

2024 Information

What is the purpose of the event?

The purpose of the CPS Awards Ceremony is to provide opportunities to network and celebrate the positive impacts the Certified Peer Specialist profession has made in our communities and systems. This year, the CPS Awards Ceremony is also an opportunity to speak to key legislators about the work of peer specialists in the state and prepare for the future of our workforce.

When / Where is the event?

This year, the CPS Award Ceremony is taking place at the MA Statehouse (Great Hall) 24 Beacon St, Boston, MA 02133 from 12:30–3:00PM on Thursday June 27th.



What are the award categories?

Change Agent

This award seeks to recognize CPSs who used their lived experience and tools learned as a CPS to inspire changes in their organizations and or community. Who brought about new practices, approaches and or language while welcoming their agencies, communities and colleagues to adopt a more person centered practice for their peers.

In But Not Of The System

This award aims to recognize CPSs who have been working in the mental health system while being true to the peer values. Who embraced their peerness in all settings. Who conducted themselves within the guidelines of the CPS Code of Ethics, including but not limited to the use of Human Experience Language, and mutuality even in situations where such approach was challenging.

Peer Supporter of the Year

The Peer Support award aims to recognize CPSs who used their own lived experiences in a productive way to support others in achieving what they want most in life. They uphold the values and ethics of being a peer by allowing people to create their self-determined path to recovery. They provide peer support by staying out of the fixer role while being with, doing with, and listening to the people they are supporting.

How do I nominate someone for an award?

Use this link: https://kivacenters.jotform.com/240855482517967

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