

Bayside Housing & Services

Peer Support Specialist



Job Status: Part-time

Salary Range: \$ 17.00 - 20.00 per hour

Reports To: Director of Supportive Services

Mission: To strengthen community through housing, advocacy, and human services supporting social and economic independence.

POSITION SUMMARY: To provide peer support services as part of a multi-disciplinary team to persons with mental illness and/or substance abuse problems. Service provision will focus on working with clients to enhance their recovery. Service is provided to individuals or groups.

POSITION FUNCTIONS

- To provide individualized, ongoing guidance, coaching and support.
- To provide training in the use of personal and community resources.
- Assist in developing formal and informal community support.
- Assist the person served in increasing social support networks of relatives, friends and/or significant others.
- To offer encouragement in times of crisis.
- To advocate on behalf of persons with behavioral health problems to protect the client's rights and to assist in reducing associated stigma.
- To work in cooperation with other providers, family members or significant others involved in the client's recovery plan.
- To attend Agency staff meetings, Case Conferences and Individual and Group Supervision.
- To attain established standards of productivity.
- To observe all rules of confidentiality relating to clinical information and treatment, both internally and when dealing with external agencies and/or individuals.
- To be responsible for understanding client's rights policy and procedures.
- To participate in staff training and development.
- To serve on designated committees within the agency.
- To always maintain professional standards. To observe the guidelines established within the Code of Ethics and Conduct.
- To perform other related duties as assigned.

Other duties as assigned by supervisor.

REQUIRED EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

- Lived experience of the homeless or unstably housed condition and/or of co-occurring conditions.
- High School Diploma or GED preferred but not required.
- Experience working with mental health and/or substance abuse services.

- Awareness of the importance of recovery in living with a mental illness or addiction problem.
- Past experience working directly with people in a service-oriented field is beneficial.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Ability to work well with others.
- Ability to interact with various types of people.
- A sound understanding of mental health and/or substance abuse problems and treatments.
- Personal traits which include patience, tolerance, caring, maturity and understanding.

To apply: Please submit a letter of interest, resume and two writing samples by email to info@baysidehousing.org.

Position located in Port Hadlock, Washington. For more information about Bayside Housing & Services please visit our website at www.baysidehousing.org.