



Bureau of Justice Assistance

Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP)

Peer Recovery Support Services Mentoring Initiative

Peer-to-Peer Learning

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is pleased to invite you to participate in the **2022 Peer Recovery Support Services Mentoring Initiative (PRSSMI)**.

About the Opportunity

The PRSSMI supports organizations or jurisdictions interested in sharing implementation expertise or incorporating peer recovery support services (PRSS) into their portfolio of substance use intervention and treatment strategies. This program is part of the training and technical assistance (TTA) resources available through **BJA's Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP)**. COSSAP was developed as part of the 2016 Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act. It is designed to provide financial and technical assistance to states, units of local government, and Indian tribal governments to plan, develop, and implement comprehensive efforts to identify, respond to, treat, and support those impacted by the opioid epidemic. COSSAP was expanded in 2019 to include stimulants and other substances.

The PRSSMI promotes networking and program-to-program learning among organizations that are implementing PRSS in criminal justice settings. This opportunity provides an exchange of promising approaches, best practices, and evidence-supported services to enhance the capacity of organizations to develop and/or improve their own PRSS programs.

In its role as a COSSAP TTA provider and in close collaboration with BJA, **Altarum** is facilitating the selection process for both the PRSSMI mentor and mentee sites. Details about this

peer-to-peer learning initiative, including application forms and submission links, are highlighted in this announcement and fully outlined at <https://cossapresources.org/Learning/PeerToPeer/PRSSMI>.

PRSSMI Mentor Sites

About Mentor Sites

The mentor sites selected through this application process will serve as models for individuals and teams interested in starting a peer support program or for early-stage programs interested in enhancing their work. Mentor sites will receive training and a stipend and will provide consultation and support to staff developing peer support programs. In addition, mentor sites will host either an in-person or virtual visit for their mentee sites to showcase and share their programs in action.

Submission Deadline

BJA PRSSMI mentor site applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

Please complete the application by downloading a copy of the form.

Mentor Application Form

Upload your completed application form and materials here.

Mentor Application Uploader



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PRSSMI Mentee Sites

About Mentee Sites

The mentee sites selected through this application process will be organizations that are just beginning to develop a PRSS program or programs in the early stages of implementation (i.e., less than two years in operation) that are interested in learning about innovative and best practices from peers in the field.

Up to ten mentee programs will be selected and matched with mentor sites that are experienced in implementing PRSS programs. Mentee sites selected through this application process will receive consultation and support from their assigned mentor, culminating in either a virtual or in-person visit to their mentor site. The PRSSMI will cover travel for up to three team members from each mentee site.

Mentee sites will be expected to commit to the year-long program and:

- ◀ Engage a consistent team of three to five individuals.
- ◀ Participate in virtual learning sessions throughout the mentorship.
- ◀ Have at least two team members participate in the site visit to their mentor program.

- ◀ Draft a brief work plan for program development based on lessons learned from the mentorship.
- ◀ Complete a questionnaire at the conclusion of the mentorship.

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Questions?

If you have any questions about the application process or issues with a submission, your email is welcomed at COSSAP@iir.com. We look forward to being of assistance.

Explore the range of COSSAP learning events, resources, and TTA opportunities at www.cossapresources.org.

About Altarum

Altarum is a nonprofit organization that works with federal and state agencies and foundations to design and implement solutions to improve the health of individuals with fewer financial resources and populations disenfranchised by the health care system. We achieve measurable results by combining our expertise in public health and health care delivery with technology, workforce training and continuing education, applied research, and technical assistance. Our innovative solutions lead to better health for beneficiaries and better value for payers. Under a grant from BJA, Altarum provides nationwide training and technical assistance to COSSAP grantees, states, and communities to build, enhance, and sustain peer recovery support services programs as part of multidisciplinary criminal justice responses to the opioid epidemic. To learn more about peer recovery training and support, visit <https://altarum.org/services/solution/coap-bja>. To learn more about Altarum, visit www.altarum.org.

Visit the COSSAP Resource Center at www.cossapresources.org.

About BJA

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