

Location: MacClenny, FL
Salary: \$12 hr
Part Time | Mon - Fri

The Peer Specialist is an individual that has received services for a diagnosed mental illness or substance abuse condition and who has successfully completed or currently participating in recovery activities for a minimum of two years.

Peer Specialist Certification Preferred.

This is a very important position, in that a Peer Specialist has a perspective of individuals coming to receive treatment services that few professionals have, experiencing and receiving treatment services in treatment settings. It is not uncommon for people with similar lived experiences to offer each other practical advice and suggestions for strategies that professionals may not offer, or even know about. Those personal experiences are what makes the Peer Specialist and empowering helper, through the sharing of their stories of recovery and their willingness to share tools they have used to succeed. Peer Specialists provide hope, support, education, and assist persons served in seeing that they are more than their disorder.

Driver Requirement:

Must have a current Florida Driver's License with a clean driving record while meeting company insurance requirements

Essential Duties/Responsibilities:

1. Provide practical real world support in coping with life's day to day demands through teaching, modeling and coaching approaches to rehabilitation.
2. Promote the value of self-help, peer support and personal empowerment to foster recovery.
3. Support each consumer to "get a life" using natural occurring resources to replace the resources of the mental health system.
4. Promote information about mental illness and substance abuse.
5. Maintain close relationships with Meridian Staff and others to best facilitate the participant's treatment.
6. Complete electronic documentation in a timely manner.
7. Comply with Meridian's policies and procedures.
8. Meet required service hours on a weekly basis.
9. Function as an advocate for consumers and model self-advocacy skills.
10. Performs other duties as required to meet program and departmental goals and objectives.

Knowledge, Skills, Abilities:

Language Skills:

Ability to read and interpret documents such as safety rules, operating and maintenance instructions, and procedure manuals. Ability to write routine reports and correspondence. Ability to speak effectively before groups of customers or employees of organization.

Mathematical Skills:

Ability to add, subtract, multiply, and divide in all units of measure, using whole numbers, common fractions, and decimals. Ability to compute rate, ratio, and percent and to draw and interpret bar graphs.

Reasoning Ability:

Ability to solve practical problems and deal with a variety of concrete variables in situations where only limited standardization exists. Ability to interpret a variety of instructions furnished in written, oral, diagram, or schedule form.

Physical Demand: The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions