Check Coalition information at www.parecovery.org

OR

For more information contact Coalition Co-chairs:

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