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<https://boldjourney.com/news/meet-jordan-smelley/>



<https://centerforadolescentstudies.com/3-tips-for-working-with-youth-with-intellectual-and-developme>

SKILLS

- Public Speaking
- Texas Legislative Self-Advocate for Persons with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities
- Trainings on how to better support Persons with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities
- Effective Collaboration and Interaction
- Navigation of Complex Systems of Support (SSI, Medicaid, HCBS Waivers, ect..)
- Rapport Building
- Relationship-Building Skills

EDUCATION

June 2007

High School Diploma

Burleson High School, Burleson, TX
Burleson High School graduate

CERTIFICATIONS

- Personal Medicine Coach (Pat Deegan, PhD and Associates)

Meet the needs of people with disabilities by providing resources, independent living skills trainings, one on one peer support as requested, and connecting with other organizations

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A few of the many Accomplishments that can be found on my website www.jordansmelleyprss.com under Meet Jordan and 2023 & Beyond Speaking Opportunities tabs:

- Spoke before the Learning Collaborative for Texas HHSC Outpatient Behavioral Health Service for those with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Funding about including Peer Support as a service with that funding on July 24, 2020
- Peer Support Specialist View of IDD AND Mental Health Services Presentation for The Hub Learning Community, a Transition Support Team at Integral Care
March 22, 2021
- Meeting with TX Senate Committee on Health & Human Services Policy Analyst April 1, 2021 to discuss SB 1457 which would expand Peer Support to Individual with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities as a Medicaid Benefit.
- Meeting with Senator Powell's Policy Analyst Alyssa Hutchison on April 9, 2021 to discuss SB 1457 which would expand Peer Support to Individual with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities as a Medicaid Benefit.
- Through the effort of leading a committee of individuals passionate about IDD Peer Support during the 2023 Texas Legislative Session we got Senator Zaffirini to file a IDD Peer Support Bill for the 3rd Texas Legislative session in a row and also got for the first time as far as I know got a House Companion Bill filed by Representative Liz Campos.
- Testified before Texas House Human Services Committee on HB 4702 on April 18, 2023 which would created stakeholder group to create Medicaid Billable IDD Peer Support Certification and Services for Persons with IDD living Outside of State Supported Living Centers. HB 4702 passed the House
May 6, 2023 but didn't get hearing in Senate HHS Committee even through efforts by myself to get Sen. Kolkhorst to give the bill a hearing on the final
Sunday of the 2023 Texas Legislative Session by speaking with her office in person and staying until midnight just incase the bill got a hearing.
- selected as the award recipient of the AAIDD Texas Chapter's *Empowerment Award for Excellence in Promotion of Self-Advocacy* at its 47th Annual Convention at the Grand Galvez, Galveston, TX.

- Mental Health Peer Specialist (MHPS) (Texas Certification Board)
- Peer Recovery Support Specialist (PRSS) with Young Peer Mentor Endorsement(Texas Certification Board)
- People Planning Together Trainer(The Learning Community for Person Centered Practices)

AWARDS

- November 16, 2023
American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Texas Chapter's Empowerment Award for Excellence in Promotion of Self-Advocacy
- November 14, 2024
American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Texas Chapter's Dr. Ollie Seay Knowledge Award for Excellence in Education or Research
- International Conference on Applied Psychology(ICOAP) October 24th-25th 2025 Virtual Texas
BEST PRESENTATION in (ICOAP-25)on 24th-25th October 2025 at Texas, USA in Virtual Mode.

Mental Health Professional (Persons of the Year Awards), 2025 —
personsoftheyear.com

- selected as the award recipient of the AAIDD Texas Chapter's Dr. Ollie Seay Knowledge Award for Excellence in Education or Research at it's 48th Annual Convention at the Grand Galvez, Galveston, TX.

WORK HISTORY

May 2025 - Current

IDD Peer Support Specialist for TST Program *Integral Care*, Austin, TX

- Provide recommendations using personal lived experience with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities during Transition Support Team consultations with providers, case managers, and care givers that work with persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- Evaluate and create educational trainings around supporting persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- Other duties as assigned

April 2023 - April 2024

Director of Recruitment *Peer Support Innovations*, Virtual

- Co-facilitates virtual IDD Peer Support Groups
- Assist in recruitment efforts of participants for virtual IDD Peer Support Groups

October 2021 - June 2023

IDD Pilot Peer Specialist *Better Lives*, Texas

- Provide peers served with resources
- Use strength-based approach when providing support.

February 2021 - February 2023

Mental Health Peer Specialist *Association of Persons Affected by Addiction*, Dallas Texas

- Facilitate Peer Support groups
- Provide peers and community with resources
- Use strength-based approach when providing support.
- Provided resource support to co-workers when co-workers were looking for resources for peers that have co-occurring Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities or other types of Disabilities

April 2019 - August 2019

Youth Transition Program Intern/Volunteer *Reach of Plano*, Plano Texas

- Presented Peer Support Group/workshop about events and activities one can do with friends
- Ran Summer Peer Support Group re: communication challenges for those with special needs
- Facilitated presentations on Self-Advocacy
- Led presentations on employment aid available to individuals with disabilities.

June 2018 - August 2018

TX Summer Camp Intern *Arc of North Texas*, Irving Texas

- Co-facilitates virtual IDD Peer Support Groups
- Assist in recruitment efforts of participants for virtual IDD Peer Support Groups