

Western Montana Mental Health Center

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Position: Peer Support Specialist – PACT

Close Date: Open until filled

Hours: Full-time

Job Summary: The Peer Specialist is a member of a multidisciplinary team and is or has been a recipient of mental health services for severe and persistent mental illness. Because of life experience with mental illness and mental health services, the Peer Specialist provides expertise that professional training cannot replicate. Peer Specialists are fully integrated team members who provide highly individualized services in the community and promote client self-determination and decision making. The Peer Specialist is responsible for delivery of Peer Support services in an outpatient and community-based setting for adults with severe mental illness. Acts as a positive role model through good work ethic, fairness, flexibility and commitment to appropriate and direct communications; demonstrates energy and enthusiasm for Western's mission and vision.

Essential Job Responsibilities: Advocates to the entire PACT team from a mental health consumer perspective concerning clients' experiences regarding symptoms of mental illness, clients' attitudes and opinions of treatment and experiences of recovery. Provides work-related supportive services such as assistance securing necessary clothing and grooming supplies, wake-up calls, transportation, etc. Provides side-by-side services, skills teaching, support and environmental adaptations to assist clients with activities of daily living (ADLs). The ADLs may include such things as cleaning and laundry, transportation, grocery shopping and assistance with personal hygiene and grooming tasks. Assists and supports clients to obtain and utilize a personal primary care physician, dentist or other medical specialists as needed. This includes planning leisure time activities on weekends, evenings and holidays. Performs on-call duties for crisis stabilization needs on a rotating basis with other PACT team members which includes nights and weekends. Attend and participate in all required meetings unless excused by the supervisor.

Qualifications: Must be able to pass a criminal background and driver's license check. Must have a valid Montana Driver's License with an acceptable driving record. Provide proof of auto liability insurance coverage per Western's policies.

Education & Experience: Must be at least 18 years old and have a high school diploma or GED. Must have at least two years of paid or volunteer work experience. College degree in a human services field is desirable.