

CHRISTOPHER ROSSI

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

I am an individual with an incredible drive to succeed and make a positive impact at the macro level of human health services. I have built an incredible program & team of Peer Specialists throughout six counties of SWFL, spanning from Collier County to Hillsborough County. My biggest achievements in life lie ahead of me.

SKILLS

- Extremely quick learner
- Independent worker
- Reliable, dependable, punctual
- Excellent communication skills
- Computer/Technology literate
- Positive and energetic

WORK HISTORY

Certified Peer Recovery Specialist Supervisor / Children's Network of SWFL
Fort Myers FL / 09.2019 – Current

- Identify qualified potential Peer Recovery Specialists in the community & perform all onboarding activities once hired, guiding all staff through the certification process of Florida Certification Board.
- Researched, organized, and initiated making the Children's Network of SWFL the first case management organization in the child welfare system to become a community provider of free Naloxone (Narcan) to give to all parents in our system of care whose cases involve substance use.
- Organize and facilitate monthly Trust Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) training for staff and foster parents within our circuit, educating them in a trauma informed approach to handling individuals with problematic behaviors from an approach based in attachment theory and developmental trauma.
- Replicated the Peer Recovery program in 2022 for the Children's Network of Hillsborough County, identifying and hiring Peer Specialists in the Tampa community, guiding them, when necessary, through DCF's "Exemption from Disqualification" progress due to their criminal histories related to substance use.
- Assign referrals to Peer Mentors from 6 counties, monitor caseloads, staff troublesome cases, support staff in all areas of providing support.
- Created a live community resource guide to help Peer Specialists, Case Managers, & Case Manager Supervisors identify potential aid to meet their client's needs.
- Network and build connections amongst all Peer Recovery Specialists within the Child Welfare arena in the Suncoast Region of SWFL, hosting a monthly networking meeting on Teams to foster ongoing relationships with all Peer Specialists who serve in this unique role.
- Engage in regular educational public speaking events for staff and the community, including annual DCF Summit presentations.

Lead Behavioral Health Tech / Calusa Recovery

Fort Myers, FL / 02.2019 – 09-2019

- Assisted in all policy and procedure creation in the recovery residence credentialing process.
- Administer and streamline the inputting and submission of UA requisitions and sending to lab for verification of positive tests
- Ensure all clients are following programs rules and present in group when on site

Assistant Manager / Phantom Fireworks

Fort Myers, FL / 04.2017 – 02.2019

- Responsible for the hiring and termination of 30+ seasonal employees as well as submitting payroll and identification documentation.
- This was the first job I took when I began my sobriety journey in April of 2017. Prior to this I have an extensive history of bartending, serving, and event planning in fine dining country clubs in the SWFL area.

EDUCATION

Master of Social Work – 04-2025 – 4.0 GPA

Florida Gulf Coast University

Bachelor of Social Work – 04-2024 – 4.0 GPA

Florida Gulf Coast University

High School Diploma - 2006

Estero High School - Estero, FL

CERTIFICATIONS

Trust Based Relational Intervention Practitioner

Karen Purvis Institute of Child Development at Texas Christian University

Certified Peer Recovery Specialist - Adult

Florida Certification Board

Credential ID CRPS100463-A

AWARDS / RECOGNITION

Social Work Student of the Year

National Association of Social Workers - FL

Innovator of the Year - 2023

Florida Coalition of Children Conference

2023-2024 Marieb College Undergraduate Student of the Year

Florida Gulf Coast University

Future CEO Award - 2024

Children's Network of SWFL 25th Anniversary Gala