



What is a **certified peer specialist?**

Someone who has lived experience with mental illness and/or substance use disorder, and has formal training to support recovery.

☀️ A certified peer specialist

is an active participant on the consumer's treatment and recovery team.

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is a paid professional who uses their experience and training to support others in recovery.

As a certified peer specialist, you would

- ☀️ **Point your peer to necessary resources**
- ☀️ **Help identify and support peers in crisis**
- ☀️ **Aid your peer in setting goals**
- ☀️ **Use your personal recovery experience as a tool**
- ☀️ **Stand beside them as they take charge of their own recovery**



You must successfully complete the state-approved Peer Specialist training and pass the certification exam to be a certified peer specialist. Visit www.wicps.org for a list of upcoming trainings.

Peer Specialist Training

Training for certified peer specialists is coordinated through the Independent Living Centers.



Contact your local Independent Living Center for an application, to check on upcoming trainings, or to take the certification examination.

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www.northcountryil.org
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www.milc-inc.org
800-382-8484
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800-228-3287
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