PeerWORKS is a Certification & Apprenticeship Program designed to offer you education and work experience to become a Behavioral Health Paraprofessional. Certified Peer Recovery Support Specialists are trained to work with individuals engaged in the public mental health system for mental health and substance use disorders. As an apprentice, you will hold a unique position to reach out and support individuals in recovery through your own lived experiences.

Certification: $750 monthly stipend + $500 completion bonus!
- Six-month certification training in Peer Support and Recovery concepts.
- Certification as Peer Recovery Support Specialist (must qualify).
- CPR/First Aid and assistance with AZ Fingerprint Clearance.
- Hands on learning and job shadowing with a local health and wellness organization.
- Training will be held online.
- Mentorship and clinical guidance.

Apprenticeship (Optional, Separate application)
- Twelve-month employment opportunity with local health and wellness organization as an apprentice.
- Full time hours and health benefits.
- $500 apprenticeship completion bonus.
- Mentorship and clinical guidance.

Who can apply?
Individuals with lived experience of behavioral health and/or substance use recovery who would like specialized training on how to use their experience to help others.

To participate you will need:
- Computer with camera*
- Internet*
- Commitment to your employment goals
*Support is available to access computers and internet.

Questions?
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