Summary: Certified Peer Specialists will use the insight and learning experiences from their own recovery to assist, engage and encourage OnTrack participants. The Peer Specialist will help support participants with a sense of belonging through a supportive relationship that encourages them to address their own mental health while helping facilitate self-direction and self-worth. A Certified Peer Specialist works as an equal with the service participant to empower and motivate each participant through his or her personal recovery. Provide life experiences that help develop the participant's leadership, confidence and abilities to better one's own future. Assist the individual develop a Recovery plan as well as help motivate participants to take ownership of their lives and mental health.

Responsibilities:

- Establish professional and supportive relationships with OnTrack participants and their family members.
- Establish and maintain personal and professional boundaries with participants, family members and co-workers.
- Share own personal recovery story to assist participants as they work towards mental health recovery and pursue their recovery goals.
- Assist participants in developing their own individualized recovery plans.
- Learn and provide evidence-based and trauma-informed behavioral interventions to improve social, problem solving, goal setting, and communication skills.
- Work with participants and family members within a model of mental health recovery and person-centered care in order to foster an environment of recovery, wellness, and hope.
- Learn and adhere to all administrative regulations and procedures in areas including confidentiality, reporting requirements, and documentation of Family Services, Inc.
- Guide Ontrack participants in making connections with their communities and, if appropriate, with one another in order to build their own support systems. This may include organizing and planning group outings with OnTrack participants as it relates to their social and recovery goals.
- Attend and participate in OnTrack team meetings and supervision.
- Support clinical staff by co-facilitating social skills groups, family psychoeducation and other EBP interventions.
- Support participants to voice their opinions and concerns to the OnTrack team and to meaningfully and effectively advocate for themselves in meetings, appointments etc.

Requirements:

- Identify as a person in mental health recovery.
- At least 18 years of age.
- Ability to communicate effectively and problem solve with peers.
- Follow the certified Peer Specialist code of conduct and demonstrate cultural competence within the workplace.
- Ability to prepare written documentation in a clear and concise manner.
- Timeliness and flexibility in performing essential functions of position.
• Ability to learn and utilize community resources.
• Must have a valid driver’s license, auto insurance and a good driving record (not more than 3 points).
• High school diploma or equivalent.
• Obtain a state Peer Specialist Certification within 24 months of hire date.
• Will attend ongoing and annual trainings as it pertains to further Evidenced based training.

Working Conditions:

• Normal Office environment setting.
• Ability to lift up to 25 lbs.
• In-Home/Community settings during service participant visits.
• Community based activities involving outdoor activities and/or public areas.

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