



**Hutchinson County
United Way**

Peer Recovery Services of Hutchinson County

Hutchinson County United Way has been bringing people, organizations and resources together to improve community well-being since 1958. As of December 2022, we are actively working to bring peer support services to the community to enhance available services and achieve our vision of every community member enjoying their highest possible quality of life. This has been and continues to be a collaborative effort driven by the Mental Health Task Force, created in January 2020.

Employment & Training Opportunities

We have hired a full-time, experienced and certified peer specialist, who will begin working with our community in January 2023. We are searching for at least two local community members with lived experience to serve in part-time positions as peer support specialists. Peer specialists are people with personal experience navigating mental health or substance use challenges and supporting their own wellness. These individuals will be selected by the end of December 2022, receive training for the job early in 2023, and begin directly supporting others immediately after. We are working closely with [Via Hope's Recovery Institute](#) to implement this program, as well as access federal funding to get people trained, certified, and supported in the early stages of this program through [Via Hope's HRSA Training Program](#).

Part-Time Peer Specialist Positions

- Pays \$15.00 per hour
- \$5,000 in stipends over initial 9 months
- Works 15-20 hours per week throughout Hutchinson County, providing groups and individual sessions with people seeking support
- Attends virtual certification training in early 2023, according to specialization chosen (mental health, substance use recovery, wellness after incarceration)
- Develops skills in peer-based support services that are applicable to many jobs/roles
- Acquires peer specialist certification in early 2023 through the [Texas Certification Board](#)
- Collaborates closely with on-site supervisor, peer specialist team members, mentor, "direct practice" supervisor (weekly sessions), and other community providers/leaders
- Receives additional "continuing education" alongside other peer specialists throughout Texas
- Opportunity to move into full-time position in the future

How to Apply

Submit your application using this link **by December 21, 2022**:

viahope.org/resources/hrsa-application-level-1

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