Vocational Peer Specialist

Chrysalis, Inc., a non-profit agency that provides vocational support services to individuals with mental illnesses, is currently hiring for the part-time salaried position of Vocational Peer Specialist.

Job Summary: The Vocational Peer Specialist is responsible for providing direct support services to consumers in the Vocational Peer Program and within the community as a Peer Specialist. The Vocational Peer Specialist helps to facilitate a positive and appropriate work environment and provides coaching and encouragement for consumers who are working on their vocational goals. The Peer Specialist performs a wide range of tasks to assist consumers in regaining control over their own lives and other their own recovery process. Peer Specialists function as role models demonstrating techniques in recovery and in ongoing coping skills through:

- Assisting consumers in obtaining services that suit that individual’s recovery needs
- Teaching problem solving techniques
- Teaching consumers how to identify and combat negative self-talk and how to identify and overcome fears
- Assisting consumers in building social skills in the community that will enhance integration opportunities
- Lending their unique insight into mental illness and what makes recovery possible
- Attending treatment team and crisis plan development meetings to promote consumer’s use of self-directed recovery tools
- Informing consumers about community and natural supports and how to utilize these in the recovery process
- Assisting consumers in developing empowerment skills through self-advocacy and stigma-busting activities

Essential Qualifications:
1. Certified Peer Specialist
2. Two years of experience in community mental health treatment methods
3. Knowledge of Mental Health diagnosis, symptoms, and treatments
4. Knowledge of federal and state laws governing the handling of confidential information
5. Ability to evaluate, make recommendations and problem solve about mental health concerns
6. Ability to work independently and interact effectively with consumers, employers, staff, and community members
7. Excellent verbal & written communication skills, highly organized
8. Strong commitment to principles of recovery and consumers’ participation in their own service planning
9. Ability to create and maintain professional boundaries
10. Highly computer literate (i.e. in Microsoft Word, Excel, & PowerPoint)
11. Ability to lift 40-50lbs
12. Access to car and auto insurance and willingness to use your vehicle for work

Hours: Part Time – 10 hours per week
Pay: $11-12/hour
Cover letter and Resume Due: April 18th, 2013

Please submit a cover letter AND resume to:
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Call (608) 256-3102 with questions