



FAMILIES & INDIVIDUALS in RECOVERY (FAIR) Program

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Position: PEER SUPPORT SPECIALIST

Metropolitan Center for Mental Health (MCMH) is a non-profit, outpatient behavioral health organization founded in 1962, dedicated to providing affordable psychological and psychiatric treatment to support the emotional well-being of people living in its surrounding community. Our mission to serve all members of our community regardless of financial or cultural barriers remains core to our service delivery today.

For over 50 years, our work has been driven by our commitment to three goals:

1. **Offer** a broad range of mental health and addiction services to individuals and families across the lifespan
2. **Provide** timely access to high quality, evidence-based treatment modalities
3. **Deliver** culturally competent and linguistically diverse services to meet the unique needs of the communities we serve

POSITION SUMMARY

We are seeking a credentialed Peer Support Specialist for the FAIR Program at MCMH (822 outpatient substance abuse treatment Clinic). Services by the Peer Support Specialist would be provided within an on and off site (home or community) setting. The Peer Specialist will provide recovery-oriented interventions for adults and older adults. The Peer Specialists report to the Director of the FAIR Program.

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provide outreach to the community at large in an effort to locate, intake and refer/link recipients to substance abuse treatment and other services; as outlined in the Recovery/Action Plan.
- Collaborate with our partnering agencies to ensure a smooth transition with all referrals.
- Conduct phone and field outreach to help facilitate and develop strong connections with clients and families in need of services.
- Work with clients and their treatment teams to help clients gain insight into symptom management, and coping skills to support them in their recovery process. Positive attitude and professional demeanor
- Keep charts updated weekly. Weekly contact with the recipient needs to be documented in the chart in regard to progress, lack thereof, or change in objectives, interventions and goals. All updates must be entered into the electronic health records within a timely fashion.
- Provide individual peer support and wellness counseling for clients in need. Conduct peer run wellness/support groups as appropriate. Support the recipient(s) in maintaining focus and accomplishment of their identified goals.
- Promote the FAIR program by directly providing a presentation to potential or existing partners.
- Attend weekly individual and group supervision.
- Other duties as required.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- New York State Certified Peer Specialist \ NYS Certified Recovery Peer Advocate (CRPA) with at least one year of experience. Consideration will be given to a provisional certification provided that a permanent certification is accomplished within (6) six months of hire.
- Must have experienced substance abuse themselves and/or have supported family members through their experiences and be committed to Recovery-Oriented Practice
- Commitment to working with an Adult/Older Adult population
- Consistently demonstrate a positive attitude and professional demeanor.
- Must be team-oriented with a willingness to be flexible and helpful.
- Ability to complete work independently, as well as collaborate with team members.
- Ability to travel within the vicinity
- Effective written and oral communication skills
- Computer proficiency, including proficiency in EHR systems
- High School diploma or equivalent.
- Bilingual Spanish strongly preferred

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