

Integration of Peer Recovery Support Services; as it relates to Public Health & Safety

**Baltimore County Department of Health
Bureau of Behavioral Health**



Baltimore County Overview

The vision of the Baltimore County Department of Health is to have healthy people living, working and playing in Baltimore County. Our mission is to promote health and prevent disease through education, advocacy, linkage to resources and treatment by improving the quality of life with the implementation of peer support services for all Baltimore County residents.

Organization Leadership Buy-In

- Recognizing the need for peer services
- Willingness to explore the unexplored
- Identifying the critical need for peers
- Obtaining the resources/funding for peers

Expansion of Peer Recovery Support

FY16

(3) Outreach Peers

(1) Detention Center

FY 17

(6) Detention Center

(5) Primary focused on

Mental Health

(1) Co-Occurring

(1) Department of Social

Services

FY18

(2) Harm Reduction

(13) Additional Outreach Peers

(1) Peer Supervisor

(2) St. Joseph Hospital

(5) EMS/Fire Department

(4) REACH Outreach Team

(1) Families

Total Buy-in 26 peers

Peer Demographics

“We got it covered”

Requirements for Engaging in Baltimore County Peer Services

- Baltimore County Resident
- Individual with a Substance Use, Mental Health and/or Co-Occurring Disorder
- Desire and willingness to change
- Willing to engage in Peer Support Services

Peer Services Provided within Baltimore County

- R.E.A.C.H. Line
- One-on-One Peer Services
- Linkages to Detox
- Linkages to Treatment
- Linkages to Mental Health Services
- Linkages to Connective Services
- Assistance with Supporting Housing
- Assistance with immediate needs
- Transportation by county vehicles
- Transportation by cab
- Navigation to Maryland Recovery Net Funding
- Naloxone Trainings
- Support Groups
- Outreach
- Peer Support at Court
- Family Peer Support
- Mental Health First Aid Trainings
- Peer Recovery Coach Trainings

Where are Peers Utilized within the County?

- Baltimore County Health Locations
- Recovery & Wellness Centers
- Hospital Emergency Rooms
- Department of Social Services (DSS)
- Baltimore County Detention Center
- Baltimore County Courts
- Baltimore County Fire Department
- Police Department
- Community Engagements
- Community Outreach
- Street Outreach
- Anti-Stigma Project
- Churches
- Schools
- Other locations by referral

Peer Support with Emergency Medical Services

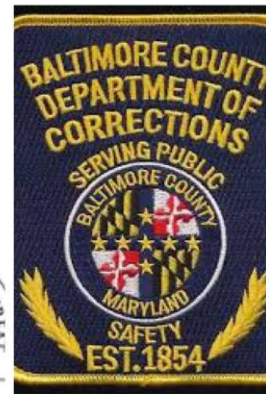


Peer EMS Engagement with Naloxone Training



Baltimore County Detention Center





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