

# Oklahoma Peer Recovery Support Specialist Code of Ethics

*The following principles will guide Peer Recovery Support Specialist in their various roles, relationships, and levels of responsibility in which they function professionally.*

1. The primary role of the Peer Recovery Support Specialist is to help individuals achieve their own needs, wants, and goals. Peer Recovery Support Specialists will be guided by the principle of self-determination for all.
2. Peer Recovery Support Specialists will maintain high standards of personal conduct. Peer Recovery Support Specialists will also conduct themselves in a manner that fosters his or her own recovery.
3. Peer Recovery Support Specialists will openly share with the people they serve, consumers and colleagues their recovery stories from mental illness, co-occurring disorders, and substance abuse and will likewise be able to identify and describe the supports that promote his or her recovery.
4. Peer Recovery Support Specialists will, at all times, respect the rights and dignity of those they serve.
5. Peer Recovery Support Specialists will never intimidate, threaten, harass, use undue influence, physical force or verbal abuse, or make unwarranted promises of benefits to the individuals they serve.
6. Peer Recovery Support Specialists will not practice, condone, facilitate or collaborate in any form of discrimination on the basis of ethnicity, race, sex, sexual orientation, age, religion, national origin, marital status, political belief, mental or physical disability, or any other preference or personal characteristic, condition or state.
7. Peer Recovery Support Specialists will advocate for those they serve that they may make their own decisions in all matters when dealing with other professionals.
8. Peer Recovery Support Specialists will respect the privacy and confidentiality of those they serve.
9. Peer Recovery Support Specialists will advocate for the full integration of individuals into the communities of his or her choice and will promote the inherent value of these individuals to those communities. Peer Recovery Support Specialists will be directed by the knowledge that all individuals have the right to live in the least restrictive and least intrusive environment.
10. Peer Recovery Support Specialists will not enter into dual relationships or commitments that conflict with the interests of those they serve.
11. Peer Recovery Support Specialists will never engage in sexual/intimate activities with the consumers they serve.
12. Peer Recovery Support Specialists will not abuse substances under any circumstance.
13. Peer Recovery Supports Specialists will keep current with emerging knowledge relevant to recovery, and openly share this knowledge with their colleagues.
14. Peer Recovery Support Specialists will not accept gifts of significant value from those they serve.

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Print First and Last Name

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Date

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Signature