



Peer Provider

Mount Pleasant, TX

Description

Responsibilities include provision of information, referrals, follow-up and technical assistance. A Peer Provider is a person who has received mental health services for at least one year and has "lived experience", and is willing to share this experience to support those who struggle with mental illness, psychological trauma, or substance use. Such personal experience provides expertise that professional training cannot replicate. Some roles filled by a Peer Provider include assisting their peers in articulating their goals for recovery, learning and practicing new skills, helping them monitor their progress, supporting them in their treatment and supporting them in advocating for themselves to obtain effective services. Peer Provider must complete the agency requirements and Medicaid rules for billing Psychological Rehabilitation (PSR) and Skills Training.

A Pre-Certified Peer Support Specialist (PCPSS) meets requirements for a Peer Provider, and has completed the initial online assessment, core training, and core training knowledge assessment. The incumbent is working on the required 250 hours of work experience, and once 250 hours are completed, employee must apply for renewed certification. Some roles filled by a PCPSS include assisting their peers in articulating their goals for recovery, learning and practicing new skills, helping them monitor their progress, supporting them in their treatment, modeling effective coping techniques and self-help strategies based on the specialist's own recovery experience, supporting them in advocating for themselves to obtain effective services, and assisting in the development and implementation of the recovery plans.

A Certified Peer Support Specialist (CPSS) meets requirements for the PCPSS and has completed all training and is certified as a CPSS. Position provides support, information, referrals, follow-up, and technical assistance to peers, and provides general consultation to staff and rehabilitation case management teams. CPSS provides opportunities for individuals to direct their own recovery plan, build self-worth, wellness, empowerment and self-advocacy. CPSS will promote and contribute to the development of a culture of recovery and hope within the program and agency as a whole. Maintain data indicating the number of referrals, resources, unmet needs of peers and barriers to obtaining services for all interested parties. Serves as a role model for competency in recovery, and ongoing coping skills for staff and consumers. Supports people using services to develop self-help skills, and educates people about the range of services available in and beyond the agency. Will serve on an interdisciplinary team in Case Management meetings.

Other Requirements:

- Must self-identify as an adult who has been diagnosed with a mental illness, and must have received MH services for at least one year.
- Must be able to complete assigned tasks in an efficient and effective manner with minimum supervision
- Must possess good organizational skills and the ability to maintain positive working relationships
- Must be knowledgeable of community resources; must be able to prepare learning material
- Must be able to lead groups using structured material.
- Must have working computer skills, including MS Word and Outlook.
- Must have a valid driver's license, and current personal automobile liability insurance as required by the state of Texas, as well as an acceptable driving record.

Travel Required

Yes. Some travel involved, including provision of transportation services.

Qualifications

Education

Required

High School or better.

Experience

Required

1 year: Experience advocating for themselves or others

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