Job Opening: Peer Specialist

Places for People is a mental health agency that strives to provide caring and effective services to those who face great challenges in order to assist them in recovering from their mental illness and associated chronic illnesses. We provide services to many individuals across the St. Louis City and County areas that cannot receive services from similar organizations or who were not successful when working with them. This is just one of the things that sets us apart from other behavioral health entities in the area.

We want you to join us!

About the job

Peer Specialists play an important role in our organization. They are individuals who have experienced their own struggle with mental illness and/or substance abuse and are now in recovery. Having this position allows us to provide better support to our clients who are going through their own recovery process. In this role you will act as an advocate and mentor to help your clients navigate their path to recovery to live healthy, independent lives.

**This position is approximately 16 hours per week.

Job responsibilities

- Assertively outreach and engage current clients including those with co-occurring issues into agency treatment services
- Work with clients to identify and develop positive role models and support systems from all areas of life (work, church, family, 12 step support groups etc…)
- Provide services and assist co-workers, as assigned, in developing and supervising activities that address the needs of clients as well as conducting regularly scheduled personal enrichment/health and wellness, social skills building, therapy, educational/vocational and recreational/leisure time activity groups in the community
- Understand and use the principles of the psychosocial rehabilitation model to assist consumers in accessing resources and supports in the community such as the use of Network of Care, creating a Person Centered Plan or developing their own Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) by identifying strength and resources to aid in recovery.
- Understand and use stages of recovery concepts and what helps the client at each stage
- Conduct visits with clients in community settings and in their homes
- Complete assigned case records and report service activities accurately, comprehensively, and within required standards outlined per agency guidelines
- Participate as a member of the treatment team and attend team meetings
**Job requirements**

**Minimum requirements**

- 21 years of age
- High school degree or equivalent
- Former or current consumer of mental health services
- Missouri Peer Specialist certification *(can be provided upon hire)*
- Personal vehicle and valid auto insurance

**Preferred requirements**

- Experience working in the mental health and/or substance abuse field

**Benefits Package**

- Mileage reimbursement
- Cell phone stipend
- Employee Wellness Program
- Continuing Education opportunities