



Peer Support Specialist

Portage Path Behavioral Health Outpatient SUD Programming
Portage Path Behavioral Health Emergency Services

Portage Path is currently seeking full-time Peer Support Specialist that are highly skilled in working with Co-occurring Substance Use (SUD) and Mental Health (MH) clients. The Peer Support Specialists works in conjunction with multi-disciplinary teams to assist in meeting the needs of clients of Portage Path's Dual Diagnosis programs and Psychiatric Emergency Services. Compassion, experience and knowledge of the challenges of mental health and dually diagnosed clients are essential to the responsibilities of the position, in conjunction with the familiarity of the recovery process.

The Peer Support Specialists must have knowledge of mental health and substance use symptoms, disorders, and diagnoses. Must possess knowledge of community resources and programs, and skills to make linkages and referrals. Prior life experience recovering from substance abuse and/or mental health obstacles will be beneficial. As a result, the candidates in this position will function as role models, exhibiting competency in personal recovery and the use of coping skills while serving as an advocate to agency clients.

Work will be performed in a wide range of settings including PPBH's clinical sites; in client, group or family homes; in community-based outpatient settings; community agencies; transport vehicles, etc.

Responsibilities include:

Determining level and type of services necessary for clients to improve and function effectively in the community while providing direct-care peer support services. Candidates must demonstrate the ability to assess clients' levels of need while monitoring client symptoms; assist clients in articulating personal goals for recovery through individual and group sessions; assist clients in establishing self-sufficiency plans; ability to teach problem-solving techniques; and a willingness to appropriately self-disclose the skills, supports, strengths and resources they have effectively used during personal experience.

In addition, the candidates must possess excellent organizational, & communication skills with the ability to work within multi-disciplinary teams. A valid driver's license and reliable transportation are required.

The successful candidates must possess a minimum of a high school diploma or equivalent and completion certificate required by State of Ohio Peer Support Training.

Portage Path Behavioral Health offers a vibrant clinical environment with excellent salary, benefits, and incentive programs. Bi-lingual applicants fluent in both Spanish & English are encouraged to apply. For confidential consideration, please E-Mail, fax or send resume (no phone calls please) or apply to:

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