

Idaho Peer Specialist Code of Ethics

1. Peer Specialists believe that every individual has strengths and the ability to learn and grow.
2. Peer Specialists advocate for the full integration of individuals into communities of their choice.
3. Peer Specialists respect the rights and dignity of those they serve.
4. Peer Specialists respect the privacy and confidentiality of those they serve.
5. Peer Specialists never intimidate, threaten, or harass those they serve; never use undue influence, physical force, or verbal abuse with those they serve; and never make unwarranted promises of benefits to those they serve.
6. Peer Specialists do not practice, condone, facilitate, or collaborate in any form of discrimination on the basis of ethnicity, race, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, national origin, marital status, political belief, or mental or physical disability.
7. Peer Specialists never engage in sexual/intimate activities with colleagues or those they serve.
8. Peer Specialists do not accept gifts of significant value from those they serve.
9. Peer Specialists do not enter into dual relationships or commitments that conflict with the interests of those they serve.
10. Peer Specialists maintain high standards of personal conduct.
11. Peer Specialists seek to role-model recovery.
12. Peer Specialists openly share their personal recovery stories with colleagues and those they serve.
13. Peer Specialists conduct themselves in a manner that fosters their own recovery, maintaining healthy behaviors.
14. Peer Specialists do not abuse substances under any circumstances.
15. Peer Specialists ensure that all information and documentation provided is true and accurate to the best of his or her knowledge.
16. Peer Specialists keep current with emerging knowledge relevant to recovery, and openly share this knowledge with their colleagues and those they serve.
17. Peer Specialists remain aware of their skills and limitations, and not provide services or represent themselves as expert in areas for which they do not have sufficient knowledge or expertise.