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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER STRATEGY

LaKeesha Dumas is a coordinator in the Office of Consumer Engagement for Multnomah County Mental Health and Addictions Services Division in Oregon. She comes with lived experience and is now in recovery from substance use disorder and mental illness. Ms. Dumas is certified through the Oregon Health Authority as a community health worker, peer wellness specialist, adult addictions peer support specialist, adult mental health peer support specialist, and youth and young adult peer support specialist. For her advocacy work, she received the Oregon Public Health Association's 2014 Emerging Leader Award. Before assuming her current position, Ms. Dumas worked with CareOregon for multiple years providing peer support services to its members with complex health and social needs contracted through the Urban League of Portland and the African American Health Coalition. Born and raised in Portland, Ms. Dumas has seen the gentrification, gang violence, drug epidemic, and trauma experienced by her community. Since being in recovery she has worked tirelessly, reaching out to her community to give hope and get people appropriate resources to become healthier, overcome barriers, and recover.

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