



**PEER SUPPORT**

Coalition of Florida, Inc.

# Peer Networks 101

## The Role of a Statewide Network

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# Who Are We?

The Peer Support Coalition of Florida (PSCFL) is a nonprofit organization and the statewide network of peers, peer specialists, family members and friends of peers, and community partners who are dedicated to advancing peer support in Florida through peer specialist workforce development, promoting full integration of peer and recovery-oriented services, and collaborating for social and systems transformation.



# *A Brief History: PSCFL*

- There was a NEED for a strong statewide peer network
- October 18, 2012 is an important date
- From 2012-2014, PSCFL focused on building membership, training peers on leadership and advocacy, providing education through a website and newsletter, and linking drop-in centers
- By the end of 2014, PSCFL had over 300 active members
- 2016 was a crucial year
- In 2017, PSCFL hired it's first two (2) full-time employees



# *New Year, New Logo, New Mission...*



**Mission (2012-2016):** To create opportunities for leadership and advocacy through education, support, and networking to foster social and system transformation.

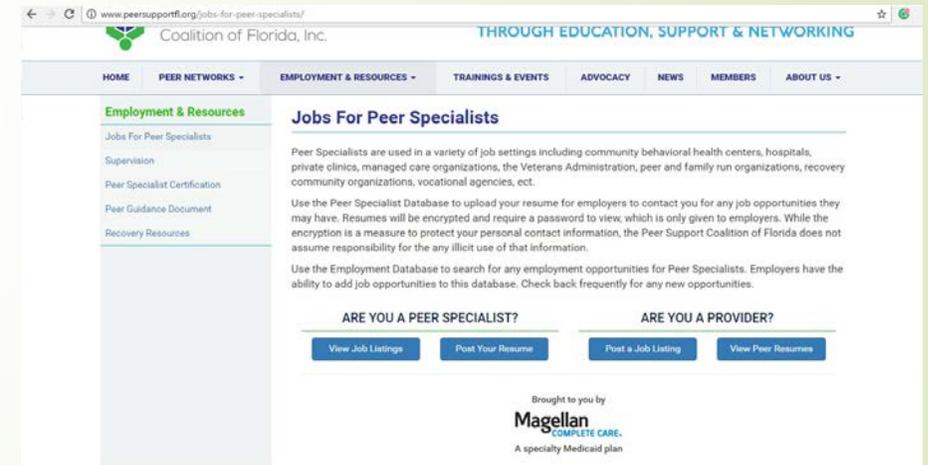


**Mission (2016-present):** to advance peer support in Florida.

# How Do We Advance Peer Support in Florida?

PSCFL advances peer support in Florida through:

1. Peer Workforce Development
2. Promoting full integration of peer and recovery-oriented services
3. Collaborating for social and systems transformation



# What Drives PSCFL to Advance Peer Support?

## Our Values

- ▶ We believe in Empowerment for all peers to solve their own mental health challenges.
- ▶ We embrace Diversity because we understand and honor cultural differences.
- ▶ We embrace Leadership for fostering peers to be effective change agents.
- ▶ We encourage Networking because it is an important step in building relationships.
- ▶ We believe in Peer Support because there is power in connecting with one another.
- ▶ We promote Recovery as an essential part of a peer's ability to fulfill his or her potential.
- ▶ We believe in Advocacy because our lived experiences make us experts on the changes that affect us.



# Why Does PSCFL Want to Advance Peer Support?

- ▶ We believe recovery should be the expectation
- ▶ We believe people can change and take back control
- ▶ We believe in connecting, healing, and supporting communities
- ▶ We believe in the power of peers, peer support, and recovery

....because

***WE ARE PEERS AND IN RECOVERY!***





*“Nothing about us, without us”*

# The Need for a Statewide Network

- ▶ Creating a unified peer voice to shape policy and address rights issues
- ▶ Establishing vehicles and forums for exchanging information
- ▶ Providing opportunities for personal empowerment
- ▶ Developing leadership skills
- ▶ Building relationships
- ▶ Finding connection and support
- ▶ Creating opportunities to model recovery

# PSCFL's Role as the Statewide Network

- Create networking opportunities
- Collaborate for social and systems transformation
- Develop leadership
- Promote training and employment opportunities
- Role model recovery



# SAMHSA's Statewide Consumer Network Grant

- ▶ PSCFL is 1 of 9 statewide networks that has been awarded funding through SAMHSA'S Statewide Consumer Network (SCN) Program Grant
- ▶ PSCFL has been awarded \$95,000/year over the next 3 years
- ▶ PSCFL's project – ***Building Bridges and Connecting Communities: Peer Leadership Development through Statewide Networks***
- ▶ **Project Goal:**

*The goal of the project is to measurably increase the levels and quality of peer support across the state of Florida for persons experiencing severe mental illnesses by increasing the capacity for consumer leadership and the creation of statewide consumer operated organizations.*



# Local Peer Networks in Florida

## Northwest

HOPE Advocates

## Northeast

Northeast Florida Peer Network

## Central

Central Florida Peer Support Network

## Suncoast

Suncoast Peer Advisory Council

CLEAR (statewide)

## Southeast

Rebel Recovery

## Broward

South Florida Wellness Network

## Southern

Fresh Start of Miami-Dade





# Q & A



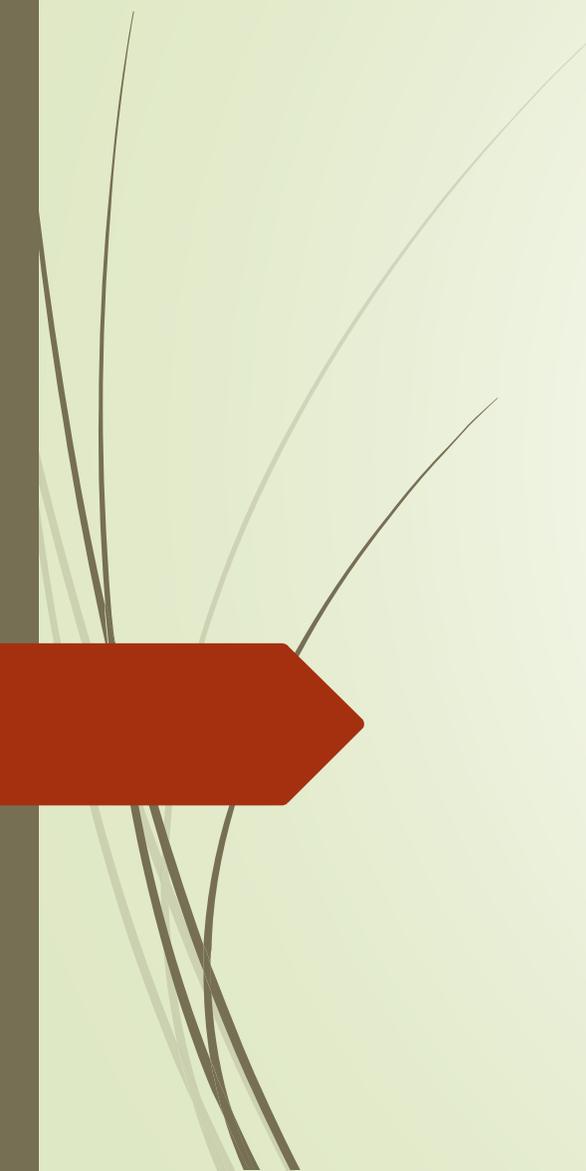
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us today!*

