

Medi-Cal Peer Certification Stakeholder Advisory Council

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Roll Call	For Stakeholder members only: Please type your name and county in the chat to indicate your attendance
Housekeeping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This session is scheduled for 1 hour. (Done early, adjourn early.) • The session is being recorded to facilitate notetaking. The recording and slides will not be posted. • Meeting notes will be available on our website at www.calmhsa.org/peer-certification for your reference. • For the latest information about the Peer Certification program please visit our website: https://www.capeercertification.org/ • No recording or AI transcription services (e.g., Otterbox) allowed. • For those on the telephone who would like to offer a verbal comment: Press “*9” – to raise your hand to be called on Once called on, press “*6” – to unmute and mute • Dedicated Public Comment will be limited to 15 minutes. We kindly ask individuals who share input to be mindful of others and keep comments to a 1-minute maximum to permit others an opportunity to speak. Please save questions for Q&A. • Q & A has been allotted 10 minutes following Public Comment. We kindly ask individuals to keep questions to a 1-minute maximum to permit others an opportunity to speak. • Note: Q&A changes – please add questions to Q&A box. Those questions will be answered live to avoid confusion (if we don't get to your question, please feel free to email us) • We ask that all comments and questions be respectful and constructive and that we all respect comments made by others.
Meeting Agreements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be kind. • Create a safe space for everyone to engage and participate in as they feel comfortable. • Assume best intent, we all make mistakes, so be understanding. • Model respect and professionalism. • When presenting a problem, include constructive suggestions and recommendations. • Model cultural humility. • Ask for permission to provide personal feedback to each other. • Be considerate of time limits. • Transparency is important: We share all available information. Details in development will be shared once finalized.

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<p>Previous Stakeholder Meeting Recap: April 25th, 2025</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New website feature: Job Board ▪ Continuing Education Training Provider Updates ▪ 80 Hour Training Provider Applications Opening ▪ Peer Support Conference ▪ Results of DHCS Training Initiative ▪ Summary of Peer Conference
<p>Program Updates</p>	<p>Behavioral Health Information Notice No: 25-010. BHIN (Behavioral Health Information Notices) are published by DHCS (Department of Health Care Services)*</p> <p>Updates to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Code of Ethics 2. Changes to Certification Certificates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Counties Participating in Peer Certification Program listed ○ Language that certify folks are older than 18+ 3. Portability of Professional Licenses of Servicemembers and their Spouses <p>Renewals - New Statuses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Current (Up to Expiration Date): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certification is considered current if it is renewed on or before its renewal due date. ▪ Lapsed (Within 1 Year After Expiration): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certification is considered lapsed if not renewed by the renewal due date but is still within one year of expiration period. ▪ Expired (Between 1–4 Years After Expiration): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certification is considered expired if more than one year has passed since the renewal due date but less than four years. <p>Renewals - New Statuses continued</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vacated (More Than 4 Years After Expiration): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certification is considered vacated if not renewed within four years of the renewal date. To become certified again, individuals must satisfy certification requirements of taking the 80 hour Peer Certification training, passing the Exam, and reapply for a new certification.

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California Correctional Health Care Services (CCHCS)

California Correctional Health Care Services (CCHCS) oversees a comprehensive training program to certify incarcerated individuals as Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialists while they are still in prison, preparing program participants for a career working with underserved populations post-release.

- Individuals from 14 sites have taken the CMPSS exam!
- Follow us for more information: <https://www.instagram.com/calmhsa>

DHCS No Cost Fee Waivers

CalMHSA, in partnership with DHCS, is offering time-limited fee waivers to support the behavioral health workforce. Fee waivers must be used by September 15, 2025.

- Core Training (80-Hour Course) and Initial Certification: 400 fee waivers
 - Available to individuals seeking initial certification. Waivers toward certification are applied and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Training in Areas of Specialization: fee waivers for training in one or more areas of specialization. Waivers are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Certification Renewals: 1,000 fee waivers are available and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.
- For more info & links: <https://www.capeercertification.org/announcement/>

Core Training (80-Hour Course) and Initial Certification

How it Works:

1. Interested individuals must contact the CalMHSA-approved training provider and register for an available open session.
2. Training provider will submit information for individuals who are registered for the approved 80-hour training to cover the cost of training.
3. Training must be started no later than September 15, 2025.
4. After successfully completing training, individuals will apply for certification on the CalMHSA website.

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Training in Areas of Specialization

How it Works:

1. Must be a Certified Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist.
2. Interested individuals must contact the CalMHSA-approved Specialization training provider and register for an available open session (Parent, Caregiver, and Family Member Peer, Peer Services in Crisis Care, Peer Services for Unhoused, and/or Peer Services for Justice Involved).
3. Training must be started no later than September 15, 2025.
4. Training provider will submit information of individuals who are registered for an approved training to cover the cost of training.
5. After completing training, individuals are expected to return to their application to upload their training certificate(s) to be recognized for their specialized training.

Certification Renewals

How it Works:

1. Must be a Certified Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist.
2. Must be eligible for renewal prior to September 30, 2025.
3. Individuals with expired certifications may qualify.
4. Individuals request the fee waiver directly through their certification application
5. See instructions here: <https://www.capeercertification.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/How-To-Apply-for-Fee-Waiver.pdf>

*** Fee waivers are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis until September 15 or until all waivers are depleted, whichever comes first. Waivers are non-transferable.**

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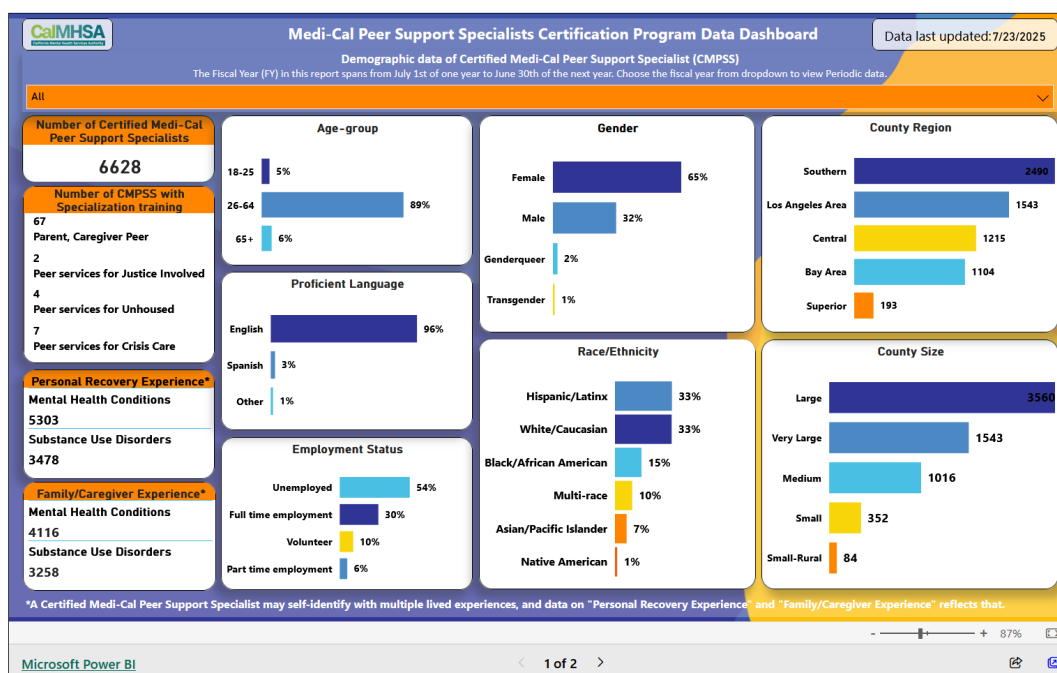
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Peer Certification Program Data

Certification Update

- CalMHSA celebrated 6,000+ Peers certified as Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialists in March 2025!

CMPSS Data Review:



Community Feedback

Feedback Link for Advisory Council Members

- Updated Council members
- Link found on www.calmhsa.org/peer-certification/
- Stakeholder Advisory Council -> Council Member Information
-> Provide Feedback column

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Public Comment	A public comment was made in appreciation for the current DHCS fee waivers for peers.
Q&A	A county member asked for guidance on documentation for counties. One of our advisory stakeholder member is connecting offline to provide guidance and support.
Upcoming General Meetings	Q4 Meeting: October 17, 2025 Zoom Dial-in Information: Updated Zoom information to come. Dial-In: 1-699-444-9171 Meeting ID: 895 6617 3539 Weblink: https://calmhsa-org.zoom.us/j/89566173539
Thank you	Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm