VETERAN PEER SPECIALIST CERTIFICATION
What is it?

First of its kind Peer Specialist credential for veterans assisting veterans and their families

Developed as part of Florida’s Jail Diversion and Trauma Recovery grant project administered by the Florida Department of Children and Families
What does it do?

Designed for individuals in volunteer and paid peer support positions in community based agencies

Recognizes that “lived experience” is a form of expertise that can contribute to assisting persons to achieve and maintain recovery
High School Diploma, General Equivalency Degree or higher
500 hours of formal work and/or volunteer experience with consumers of public or private mental health, substance abuse or trauma services
40 total clock hours of specified education/training divided among the following content areas. A minimum of 2 hours must be earned for each content area; the remaining 16 hours can be spread across any of the topic areas.
Training Content Areas

System Navigation and Service Access
Effective Advocacy
Legal Issues/Confidentiality/HIPPA
Interpersonal Communication
Stigma/Discrimination Issues
Cultural Competence
Adult Education/Teaching Skills
Professional Ethics
Community Reintegration
Identification and Treatment of Mental Health Disorders
Identification and Treatment of Substance Abuse Disorders
Obtaining and Maintaining Credentials

3 letters of recommendation for certification
Must sign statement agreeing to follow the FCB’s Code of Ethics
Code of Ethics
10 CEUs annually for Renewal
Renewal

Number of Credentials Issued to Date - 29