

Peer Recovery Support Services (PRSS) Community of Practice (CoP)

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Recruiting, Retaining, and Recognizing Volunteers

Questions & Answers

Q1. How long does someone need to be in recovery before they can volunteer?

A1. One day. Volunteers can help out almost immediately.

Q2. Does something need to be put in writing before someone starts coaching/public speaking?

A2. Criteria can be used to identify when a person is ready to coach and/or speak publicly. This may include that people need to be in recovery (not abstinent), volunteer at the recovery center for a certain amount of time, and shadow other coaches. Amount of time in recovery doesn't determine when a person is ready to coach and speak publicly.