

Peer Support Specialist Apprenticeship



Looking for not just a job, but a career? Take a closer look at becoming a

Peer Support Specialist

If you are a Californian resident with a disability looking to get into the workforce, now is the time to start a rewarding career as an apprentice Peer Support Specialist!

The Ready, Willing and Able initiative is currently recruiting for high-quality positions as apprentice Peer Support Specialists in the Los Angeles area.

Peer Support Specialists provide emotional support and assisting in the developing of recovery plans, Peer Support Specialists provide continuity and consistency. Peer Support Specialists utilize their own recovery stories to inspire, encourage, and instill hope in others.

Through combining paid employment with on-the-job training and formal technical instruction, as an apprentice Peer Support Specialist, you will:

- Earn while you learn
- Develop practical skills and experience in a real world setting
- Study towards a nationally recognized qualification
- Work and learn alongside individuals passionate about recovery

Pre-Requisites:

- High school diploma (or GED equivalent)
- Availability to work full-time
- Minimum of 1 year attending self-help groups or
- 100 hours of volunteer training plus commit to attend self help groups.
- Motivated to take any required learning courses as part of your professional development
- Enthusiasm for a career in a professional support role

Did you know that upon qualification Peer Support Specialists enjoy a median starting salary of \$35,802? *

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HOW TO APPLY

To apply now please email recruitment@readywillingable.us
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What You Need To Know

Peer Support Specialists engage, inspire, and facilitate meaningful conversations with members served that assist the person to explore, create, and meet their own recovery goals. Here are some of the responsibilities they typically have:

On the job, you will:

- Provide consultation to the team to promote and reinforce Telecare's Recovery Culture as defined by the Telecare Recovery Centered Clinical System (RCCS), in which each member's point of view and preferences are recognized, understood, respected, and integrated into services and self-help programming.
- Respond to critical situations with high level engagement and de-escalation skills which support a least restrictive environment for individuals experiencing an emergency related to a mental health/addiction challenge.

What Do You Need To Succeed In This Role?

Requirements

- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Successful completion of Peer Support Training / Certified Peer Specialist or Peer Employment Training within one (1) year of hire
- Experience as a beneficiary of the Behavioral Health system of care
- Must be CPR, Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI), and First Aid certified on date of employment or within 60 days of employment and maintain current certification throughout employment.
- All opportunities at Telecare are contingent upon successful completion and receipt of acceptable results of the applicable post-offer physical examination, 2-step PPD test for tuberculosis, acceptable criminal background clearances, excluded party sanctions, and degree or license verification. If the position requires driving, valid driver's license, a motor vehicle clearance, and proof of auto insurance is required at time of employment and must be maintained throughout employment. Additional regulatory, contractual, or local requirements may apply

Physical Demands

- Occasionally required to stand, twist, squat, kneel and lift and carry items weighing 25 pounds or less
- Frequently sit, walk, reach, bend and do simple and firm grasping. The position requires manual deviation, repetition and dexterity.

Skills

- Knowledge of and ability to use public transportation
- Knowledge of the mental illness process
- Knowledge of recovery focused, strengths based work in mental health/addiction recovery
- Willing to understand each member's unique circumstances, personal preferences, and goals and incorporate them into daily work as well as any needed crisis response to help the member regain a sense of control
- Strong understanding of recovery and resilience, the value of partnerships with members and member choice, and the balance between protection from harm and personal dignity
- Strong knowledge of relevant community resources and methods for accessing them
- Strong communication, writing, and typing/computer skills



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