

SB69 - Peer Recovery Certification

What does SB69 do?

There are provisions in the bill which outline the requirement for peer recovery support specialists and supervisors to become state certified. Requiring certification does not create any substantial barriers for Peer Support Specialists, and provides public protection and quality care. It requires a demonstration of competence and proves the Peer Recovery Support Specialist is well trained, educated, and skilled in providing appropriate services.. Some benefits include:

- ✓ Basic standards for employers
- ✓ Solid baselines for education & continuing learning requirements
- ✓ Standards in our code of ethics & practice.
- ✓ Standards in language and titles
- ✓ Elevate an entire workforce of people in recovery
- ✓ Allow for better workforce analysis & labor statistics
- ✓ **Overall, protects the individual, peer, and the public**

? **What are Peer Recovery Support Specialists?**
The workforce of Peer Recovery Support Specialists is well established across the country and rapidly emerging here in Nevada. Peer Recovery Support Specialists use their lived experience and training to connect people with resources, act as a mentor and model recovery behavior, build relationships, help participants set goals and build recovery plans, advocate for the participants rights, wellbeing, and recovery, and encourage resilience and any transitions back to the community.

Why support certification?

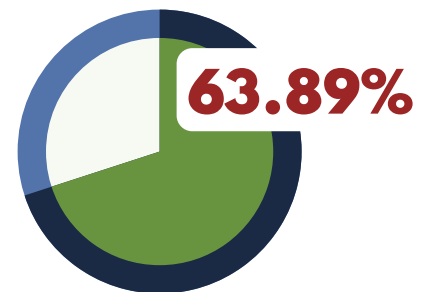
➔ **The service delivery gap**

406,244

Of Nevadans who are in need of treatment for the most commonly misused substances in Nevada are not receiving it.

2019 SAPTA Capacity Assessment Report

➔ **Working uncertified PRSS in Nevada.**



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➔ **Employers utilizing PRSS who require certification**



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