

## TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

- Title:** *FAVOR SC Recovery Training Academy:  
Certified Peer Support Specialist / Recovery Coach Training*
- When:** May 8-12, 2017  
*Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. The training starts at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 5:00 p.m. each day.*
- Where:** White Oak Conference Center, 633 Mobley Highway, Winnsboro, SC 29180
- Who Should Attend:** People in recovery who are interested in becoming a Certified Peer Support Specialist (CPSS) must apply through DAODAS for initial screening.
- Prerequisite:** High school diploma or GED. Strong reading comprehension and written communications skills. In recovery from alcohol and other drug addiction, with two years of continuous recovery. Willingness to self-identify as a person in recovery for the benefit of others, demonstrated participation in advocacy, and/or a strong interest in helping others. Agree to respect and observe the Recovery Training Academy Code of Ethics.
- Description:** The FAVOR SC Recovery Training Academy provides a five-day training opportunity designed for those individuals interested in actively serving as a Certified Peer Support Specialist (CPSS) / Recovery Coach. A CPSS / Recovery Coach is anyone interested in promoting recovery by removing barriers and obstacles to recovery and serving as a personal guide and mentor for people seeking or maintaining recovery. The training will provide participants with a comprehensive overview of the purpose and tasks of a CPSS / Recovery Coach and will explain the various roles associated with a CPSS / Recovery Coach. The training will provide participants with tools and resources useful in providing recovery support services.
- Objectives:**
1. Learn the roles and functions of a Certified Peer Support Specialist / Recovery Coach
  2. Build skills to enhance relationships
  3. Discuss co-occurring disorders and medication-assisted recovery
  4. Describe stages of change and their applications
  5. Address ethical issues and experience wellness planning
  6. Practice skills and documentation training
- Trainers:** Bob Rice, CPSS; Ed Johnson, MAC, LPC; Alan Lyme, LCSW, ICCS, ICADA; Julie Cole, LMSW, CACII, MAC
- Contact:** Julie Cole, DAODAS, 803-896-2837 or jcole@daodas.sc.gov
- Credit:** 40 hours for certifications as a Certified Peer Support Specialist / Recovery Coach
- Cost:** **Registration - \$125.00 (includes tuition, lodging, and meals from May 7 through May 12)**  
**Payment is not due until applicant is accepted for the training following the initial screening interview. At that time, checks should be made payable to "FAVOR SC."**

**Application Deadline:** April 20, 2017

*Completed applications – including writing sample, reference letters, signed Code of Ethics – must be submitted by the deadline to:*

**Jimmy Mount, DAODAS, PO Box 8268, Columbia, SC 29202 (fax: 803-896-5557)**



**E. EDUCATION**

	<b>Name and Location of School or Program</b>	<b>Graduate? Degree?</b>	<b>Subject(s) of Study</b>
<b>High School/GED</b>			
<b>College or University</b>			
<b>Specialized Training, Trade School, etc.</b>			
<b>Other Education</b>			

**F. REFERENCES**

Applicants must verify that they have at least two (2) years of sustained recovery. Each applicant must submit two (2) reference letters that will attest to the candidate's appropriateness for certification through the Recovery Training Academy. The letters should also comment on the applicant's years of recovery by addressing the length of recovery and any activities such as volunteer work, sponsorship, etc., that the applicant pursues surrounding recovery. This verification letter can come from a sponsor, counselor, accountability partner, faith leader, friend, or co-worker. One reference should identify as being a person in long-term recovery. At least one must specifically address the candidate's understanding and belief in recovery and the ability to convey such to others.

	<b>Name of Reference</b>	<b>Relationship to You</b>	<b>Years Known</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
<b>1.</b>				
<b>2.</b>				

**Additional Information**

- ◆ Recovery Training Academy applicants must adhere to any personnel rules or guidelines as determined by their employers.
- ◆ Supervisors are invited to attend the session on Day 4.
- ◆ Upon completion of the training, applicants must pass a written exam (minimum passing score is 70 out of 100), which will be administered in Columbia (*exact location, time and date to be determined*). Applicants will also be evaluated by the trainers in areas of participation, understanding, belief in and respect for the many pathways to recovery, and demonstrated skills to convey such to others. Applicants must receive an overall satisfactory rating from the trainers.
- ◆ My supervisor will be attending Day 4: Yes No
- ◆ I will be taking advantage of the optional lodging arrangement: Yes No

## **FAVOR SC Recovery Training Academy**

### **Ethical Behavior Code**

1. My primary obligation and responsibility is my recovery. I will immediately contact my supervisor if alcohol, drug use, or anything else gets in the way of my recovery.
2. Recovery is guided by self-determination. I assist others in achieving their needs and goals. This includes advocating for the decisions of the peers regarding professional and other services.
3. I will support the Faces and Voices of Recovery Bill of Rights for each person that I serve.
4. I advocate for the integration of peers into self-selected recovery communities and will promote the individual's inherent value to those communities.
5. I will act in accordance with the law.
6. I affirm the dignity of each person that I serve.
7. I provide recovery services regardless of someone's age, gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, religion, marital status, political belief, language, socioeconomic status, or mental or physical condition. If differences that impact the motivation for recovery occur, I seek consultation and, if necessary, make a referral to another recovery support.
8. I never use physical force, verbal abuse, or emotional abuse; intimidate; threaten; harass; or make unwarranted promises of benefits.
9. I share my lived experience to help others identify resources and support that promote recovery.
10. I respect the privacy of those I serve, and I will abide by confidentiality guidelines as required by law.
11. I never engage in sexual or intimate relations with peers that I serve.
12. I do not accept gifts of significant value from peers that I serve.
13. I do not lend or borrow from the peers that I serve.
14. I improve my recovery service knowledge and skills through ongoing education, training, and supervision as determined by my employer.

*The above principles will guide me in my role as a Certified Peer Support Specialist / Recovery Coach as well as my relationships and the levels of responsibility in which I function.*

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Signature

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Date

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Printed Name