

2023 PEER SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

Peers are people who have experienced mental health and substance use concerns working to help others experiencing similar challenges. In 2023, the Division of Care and Treatment Services invited peers to answer questions related to their work experiences. The survey results will be used to identify areas of opportunity to support the peer workforce. The data also is being used to ensure peers are part of the service delivery system, especially services for people experiencing a mental health and substance use emergency. There were 589 peers that participated in the survey.

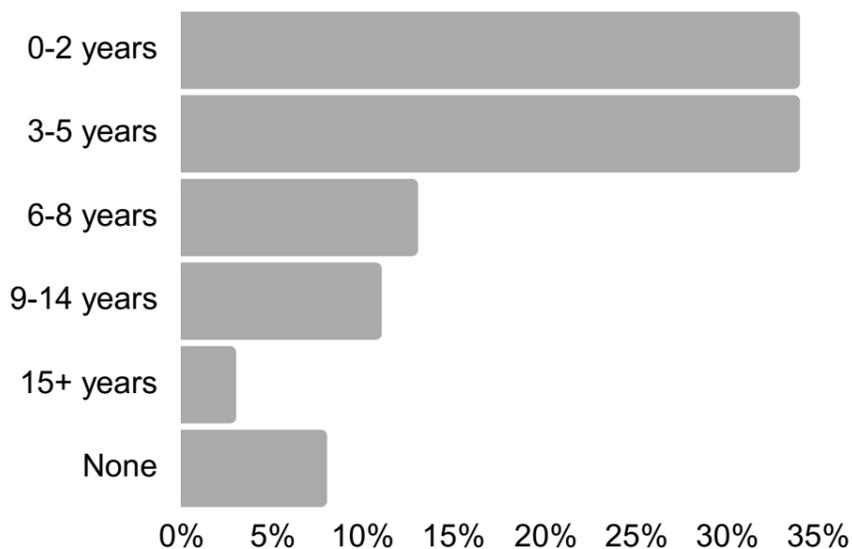
PEER EMPLOYMENT

71% percent of peers are currently working in the peer field

65% of peers working in the field are full time

70% of peers are okay with a supervisor not being a peer specialist if they have training in peer support

Years of peer work experience:



CRISIS WORK



of peers have experience working with people in crisis

Interest in crisis work:

- **65%** crisis lines
- **73%** mobile crisis teams
- **80%** stabilization facilities
- **82%** community follow-up

PEER IDENTITY

Participants could select more than one option:



313 identify as a certified peer specialist



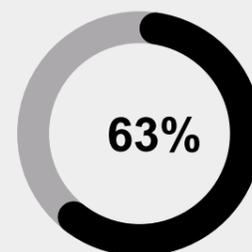
124 identify as a recovery coach



244 identify as a peer

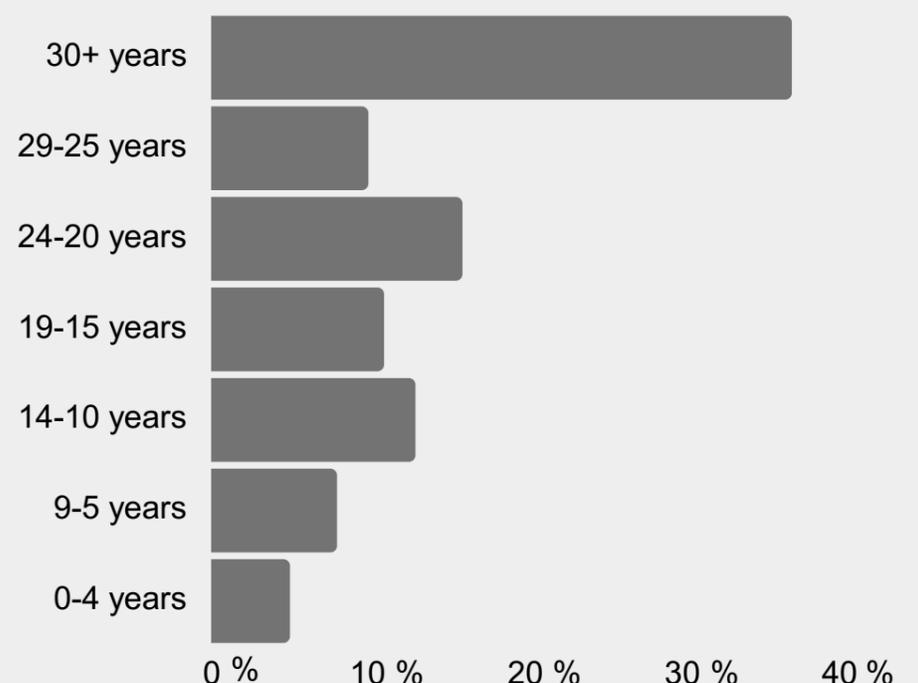


135 identify as 'other' (write in was required)



of peers identify in recovery from substance use

Years of lived experience:



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT
of HEALTH SERVICES

www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/peer-services