

Immediate Job Opening

ADULT HOME PEER SPECIALIST IN RENNELAER COUNTY

Salary: \$25,000-\$30,000

37.5 hours per week, full time with benefits

The Mental Health Empowerment Project, Inc. (MHEP) is a recipient run not-for-profit corporation organized in 1988 to develop and strengthen self-help and mutual support activities throughout the United States.

JOB DESCRIPTION

The chosen candidate will work as part of Rensselaer County's Adult Home Care Coordination Team. This team provides services to people who live in Troy Adult Home and Fawn Ridge Adult Home. As the Peer Specialist on the team, the chosen candidate will connect people to peer support, teach self-advocacy skills, connect people to self-directed recovery tools (like Wellness Recovery Action Planning) and act as a role model for recovery.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist residents in identifying and reaching their hopes, dreams, and goals; provide support, information and advocacy as needed to make progress toward the objectives.
- Facilitate resident self-help support groups, with the goal of developing group leadership and facilitation skills among group participants and moving the groups toward self-leadership.
- Assist residents in accessing and using self-directed recovery tools such as Wellness Recovery Action Plans, Advanced Directives, 12 Step Programs and other self-help group models.
- Provide information/assistance regarding securing entitlements, navigating the recertification process and accessing community resources.
- Act as an advocate or liaison between residents, case managers, and other service providers, assisting residents in building communication and self-advocacy skills.
- Assist residents with integrating into the community, including identifying opportunities/resources for employment, education, peer supports, hobbies, involvement in community activities, use of public transportation, and more.
- Act as a role model for residents by sharing personal experiences of wellness and recovery.
- Collaborate with care coordination and adult home leadership to develop peer-support initiatives.

Interested parties should send a cover letter and resume to mcanuteson@mhepinc.org by September 3rd, 2018.