

JOB VACANCY NOTICE

POSITION: Certified Peer Specialist Transitional Age (Part-time)
Certified Peer Specialist Program
Uniontown

PAY GRADE: 10

WAGE: \$12.86/hr. (as a minimum)

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

- Will provide person centered services to individuals between the ages of 14-26, with, or at risk of, serious mental health conditions to improve access to needed services.
- Works with the individual and their families to identify age appropriate MH services and additional supports for the youth and young adult.
- 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 being bullied.
- Will work with the individual to enhance their knowledge and skills related to: education, employment, and independent living
- Will provide individualized person centered services/support to assigned youth and young adults based on their Individual Strengths Assessment and Recovery Plan.
- 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.
- CPS services will include various structure therapeutic activities such as: Crisis Support, Development of Community roles and natural supports, Individual Advocacy, Self Help, Self-Improvement, skill development 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 History Clearance from the Pennsylvania State Police, Child Abuse Clearance from the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services and FBI Fingerprint Clearances.
- Has 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. In addition, must complete and pass the transitional age CPS training program
- 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#18206-NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 2, 2018.

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