



Virginia Department of
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Services

Certified Peer Recovery Specialists in Virginia

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DBHDS Vision: A life of possibilities for all Virginians

CPRS in Virginia

As of March 26, 2019:

Total # CPRS Grandparented:	464	
Total # of CPRS since Jan 2017:	220	
Total # of current CPRS:	471	
Total # of pending applications:	11	
Total # taken the exam:	251	
Total # passed the exam:	220	(87.6%)
Total # pending exam:	36	
Total # registered:	212	

CPRS in Virginia

Natural Peer Support

- Occurs anywhere, anytime between two people who seek to share a recovery experience
- Often referred to as Peer Supporter, Recovery Coach, Peer Specialist
- May or may not be a trained role

PRS

- Peer Recovery Specialist
- Individual has successfully completed the DBHDS 72-Hour Peer Recovery Specialist Training

CPRS

- Certified Peer Recovery Specialist
- Includes Family Support Partner
- Certified by the Virginia Certification Board (A member Board of IC & RC)
- DBHDS 72-Hour PRS Training is a mandatory component of certification

CPRS in Virginia

N CPRSS

- National Certified Peer Recovery Support Specialist
- Certified by the National Association of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Counselors
- Must take DBHDS 72-Hour PRS Training in addition to any other certification requirements.

Registered Peer Recovery Specialist

- Eligible to have services billed to Medicaid by a qualified Medicaid Provider
- Must be a CPRS, a N CPRSS or have a letter from DBHDS accepting alternative State or National Certification
- Must have completed DBHDS 72-Hour PRS Training

CPRS Pathways

