

Position: Youth Adult Peer Recovery Support Specialist

Salary: \$26,000 - \$30,000

Vacancies: 1

Closing Date: 07/02/21

Progressive Life Center provides an array of community-based services to adjudicated youth and their families within the Washington, D.C.; Baltimore, MD; Prince George's County, MD; Montgomery County, MD; Philadelphia, PA; York, Pennsylvania; and Newark, DE areas. PLC's focus is meeting the mental health needs from a cultural and spiritual based approach to help individuals and families recognize and maximize their inner resources, strengths and abilities, enhance their relationships, and function harmoniously in the broader environment.

Program Summary

The Adolescent Clubhouse provides recovery support for adolescents, age 12-17, who have either completed or are currently engaged in substance abuse treatment. The Adolescent Club House provides customized support for recovery in ways that traditional adolescent addiction treatment programs cannot. By combining a recovery-support model with evidence-based programs that are designed to attract young people, the Clubhouse will provide opportunities for socializing with others in recovery, while offering assistance with education, employment and other needed services. By strengthening youth engagement in both substance abuse treatment and other important systems, the clubhouse aims to enrich positive adolescent development through schools and families.

Position Description

The **Youth Adult Peer Recovery Support Specialist** will engage with youth (age 12-17) at the Adolescent Clubhouse in an effort to improve hope and optimism, support symptom reduction, increase self-esteem, build overall health and wellness, reduce workplace stigma surrounding substance use and co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders and to inform non-peer staff about recovery from a youth perspective.

The incumbent will engage youth in evidence-based practices and recovery support; provide supervision on off-site outings; maintain clubhouse attendance records; award and monitor Challenge Points; maintain electronic records using site specific software; establish professional and advocacy-based relationships with community agencies; substance abuse and mental health programs; resource centers and schools; and other duties as assigned.

Qualifications

- Minimum High School Diploma or equivalency. Associates degree from an accredited institution preferred.
- Strong basic computer skills and/or experience in utilizing site specific software.
- Effective verbal communication skills.
- Report writing and general writing skills desirable.
- Ability to work with adolescents with substance use disorders and their families.
- Ability to communicate effectively with street-wise youth.

- Sensitivity to and competence in the cultural differences that are present among PLC's service population.
- Ability to forge a mutually respectful partnership with persons served and their families in which they are helped to gain the skills and confidence to address any issues and problems they face.
- Ability to work in partnership with other team members.
- Ability to set limits and maintain the helping role of the practitioner and to intervene appropriately to meet the needs of the persons served or other family members.
- Familiarity with Microsoft Office Suite and web-based database systems is preferred.
- Valid driver's license and the ability to travel with the Baltimore, MD and surrounding areas.
- Certification as a Peer Recovery Specialist from the Maryland Addictions Professional Certification Board within 12 months of hire.
- Certificate in NTU Service Delivery Model within one (1) year of hire.

Physical Demands:

Physical Demands (Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions).

- Must be able to remain in a stationary position 50% of the time.
- The person in this position needs to occasionally move about inside the office to access file cabinets, office machinery, etc.
- Constantly operates a computer and other office productivity machinery (i.e., a calculator, copy machine, and computer printer); Manual dexterity needed for using a calculator and computer keyboard.
- Must be able to position self to stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl.
- Must have ability to navigate stairwells.
- Must be able to drive a motor vehicle.
- Must be able to travel.
- The person in this position frequently communicates with employees/customers/clients; and must be able to exchange accurate information by perceiving the nature of sound, near and far vision, depth perception, providing oral and written information.
- Frequently move files weighing up to 20 pounds throughout the office space.
- Must be able to participate in fire drills or other drills during an emergency situation.

Work Environment:

- Normal office environment indoors.
- Client, group or family homes.
- Community-based outpatient settings, community agencies.
- Transport vehicles (company or personal).
- Work areas are often noisy, irregular and unpredictable and can be stressful at times due to clients demonstrating varying levels of recovery and symptoms.

FORWARD LETTER OF INTEREST AND RESUME TO THE: H.R. Department.

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