

## **Certified Peer Specialist Endorsements**

The Idaho Certified Peer Specialist training covers the competency areas identified in the standard. As the use of Certified Peer Specialists expands, several specialty areas have been identified that will offer additional training to Certified Peer Specialists to enhance their skill set in specific practice setting. To address the skills needed in each specialty area and expand the education and skills of Certified Peer Specialists, the Division of Behavioral Health is implementing three endorsements:

- Criminal Justice
- Co-Occurring
- Behavioral Health Crisis Center

These endorsements are being developed with the support of Transformation Transfer Initiative funds. The process of curriculum development and availability of training will be tied to upcoming activities. The intention is for endorsements to be completed after a peer receives certification however, we understand that offerings of training may not coincide, so individuals seeking a peer specialist certification will be eligible to participate as well.

Currently, the Division is in the process of securing a Contractor to develop each specialty endorsement curriculum and deliver an initial endorsement training including a train-the-trainer. Once a contractor has been selected, this page will be updated to provide information on each of the endorsement training dates and location. Information on applications to participate and become a trainer will also be posted on this website as soon as it becomes available.