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With over 10 years of experience, Robert Ashford is a recovery scientist focused on substance use, recovery communities, recovery support services and institutions, integrated behavioral health systems, linguistic patterns, and technological interventions for behavioral health disorders. Robert holds a bachelor's degree in social work with minors in addiction studies and psychology from the University of North Texas and a master of social work degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy & Practice. Robert is currently pursuing a PhD in health policy at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. Robert has also completed fellowships with the Treatment Research Institute and is now a graduate research assistant at the Center on the Continuum of Care in Addictions at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and the Substance Use Disorders Institute at the University of the Sciences. Robert has been the recipient of many prestigious awards, most notably the Young Emerging Leader Award (2014) from NAADAC and the University of Pennsylvania Provost's Citation for Excellence in Service (2017). He is also the founding editor of the *Journal of Recovery Science*, a national recovery planning partner for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, a grant reviewer for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and an appointee to the Philadelphia Mayor's Task Force to Combat the Opioid Epidemic.

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