

BRSS TACS

Bringing Recovery Supports to Scale

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER STRATEGY

A person in long term recovery for 28 years, Amelia Murphy has worked in the recovery field for 25 years. She currently resides in Houston, Texas, where she has directed and managed recovery support services for a state-licensed and funded agency for over 9 years. As a peer recovery coach educator and medication-assisted recovery support (MARS) trainer, Ms. Murphy energetically works and inspires others with the curricula. Her MARS trainings saw a record-breaking attendance.

Ms. Murphy received several local awards and participated on various substance use and mental health panels to promote peer-to-peer recovery practices, including medication-assisted treatment (MAT) and MARS services.

To aid those with mental and substance use disorders, Ms. Murphy is one of several champions who rallied extensively for the successful legislation of Texas House Bill 1486 (2017–2018). Subsequently, the State of Texas Health and Human Services Commission elected Ms. Murphy to the Peer Stakeholder Committee.

Ms. Murphy oversees the ongoing, direct peer-to-peer recovery support services for the Texas Targeted Opioid Response grant and the Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance jail-based MAT program for correctional facilities. Because of this program, people in recovery and people transitioning from incarceration learn the benefits of harm reduction, education, awareness, and recovery support from a peer recovery coach for up to 5 years. Because of her commitment, tenacious dedication, and hard work, Ms. Murphy is a well-known, respected advocate for the peer-to-peer model of recovery services benefiting the medical, judicial, and behavioral health communities.

Certifications:

- Texas Health and Human Service Commission: Trainer of Trainer for Recovery Coach
- Beyond MARS Training Institute: Trainer of Trainer for Medication-Assisted Recovery Endorsement Training for Peer Recovery Coaches curriculum
- Texas Certification Board of Addiction Professionals: Certified Peer Recovery Support Specialist
- Texas Certification Board of Addiction Professionals: Peer Mentor / Peer Recovery Coach Designation