

Part-Time Peer and Family Mentor Position

NAMI Utah

Description

Compensation Type: Hourly wages

Job Type:

Part Time

Hybrid (remote and in-person)

Pay Range: \$17-\$19/hr DOE

Organization's Mission: NAMI Utah seeks employees that have a deep commitment to the mission of ensuring the dignity and improving the lives of those who live with mental illness and their families through support, education, and advocacy.

Organization's Race, Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Statement and Work: NAMI Utah is proud to be an equal opportunity employer. We are committed to creating an inclusive, diverse environment that empowers all of us to connect, belong, and grow.

Position Summary: The Peer and Family Mentor will listen and empathize, connect people to valuable education and support programs and to community resources, and empower others to move forward along the path of recovery. The mentor will also attend weekly Mental Health Court staffing meetings and court sessions at the Salt Lake County Third District Mental Health Court, to provide peer and family advocacy for those in the criminal justice system who are often overlooked and voiceless. This is a part-time position, 10-15 hours/week.

Primary Responsibilities: •Provide an empathetic ear to individuals and families dealing with mental health issues.

•Provide referrals to NAMI Utah education classes and support groups.

•Establish, maintain, and update a resource list of treatment facilities and community resources.

•Refer individuals/families to appropriate resources such as physical and mental healthcare services, Medicaid, disability benefits, prescription drug assistance, shelters, affordable housing, legal information, employment, education, financial assistance and information, support groups, food, etc.

•Attend weekly Mental Health Court staffing meetings and court sessions at

the Salt Lake County Third District Mental Health Court.

- Attend mental health court advisory meetings as scheduled.
- Advocate for the participants by advising the court staff of the realities of the lived experience of mental illness and how this impacts adherence to court requirements and recovery.
- Report any issues or concerns regarding the participants to the treatment team, court staff, or both.
- Encourage participants in their continued adherence to court requirements, treatment programs, and recovery.
- Provide participants with information about NAMI Utah programs and community resources. Encourage participation in appropriate community events/resources as indicated.
- Encourage participants to continue in treatment and in utilization of community resources once their probation and court. requirements have ended.
- Respond to requests for assistance related to criminal justice issues.
- Create, maintain, and promote community partnerships; provide presentations/booths in community as requested.
- Attend mentor department meetings and NAMI Utah staff meetings as scheduled.
- Complete monthly mentor reporting accurately and in a timely manner.

Desired Qualifications: •High school graduation or GED required.

- Must be able to pass background check annually.
- Knowledge of NAMI Utah or demonstrated ability to learn about and support mission of organization.
- Use of reliable personal vehicle and insurance is required.
- Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to work with diverse and at-risk populations.
- Strict adherence to professional boundaries.

Ability to:

- professionally collaborate and communicate with various individuals and agencies.
- listen empathetically, support and offer appropriate assistance to individuals and family members.
- remain calm in crisis situations.
- professionally handle confidential or sensitive information.
- manage time effectively.
- productively work independently.
- complete tasks and fulfill assignments within deadlines.
- work as an effective team member, including willingness to take on and fulfill assignments and participate in major NAMI Utah events.

•follow organizational protocols, such as notifying of sick leave, requesting vacation, expense request and reimbursement policies.

Benefits / Why Work With Us: NAMI Utah recognizes that there is nothing more rewarding than being able to use your personal experience to positively impact someone's life every day. We also recognize that what we do is not always easy. We care about our staff's wellbeing as much as that of the population we serve and constantly look for practical and creative ways to ensure that staff find joy and meaning in what they do.

How to Apply: Send resume and cover letter to Jackie Rendo
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Closing Date: 04/28/22

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