

JOB VACANCY NOTICE

POSITION: Peer Specialist (Part-time)
Waynesburg, PA

PAY GRADE: 10

WAGE: \$12.73/hr. (as a minimum)

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

- Will provide person centered services to persons with serious mental illness, to help them gain control over their Individual Recovery Plans.
- Works with individuals and their families involved in behavioral health services to develop and implement their Individual Recovery/Service Plans.
- Assists individuals in meeting their recovery goals by utilizing the phases of recovery: engagement, recovery initiation, recovery stabilization and sustained recovery maintenance.
- Educates individuals, family members and professional staff about the recovery process, the damaging role that stigma can play in understanding recovery and offers support related to obstacles often encountered during the recovery process.
- Will provide individualized person centered services/support to assigned individuals.
- Facilities access to various community resources to ensure basic needs are met.
- Provides vision driven hope and encouragement regarding opportunities for varying levels of involvement in community based activities (i.e. work, school, relationships, physical activities, and self-directed hobbies) as outlined in their Individual Recovery Plan.
- Peer Specialist services will include various structure therapeutic activities such as: Crisis Support, Development of Community roles and natural supports, Individual Advocacy, Wellness, Self-Maintenance and Social Network.
- Adheres to all policies, laws, regulations and codes of ethics and confidentiality as outlined by federal and state laws, and agency policies and procedures.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Self-identifies personal experience with Serious Mental Illness and mental health or co-occurring services.
- Must not be excluded from participation in Medicare, Medicaid or any other federal health care program.
- Must successfully obtain Criminal Clearance from the PA State Police, Child Abuse Clearance from the PA Department of Public Welfare and FBI Fingerprint Clearance.
- A high school diploma or GED.
- Demonstrates knowledge and skills in peer support and recovery principles, values and practice through participation in county approved certified peer specialist orientation/training/professional development programs
- Must complete and pass a peer specialist training program, which is offered in accordance with guidelines defined by the DPW.
- Has maintained, within the last three (3) years, at least 12 months of successful full or part time paid or voluntary work experience or one year post secondary education experience totaling 24 credit hours.
- Ability to transport oneself as program needs dictate.
- Ability to observe and recognize verbal and non-verbal signs of physical or mental disorders.
- Ability to understand and follow supervisory direction.
- Ability to work independently following established polices and procedures, including emergency situations.
- Ability to communicate with effectiveness.

QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS MUST SUBMIT A LETTER OF INTEREST TO THE SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN SERVICES, INC., OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES, 300 CHAMBER PLAZA, CHARLEROI, PA 15022-1607 ATTENTION: POSTING#17194.

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