

Hawai'i Certified Peer Specialist Code of Ethics

The following principles will guide Hawai'i Certified Peer Specialists in their various roles, relationships and levels of responsibility in which they function professionally:

1. The primary responsibility of Hawai'i Certified Peer Specialist (HCPS) is to help individuals achieve their own needs, wants, and goals. HCPS will be guided by the principle of self-determination for all.
2. HCPS will maintain high standards of personal conduct. HCPS will also conduct themselves in a manner that fosters their own recovery.
3. HCPS will openly share with consumers and colleagues their recovery stories and will likewise be able to identify and describe supports that promote their own recovery.
4. HCPS will at all times respect the rights and dignity of those they serve. HCPS will never intimidate, threaten, harass, use undue influence, physical force or verbal abuse, or make unwarranted promises of benefits to the individuals they serve.
5. HCPS will not practice, condone, facilitate or collaborate in any form of discrimination on the basis of ethnicity, race, sex, sexual orientation, age, religion, national origin, marital status, political belief, mental or physical disability, or any other preference or personal characteristic, condition or state.
6. HCPS will advocate for those they serve and promote the need for their personal decision making in all matters when dealing with other professionals.
7. HCPS will respect the privacy and confidentiality of those they serve.
8. HCPS will advocate for the full integration of individuals into communities of their choice and will promote the inherent value of those individuals to those communities. HCPS will be directed by the knowledge that all individuals have the right to live in the least restrictive and least intrusive environment.
9. HCPS will not enter into dual relationships or commitments that conflict with the interests of those they serve.
10. HCPS will never engage in sexual/intimate activities with the consumers they serve.
11. HCPS will not abuse substances under any circumstance.
12. HCPS will keep current with emerging knowledge relevant to recovery, and openly share this knowledge with their colleagues and consumers they serve.
13. HCPS will not accept gifts of significant value from those they serve.