



Peer Assistance Services

Start believing.

Peer Assistance Services, Inc.

Dedicated to quality, accessible prevention and intervention services in workplaces and communities, focusing on substance abuse and related issues.

- **Peer Assistance Services, Inc. is a Colorado 501(c)(3) non-profit agency**
- The Colorado Board of Veterinary Medicine contracted with PAS to offer a veterinarian Peer Health Assistance Program effective January 15, 2013
- Provide Peer Health Assistance Programs to:
 - Board of Veterinary Medicine
 - The Colorado Board of Nursing
 - Colorado Board of Dental Examiners
 - Colorado Board of Pharmacy

Veterinarian Peer Health Assistance Program

- **Health** issues affect us all. These issues can be treated and lives and careers can be saved.
- **Safe, Caring, and Confidential**, Peer Assistance Services helps all Colorado licensed veterinarians, veterinarian technicians, and veterinarian students.
- Students and veterinarian technicians can access the program on a fee for service basis.
- If you or someone you know is experiencing problems because of alcohol or other drug use, mental health issues, physical issues, emotional issues, workplace conflicts, or job stress, **call today**.
- **Referral:** From a friend, family member, colleague, supervisor, self or the Colorado Board of Veterinary Medicine.

What is the next step?

- Call Peer Assistance Services (303-369-0039) and you will be connected with the case manager for the veterinarian Peer Health Assistance Program.
- An assessment will be scheduled to gather information, assess the specific needs of the veterinarian, and if there are any concerns about them practicing veterinary medicine safely.
- Following the assessment process, individualized recommendations will be provided to the veterinarian. Recommendations may include: Community resources, short-term problem resolution, or treatment and monitoring.



Stages of Monitoring at PAS

- Phase 1: Assessment
- Phase 2: Rehabilitation Contract
- Phase 3: Structured Monitoring
- Phase 4: Less Structured Monitoring
- Phase 5: Discharge

What to expect

- A safe, caring, confidential, comprehensive, and structured experience.
- A close working relationship with their case manager.
- Communication with the supervisor, therapist, treatment provider, and other parties involved in the monitoring process. ***Releases of information will be completed.**
- An individualized monitoring program based on the needs of the client, including the monitoring length.

Services Provided Statewide

- Assessment, referral, short-term problem resolution, case management, and monitoring services
- Network of resources and providers in the community
- Prevention services, including providing presentations and trainings
- Peer education meetings
- Consultation and supervisor support
- 24 hour telephone assistance

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