



Position Title: Peer Support Specialist

Salary/Compensation: \$18.00-\$23.00 DOE

Hours per Week: 20-40 hours

Reports to: Executive Director

Position Description:

An Encompass Yamhill Valley (EYV) Peer Support Specialist is a part-time to full-time, non-exempt position. The role of a Peer Support Specialist is to build personal relationships with individuals to support and assist them in gaining skills, access to resources, and regain the confidence to succeed in society. The peer support specialist will function as a role model to peers using their own lived experience to provide counseling, coaching, and support. This position will facilitate contact with providers, assist with transportation issues, and other issues that may be barriers to accessing treatment and support.

Responsibilities:

- Build and maintain personal relationships with clients
- Provide individualized, ongoing guidance, coaching and support
- Connect potential clients with Encompass Yamhill Valley case managers
- Work in cooperation with case managers, other providers, and family members in the client's network to support client achieving their goals and develop skills
- Provide training in the use of personal and community resources
- Offer encouragement in times of crisis
- Conduct and attend EYV outreach and community events
- Assist in developing formal and informal community supports

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to utilize and teach problem solving techniques
- Ability to share and demonstrate their own experience and life skills
- Ability to interact with various types of people, understanding of mental health and/or substance abuse problems and treatments
- Knowledge and skill sufficient to use community resources necessary for independent living and ability to teach those skill to other individuals
- Highly compassionate and attentive to details
- Ability to remain solution orientated and manage work challenges

Technical skills required:

- Microsoft Office Suite
- Basic computer skills for communication and reporting

Work environment:

- Mobile position, work from home, partner locations, or other program sites
- Driving locally in Yamhill County to client and partner locations
- Computer provided, cell phone allowance, mileage reimbursement
- Criminal background check will be conducted on applicable candidates

Certifications, Licenses, Registrations:

- Peer Support Specialist certification
- Valid OR State Driver's License and auto insurance is required
- OR Food Handler Card or ability to obtain
- CPR/First Aid/Narcan certified or ability to become certified

Benefits

- Flexible Work
- Paid Time Off (PTO)
- Relaxed Dress Code
- Mobile phone monthly stipend
- Mileage reimbursement
- Training/Advancement Opportunities
- Paid holidays
- Health Insurance with low deductible

About Encompass Yamhill Valley

Encompass Yamhill Valley (EYV) was developed to provide housing and vital support services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Yamhill County. EYV operates county-wide, mobile-based outreach services designed to connect the most vulnerable members of our society with the programs and services they desperately need. Current programs include peer counseling, food and meal distribution, court advocacy, mental health and substance abuse treatment referrals, free health care referrals, emergency shelter, gas and transportation vouchers, and safe overnight car camping.