

## **Arkansas Peer Recovery Support Specialist Code of Ethics**

### **Personal Recovery**

- I will keep my personal recovery first.

### **Recovery Story**

- I share my lived experiences to help others.

### **Respectful Services**

- I will provide services in a respectful way.
- I affirm the right and dignity of each person I work with.
- I empower others to identify and achieve their needs and goals.
- I advocate for individuals with mental health and/or substance abuse disorders.
- I will not stop services without telling the person I am working with and will make a referral for continued services when appropriate.
- I will only provide services inside my area of lived experience, training, competence, or scope of practice.
- I provide recovery support services regardless of someone's age, gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, religion, marital status, political belief, language, criminal history, socioeconomic status or mental or physical condition.

### **Confidentiality**

- I respect the privacy of those I serve and I will follow confidentiality guidelines as required by the law.
- I will tell my supervisor and the local child/adult protective agency if I suspect or have reason to believe that a child, individual over the age of 62, or individuals with a developmental disability has been abused or neglected or if I have knowledge of, observe a child being subjected to, conditions that would reasonably result in harm to the child.
- I will inform my supervisor immediately if an individual I am working with has a risk of physically harming themselves or someone else.

### **Conduct**

- I act in accordance to the law.
- I do not use physical force, verbal/emotional abuse, or make promises of benefits.
- I represent myself and my capabilities accurately.
- I do not provide or accept gifts from people that I serve.
- I will not engage in sexual/intimate relations with individuals that I serve/have served or their families.
- I do not provide services to individuals with whom I have had a prior sexual relationship.
- I will not promote any service which I would result in my personal gain.

### **Professional Development**

- I will improve my recovery service knowledge/skills through ongoing education and training.

The Arkansas Peer Recovery Support Specialist Code of Ethics is based on the Ohio Certified Peer Recovery Code of Ethics.