

RECRUITMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

The County of Surry is accepting applications for a **Peer Support Specialist/Recovery Friendly Workplace Advisor** to work in the Surry County Substance Abuse Recovery Department. This position provides mentoring, peer support, case management and linkages to employment for judicially involved adults with behavioral health needs. Assists judicially involved clients with articulating personal goals and identifying potential employment outcomes and challenges. Help clients during their post incarceration with creating and supporting them with ongoing maintenance of a personal Wellness Recovery Action Plan. Assist clients with identifying and engaging in mutual self-help support groups, problem-solving techniques, job-related skills, and skills needed for self-sufficiency. Advises clients in the development of career choices and work performance by identifying, assessing, and understanding their competencies, interests, values, and personal characteristics. Utilize formal and informal career development assessments and functions as the information conduit between clients and businesses participating in the reentry program. Assists clients with obtaining occupational information to aid with career and educational planning, develop an understanding of the work environment, and in selecting personally suitable academic programs and opportunities that optimize future educational and employment options through individual advising, coaching, and/or group/class presentations. Attend, prepare for, and facilitate (as needed) multidisciplinary team meetings. Link clients to treatment, self-help, and community resources as needed to progress toward goals, involving family, significant others, and treatment providers in service provision as needed and agreed upon with the client. Complete required documentation, including progress notes and significant data by documentation policies. Participate in weekly group and individual supervision and coaching sessions. This position is full-time and requires a flexible work schedule.

DESIRED TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Minimum of a high school diploma or GED with related work experience. Active certification as a North Carolina Peer Support Specialist. Completion of WRAP Training or the willingness to complete WRAP training. Possess a valid vehicle operator license insurable at regular rates. Certification as a Forensic Peer and a Global Career Development Facilitator or the willingness to obtain these certifications within one year of employment. Must be a self-identified current or former recipient of behavioral health services with a history of involvement in the criminal justice system. As a peer in recovery from mental illness and/or substance abuse, the peer must be willing to utilize recovery experience to engage and support clients returning to the workforce from incarceration. Must embrace the philosophy of resilience and recovery and be willing to be a role model for judicially involved clients with behavioral health needs. Proficiency with electronics, including cell phone/smartphones and computers.

SALARY RANGE: Grade 64 \$32,040 – \$52,776

Applications will be taken at NC Works Career Center, 541 W. Pine Street, Mount Airy, NC (336-786- 4169), by going online to the Surry County Human Resources job posting page, printing the application and e-mailing back to the indicated email, SCJobs@co.surry.nc.us or by contacting Surry County Human Resources at 336-401-8221. A complete list of duties and analysis of physical demands will be available upon request.

DRUG FREE WORKPLACE/EEO EMPLOYER

Posting Date: September 21, 2021

Closing Date: Open until filled