

Western Montana Mental Health Center
The Nest – Lake County
8 2nd Ave SW
Ronan, MT 59864

Job Title: Peer Support Specialist

Hours: Half-time working up to full-time

Close Date: Open Until Filled

Job Summary: Responsible for delivery of peer support services in a crisis, outpatient, inpatient, or community based setting for adults with severe to moderate mental illness, substance use disorders, or co-occurring disorders. Embrace, develop, and implement recovery based principals with clients, staff, agency, and the community. Peer support specialists must be willing to be open about their recovery status whether it is as a person in recovery or who have lived experiences of mental health and or substance use disorders. Peer Support Specialist must demonstrate sustained and stable recovery for a period of at least 2 years.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Teach and support the acquisition and utilization of skills needed to facilitate the individual recovery process.
- Promote the knowledge of available service options and choices and the utilization of natural resources in the community.
- Facilitate the development of a sense of wellness and self-worth.
- Ability to articulate their personal recovery journey.
- Provide coaching and support to assigned clients for recovery efforts leading to sustained and stable recovery.
- Advise the Executive Director and/or supervisor in advance of any possible or pending involvement in any personal legal proceedings.
- Complete all required client documentation to be in compliance with the State Standards and WMMHC Policies and Procedures.
- Link client to appointments as outlined in the client treatment plan established with the interdisciplinary team.
- Provide peer support services in a one on one or group setting.
- Participate in treatment plan meetings for assigned clients.
- Knowledge and support of Medication Assisted Treatment utilized for some substance use disorders

Requirements:

- Must have personal experience with mental health and/or substance use disorder treatment and/or recovery.
- Working knowledge of recovery resources in the community.
- Ability to work in a multi-disciplinary team including but not limited to: Psychiatrist, APRN, therapist, Nurse, Crisis specialist, Case Manager, Support Staff, Client, Family members.
- Acceptance of a variety of lifestyles, behaviors, cultural, and spiritual practices.
- Ability to exercise discretion and maintain client and employee confidentiality.
- Ability to work within the framework of a therapeutic interdisciplinary team.
- Flexibility and availability to work a varied schedule.
- Valid Montana driver's license and own transportation.
- Auto insurance with coverage including a \$100,000/\$300,000 bodily injury coverage.
- Ability to perform a range of physical motions, including but not limited to, lifting and carrying groceries and other items as needed
- Must be able to use sense of sight and hearing in order to assess environment and clients, and to insure personal safety.
- Must be able to enter non-wheelchair accessible homes.