Regional Research Institute: National Wraparound Initiative

Position Title: Young Adult Peer Support & Participation Assistant (Laboratory Technician I)

Position Summary: The person in this position will assist in carrying out a project that is developing and testing approaches for building the workforce of young adults who can provide effective peer support to other young people with serious mental health conditions and related needs.

Functions/Major Responsibilities: The individual in this position will assist with management for a project that is developing and testing approaches for building the workforce of young adult peer support providers to work with other young people who have mental health conditions and related challenges. The person will perform activities related to organizing the project’s work such as: arranging meetings for project staff and internal and external partners; taking notes and maintaining project records, and communicating with internal and external partners. The person in this position will assist in the work of developing, testing and evaluating workforce interventions or initiatives. This will include providing assistance to project staff with tasks related to: intervention development, creation of training materials, organizing logistics for training or data gathering, delivering training, gathering data, cleaning data, and presenting findings. These activities will be undertaken under the close supervision of more senior project staff.

The position is intended for a young person who has knowledge about existing mental health services (and/or related services such as child welfare, juvenile justice/corrections or special education) and knowledge about advocacy and self-advocacy in service systems. Experience in the role of a peer support specialist, or knowledge about this type of work, is preferred.

Minimum Qualifications: One year of experience in a lab setting & high school courses in chemistry, biology, mathematics, or any course which included lab work; OR an equivalent combination of training and experience.

Required Qualifications:
- One year of experience and/or training related to participatory research or participatory decision making and high school or college classes in research methods, math or sciences —OR— a combination of training and experience.
- Personal experience with or knowledge about mental health systems and related systems
- Personal experience with or knowledge about peer support provided by young adults
- Knowledge about advocacy and self-advocacy in mental health service systems and related systems
- Ability to organize information and schedule activities
- Dependability in carrying out planned activities, such as scheduling workshops and meetings conducting follow-up activities with participants
- Ability to follow written and verbal instructions in carrying out data collection and recording, and intervention activities
- Eagerness to learn and willingness to accept and seek close supervision
- Strong organizational skill related to documenting activities such as fidelity tracking, assessment, and participant payments
- Ability to interact with young people and adults with diverse abilities from diverse cultures

Compensation: $12.89-to-$14.41, depending on experience.

Work hours: .75 flexible between 8-5, some evening hours may be required for meetings.

To Apply: All applications must be submitted through the HR website www.pdx.edu/hr/employment-opportunities-at-psu click on the “apply here” button > Search Jobs >keywords: Laboratory Technician.

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