

Orlando Vera

Professional Experience:

- Statewide Peer Advocate | Co-Founder
- Peer Voices of Orange County (PVOC) | Los Angeles | San Diego | Santa Ana Merced County Tustin chapter
- Fiscally Sponsored programs throughout California in underserved and underrepresented marginalized communities.
- Co-founded Peer Voices of Orange County (PVOC) and expanded its reach from Los Angeles to San Diego counties, providing sustainability services to peers confined in the county jail system.
- Created Peer Voices United, a coalition and chapters of (CHW'S) Community Health Workers, Peers, and programs throughout the State of California, elevating lived experience.
- Spearheaded the Peer Advocacy & Support movement program in Orange County, collaborating with EIOC (Equity in OC), Cal Optima Health, Community Health Workers Coalition.
- Managed and supervised a team of 25 Peer Leads, Specialists, and Peer Mentors, fostering a positive and supportive environment at CCS-Wellness Group- Pathways.
- Developed strong relationships with California State parole, County Probation, Sheriff Department, and the District Attorney's Office, impacting positive change within the criminal justice system. Servicing Homeless Court and Care Court.
- Established the Peer and Clinicians Collaborative Alliance (PCCA) along with Dr. G, aimed at improving mental health services by bringing together community health workers, peers, and clinicians through training and collaboration.

Education:

- California State University, Los Angeles
- Business and Marketing Courses
- Glendale College associate degree

General Education Courses:

- Professional Development and Certifications:
- DBSA Orange County Chapter
- Board Member (2015-present)
- Vice-President (2017-2019)
- Lead Trainer (2017-2023)
- Volunteer Facilitator of DBSA Support Groups at St. Jude and St Joseph Hospitals
- Mental Health First Aid Certificate
- Adult Child Infant C.A.R.E. CPR & First Aid Certification
- De-escalation Training for Workplace Safety (Certified)