



Peer Support Specialist Openings at Pine Belt Mental Healthcare Resources

Family Peer Support Specialist- System of Care Grant

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Youth Peer Support Specialist- System of Care Grant

Youth Peer Support Specialists are needed to work with youth and families in Forrest, Jones, and Marion Counties as part of a four-year grant. Must be a youth ages 18-27 who identifies as a consumer or former mental health consumer. This position is full-time and the work hours are M-F, 8a-5p. Some after hours and on-call responsibilities required. These positions have a projected hire date of October 1, 2017.

Peer Support Specialist- Mobile Crisis Team- Ellisville

A Peer Support Specialist is needed to work on Mobile Crisis Response Team. This position is based in Jones County but will serve clients in the nine (9) counties of the Pine Belt. This position is part-time and the work hours vary.

Peer Support Specialist-AOT Team- Hattiesburg/ Ellisville

PBMHR has an opening for a Peer Support Specialist to work with a new program in Forrest and Jones County focusing on assisted outpatient treatment (AOT). This position requires on-call duties. Both positions are full-time, and the work hours vary.

Job Duties:

Supports consumers by providing information in terms that consumers and families can understand through various formal and informal settings. Assists with targeted outreach, medication monitoring, system navigation, and advocacy. Engages families and consumers to help them/loved ones to be successful and meet their goals. Acts as a role model to peers by exhibiting competence in personal recovery and use of coping skills. Provides a range of structured activities that are provided face to face to assist individuals in their recovery/resiliency process. These activities will support the goals of the individual's documented individual Service Plan and/or Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP).

Requirements:

High School Diploma or equivalent required. Must be a current DMH Certified Peer Support Specialist or obtain certification within 90 days of hire. Must possess a valid Mississippi Driver's License with a satisfactory driving record. Reliable transportation needed to provide services in the community. Must have demonstrated a minimum of six (6) months, preferably twelve (12) months, in self-directed recovery. Knowledge of how to establish and sustain self-help (mutual support) and educational groups by soliciting input from the mental health consumers on their strengths and interests. Knowledge of the signs and symptoms of mental illness and the ability to assist the client to address symptoms using strategies such as positive self-talk.