

# Decision Support Center

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HOURS:  
Monday through Friday  
7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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### What is the Decision Support Center?

The Decision Support Center (DSC) is a peer-run service that operates within the Beacon Light Outpatient Clinic.

Each individual that is seen for medication management completes a health report using Pat Deegan's CommonGround software. With assistance from a peer staff, it is completed prior to seeing their prescriber. This provides an opportunity for the consumer to have additional time to give the prescriber information about their current mental health status. The software supports shared decision making in treatment goals with the consumer and the prescriber.

### What is CommonGround?

CommonGround was designed by Pat Deegan, one of the country's foremost experts on adult mental health recovery. This initiative seeks to support consumer self-determination, increase access to resources and peer support, empower individuals in their use of Personal Medicine, as a tool in the recovery process, and develop truly collaborative relationships between practitioners and consumers. A multitude of recovery resources are also available in the CommonGround Recovery Library. The website and all of its resources can be accessed remotely by all consumers by using their unique login.

### What is Peer Wellness Support?

Peer Wellness Support is a one-on-one classroom experience that is offered to all consumers, who are receiving medication management from the Beacon Light Outpatient Clinic. Those that choose to enroll, are guided in the use of CommonGround's learning tracks to create a personalized education program.

### How are Peer Wellness Support services received?

The DSC Coordinator takes referrals from all of Beacon Light's adult programs, other agencies and requests from the consumers themselves. A needs based, independent living skills, learning component is then built into their recovery. We, the DSC Staff, are then able to help the consumer apply these educational components, through hands on experiences, to their everyday life.

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