

PEER SPECIALIST

PEER SPECIALIST FULL TIME and PART TIME For Helio Health's Behavioral Healthcare Recovery Center

Job Description:

- The Peer Specialist position assists individuals in recovery with articulating personal goals for recovery using their recovery experience.
- Will assist individuals in recovery with creating Wellness Recovery Action Plans (WRAP) as needed, as well as taking steps to achieve personal goals for recovery, and finding self-help groups, establishing self-help groups, or finding other recovery focused groups.
- Use lived experience to refer individuals or their families to healthy leisure opportunities or community resources that may be helpful.
- Will use and teach problem solving techniques to individuals and groups, lead discussions on methods to overcome common problems in daily living.
- Discuss methods on overcoming negative self-talk, identifying and overcoming fears, and identifying signs of potential relapse.
- Teach and role model the value of the individual recovery experience.
- Participates in program administrative and clinical committees as assigned.
- Represents Helio Health, Inc. to the community; promotes agency values within the community.
- Performs quality assurance activities
- Other duties as assigned
- Uses Helio company vehicle for community outreach

Qualifications:

- High School Graduate/Equivalency Required
- Valid NYS Driver's License Required
- Certified Peer Recovery Advocate (CRPA) preferred or in process for CRPA
- One year of Human Service experience preferred
- An individual does not need to be in recovery him/herself, but must be able to confer empathy through lived experiences

- Entry level knowledge of the biopsychosocial process of substance use disorders/recovery, behavioral health, self-help group process, recovery process and principles of recovery.
- Knowledge of signs/symptoms of mental health disorders and substance use disorders
- Ability to relate effectively with staff, clients & professional community
- Good oral and written communication skills
- Sound judgment and cultural competency
- Proficiency with basic computer applications and smart phone applications

Our Comprehensive Employee Benefits Package Includes:

- Health insurance for employees and families including domestic partners
- Dental insurance Paid vacation leave - No Waiting Period for Accruals!
- Paid sick leave - No Waiting Period for Accruals!
- Paid holidays, including birthday holiday
- 401 (k) plan - No Waiting Period for Enrollment!
- Company-paid short-term disability insurance
- Company-sponsored life insurance Employee Assistance Program (EAP)
- Helio Health provides equal opportunity to all employees and applicants for employment, without regard to race, creed, color, sex (including pregnancy, gender identity and sexual orientation), parental status, religion, national origin, citizenship, status as a victim of domestic violence, age, military or veteran status, handicap or disability, family medical history or predisposing genetic characteristics or carrier status, marital status, family status, political affiliation, felony conviction record, status as a victim of a crime, or status as an employee who has complained about discrimination, filed a charge of discrimination, or participated in an employment discrimination investigation or lawsuit, or any other categories, status or activity protected by federal, state or local Law