

# Peer Specialist Training

Presented by:

**Chippewa River Industries, Chippewa Falls WI**

This training is designed to provide 40 hours of required training to interested mental health consumers in preparation for taking the WI Peer Specialist Certification Exam\*

## What is a Certified Peer Specialist?

Wisconsin Certified Peer Specialists (CPS) are important members of mental health recovery teams for service recipients. They engage and encourage recipients by promoting wellness, independent living, and self-direction. They focus on recovery in order to enhance recipient's skills and assist them in meeting their chosen goals.

Wisconsin Certified Peer Specialists work with the service recipient as recovery models because they self-identify as having mental illness and have made substantial progress in their own recovery.

Peer Specialists are considered crucial to our Nation's mental health transformation. Currently CPS are employed in Independent Living Centers, Hospitals, Clinics and many other mental health support areas. By becoming a Wisconsin Certified Peer Specialist you will be "Igniting Recovery" for service recipients.

Certified Peer Specialists are self-identified as having a mental health condition, are in a state of recovery where they have been stable for at least the previous year, and are interested in sharing their personal story of recovery to help support others on their road to recovery.

Interested individuals must attend a 40 hour Peer Specialist Training and pass the state exam to become a WI Certified Peer Specialist.

<b>Where:</b>	Chippewa County Court House, 711 N Bridge St. Room 003 Chippewa Falls, WI 54729
<b>When:</b>	Monday April 22, Wednesday April 24, Friday April 26 Tuesday April 30, Wednesday May 1.
<b>Time:</b>	8 am to 5 pm. Breaks with light refreshments will be provided with 1 hour lunch on your own. You may bring a sack lunch if you choose and eat in the training room.
<b>Trainers:</b>	A trained certified peer specialist and co-facilitator will facilitate this training.
<b>Cost:</b>	<u>Early-Bird Enrollment:</u> Payments received by March 18, 2013 - cost is \$150 per person <u>Standard Enrollment:</u> Payments received after March 18 <sup>th</sup> and up to the deadline of April 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2013 - cost is \$200 per person ( <u>No refunds will be provided after the training starts at 8 am on Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup></u> )

The training is limited to the first 15 people who register. Early enrollment is appreciated as it helps ensure all training materials can be delivered on time.

### **PLEASE SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM AND CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO:**

*Chippewa River Industries, Inc.  
1000 Lake Wissota Drive  
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729  
(715)726-7822*

**Deadline: Must be received no later than April 8th, 2013**

\*This training does not guarantee you will pass the exam or be employed as a Certified Peer Specialist. This training simply provides the required training necessary to take the state exam and offers an overview of Certified Peer Specialist services.

UW-Milwaukee facilitates the certification exam and WI-CPS recertification.

- Exam applications must be received at UW-Milwaukee by the deadline
- Applications cannot be faxed or hand-delivered.
- Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted by UW-Milwaukee.

For more information please go to the following website:

[www.sce-peerspecialist.uwm.edu](http://www.sce-peerspecialist.uwm.edu)

### **The Local Testing Site is:**

Center for Independent Living  
2920 Schneider Ave. E.  
Menomonie, WI 54751

### **Upcoming State Exam Dates:**

**June 19, 2013**

(application deadline: May 29, 2013)

**September 11, 2013**

(application deadline: August 21, 2013)