

Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services
Counseling and Wellness Services for Peer Recovery Specialists and
Opioid Use Disorder Treatment Providers
Date of Final Award – May 21, 2021

Name of Program: Counseling and Wellness Services for Peer Recovery Specialists and Opioid Use Disorder Treatment Providers

Purpose:

This Request for Proposals (RFP) sought proposals for the provision of professional counseling and wellness services for peer recovery specialists (peer specialists) and substance use disorder (SUD) treatment professionals working in opioid use disorder (OUD) treatment facilities and recovery centers.

Throughout New Jersey, peer specialists and OUD treatment professionals have been integral to the ongoing recovery of individuals with OUD and other SUDs. Understandably, some individuals may feel overwhelmed and overextended as a result of the complexity and significance of this responsibility. For example, compassion fatigue occurs when an individual experiences stress due to their exposure to another individual who has undergone traumas.

The successful bidder will utilize licensed clinical professionals to provide tailored counseling and wellness services to address the needs of peer specialists and OUD treatment professionals. Services will include individual assessments, evidence-based and/or best practice treatment modalities, acute and/or ongoing therapy, self-care plans, and wellness activities which support personal and professional growth.

Through this initiative, the successful bidder will provide professional counseling and wellness services by licensed clinical professionals to a combined total of 150 peer specialists and OUD treatment professionals employed within DMHAS-funded programs, recovery centers, and community peer initiatives.

This RFP is funded through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) State Opioid Response Grant (SOR). Funding awarded through this RFP is \$500,000, subject to federal appropriations. The contract award is through September 29, 2021. Funding may be available through September 29, 2022, depending on federal appropriations.

Agency Name	Executive Director	Amount Funded
Care Plus NJ, Inc.	Joseph A. Masciandaro, President/ CEO	\$250,000
Family Connections, Inc.	Jacques Hryshko, LPC, Chief Executive Officer	\$250,000