



A Partnership  
Between

Chrysalis 

EOTO CPS



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# Certified Peer Specialist Learning Community

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Meet The CPS-LC Team!

# Our Founders



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#### Mission:

We promote mental health and substance use recovery in our community by supporting work opportunities that encourage hope, healing, and wellness.

#### Vision:

A community where everyone belongs. A community that is stigma-free and rooted in racial and social justice. A community where:

- Wellness and recovery are possible.
- Work, education, and purpose are recognized as integral to recovery.
- Everyone has access to peer support and holistic, equitable mental health and substance use services.
- Diverse lived experiences and strengths are celebrated.






EOTO CPS

EOTO CPS provides peer support, training, and consulting services from a Black/BIPOC-centered Lived Experience framework of resilience and ingenuity. EOTO, LLC. is also a fiscally sponsored project of the Center for Community Stewardship, a 501(c) (3) organization. This increases EOTO's capacity to support and serve their community.

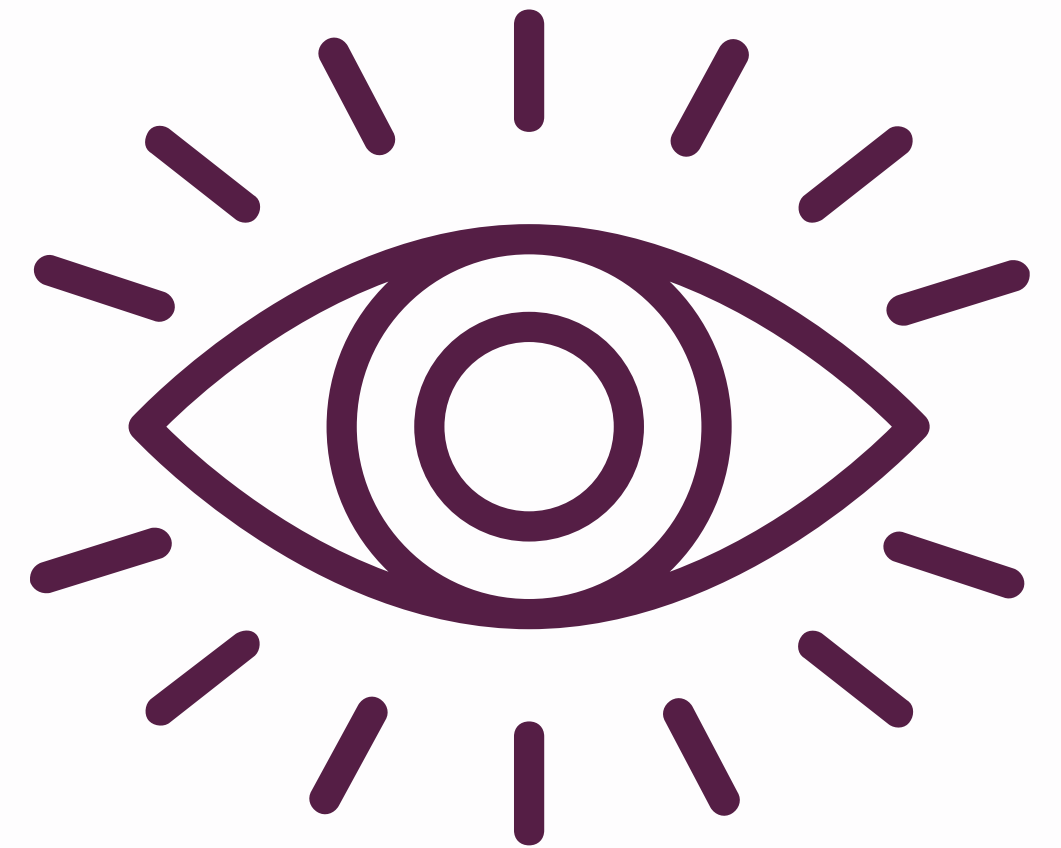
The EOTO Culturally Rooted project is a community recovery and wellness organization led by Wisconsin Certified Peer Specialists.

- Take a holistic approach to individual and community wellness.
  - Envision a community of peers who share lived experiences of challenge and triumph to empower and uplift Black individuals, families, and communities across Wisconsin.
  - Understand that when Black people thrive, the entire community thrives.
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# About the CPS-LC

- Created through a collaboration between Chrysalis and EOTO, LLC.
- Shared vision of peer support expansion and advocacy in Wisconsin
- Community learning model
- Facilitated three learning communities and trainings
- Serving behavioral health, social services, and counties and tribes



# Our Work

- Experienced team of 4 Certified Peer Specialists and allies
- Committed to supporting the integration and expansion of peer support in Wisconsin communities
- Aim to foster cultures of recovery and educate new and emerging organizations
- Focus areas: Best practices, technical assistance, consultation, supervision, and human resources.





# Cohort Structure

- 6-month learning cohort with monthly learning communities (April to September)
- Cohort groups: Peer Specialists, Peer Specialist Supervisors, and Agency Leadership
- Topics: The Role of a Peer Specialist, Self-Disclosure & Boundaries, Organizational Structure, Crisis Peer Support, and more.



# 1st Cohort Themes

- Peer Specialist support spaces
- Co-learning of Peer Specialists & Non-Peer Specialists
- Celebrating diverse lived experiences
- Need for supervision by Certified Peer Specialists






# What Our Participants Say

“Through active participation in the Certified Peer Specialist Learning Community, I have gained practical knowledge that has significantly enhanced my organization’s direct service providers’ approach to providing support and continuing to work towards building out a peer support program within my organization.”

– Dominique, AYA Consulting Firm





“All WCS staff who participated in the CPS-LC very much benefited from it and appreciated being a part of the group.”

– Megan, Wisconsin Community Services

“This is a presentation that should be mandatory for all workers! I am just getting started and I learned a ton!!!”

– Debra, C.C. We Adapt

“This learning made me consider and think about the many other agencies offering peer support and make plans to collaborate.”

– Michelle, Wisconsin Community Services



Questions?





Thank you for the time and space!

Contact us with any follow-up questions or concerns.

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