

The Consortium P.R.I.D.E. Program

Community Integration Specialist

Purpose: The Community Integration Specialist (CIS) facilitates the development of recovery skills of individuals enrolled in the service. In collaboration with the team and the individual in recovery, their purpose is to provide opportunities for individuals in service to direct their own recovery plan, build self worth and wellness, and build a meaningful life/role in the community. The CIS teaches and supports the acquisition and utilization of skills needed to facilitate an individual's recovery. They promote the knowledge of and use of available service options and the utilization of community resources. The CIS will promote and contribute to the development of a culture of recovery and peer support within the program and the agency as a whole.

Supervision Received:

- Reports to P.R.I.D.E. Program Supervisor. Works under close supervision in carrying out specific duties.

Supervision Exercised:

- N/A

Qualifications:

- High school diploma or GED, and Peer Specialist Certification required which must be maintained. A total of 12 months' - full or part time, paid or volunteer - work experience within the last 3 years required; one year of college, or other educational experience within the last three years, can be substituted for the work experience.
- Demonstrated proficiency in reading and writing.
- Ability to establish positive relationships with peers enrolled in service.
- Ability to teach daily living skills.
- Good knowledge of City's public transit system required; valid driver's license with acceptable driving record a plus.
- An ability to use a Personal Computer preferred; willingness to learn required.
- Certified WRAP Facilitator Preferred

Physical Requirements/Working Conditions:

- Light work requiring considerable moving about or may involve light lifting or carrying, not usually sustained.
- Frequent local travel using public transportation.
- Frequent stair climbing, walking within the community in weather conditions including heat, cold and inclement weather.
- Ability to work a flexible schedule.

Duties:

- Attends and participates in team meetings and case conferences providing feedback to the team about people in recovery (PIR), their perspective; utilizes input from meetings to work effectively with individuals.
- Welcomes newly admitted individuals and assists in their orientation to the program by sharing information on expectations, program structure and opportunities.
- Meets with individuals and appropriately engages them to identify their interests, goals and aspirations; provides support to individuals towards achieving their life goals.
- Provides support in the completion of Recovery Self-Assessment tools, Community Participation tools and Quality of Life Scales, as needed.
- Serves as a role model. Willingly shares personal experience with People In Recovery, their families and staff by demonstrating that recovery is possible.
- Assists in the development of a culture of recovery and peer support.
- Assists individuals in identifying community resources that support their goals to have a meaningful role in the community.
- Co-facilitates recovery education for people enrolled in and working in the program; facilitates Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) and self-help/mutual support groups for individuals in the program.
- Accompanies and supports PIR in community and site based social, recreational, educational, occupational and advocacy activities to achieve personal recovery goals.
- Supports individuals in the development and implementation of their transition plans including from one service to another.
- Provides support of peers in crisis by listening, giving encouragement and advocating on behalf of the individual.
- Participates and provides input in the recruitment, interview and selection of program staff.

To apply for this position, please send your resume to Karen DiTrollo.

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