Job Announcement – Vocational Peer Specialist

Chrysalis, Inc., a non-profit agency that provides vocational support services to individuals with mental health challenges, is currently hiring for a **Part time or Full time** hourly position of **Vocational Peer Specialist**. Please indicate if you would like part or full time.

**Job Summary:** The Vocational Peer Specialist is responsible for providing direct peer to peer support and advocacy to individuals receiving services and facilitates peer run groups. The Vocational Peer Specialist helps to facilitate a positive and appropriate group environment. Also, provides one on one coaching and encouragement for consumers who are working on their vocational goals. The Peer Specialist performs a wide range of tasks to assist consumers through their wellness and recovery journey. In addition to Peer Supports, Chrysalis utilizes the evidence based practice, Individual Placement and Support (IPS) model of Supported Employment, to learn more please visit [http://sites.dartmouth.edu/ips/](http://sites.dartmouth.edu/ips/). Peer Specialists function as role models demonstrating techniques in recovery and in ongoing coping skills through:

- Assisting with teaching and educating the consumer on problem solving techniques when symptoms increase around their vocational goals.
- Facilitating on-site peer –run groups
- Teaching consumers how to identify and work through negative self-talk and ways to overcome fears
- Assisting with building social skills in the community and teaching self-advocacy skills all to support success within the workplace and in the community
- Assisting consumers in obtaining services that suit the individual’s recovery needs
- Teaching problem solving techniques
- Teaching consumer 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
- Attending Chrysalis Peer Support and staff meetings

**Essential Qualifications:**
1. Certified Peer Specialist
2. Associate Degree, Bachelor’s Degree or Master’s Degree
3. Willingness to share personal experiences
4. Two years of experience in community mental health
5. Knowledge of mental health diagnosis, symptoms, and treatments
6. Knowledge of federal and state laws governing the handling of confidential information
7. Ability to evaluate, make recommendations and problem solve about mental health concerns
8. Ability to work independently and interact effectively with consumers, employers, staff, and community members
9. Excellent verbal & written communication skills, highly organized
10. Strong commitment to principles of recovery and consumers’ participation in their own service planning
11. Ability to create and maintain professional boundaries
12. Highly computer literate (i.e. in Microsoft Word, Excel, & PowerPoint)
13. Access to a car, auto insurance, valid driver’s license, and willingness to use your vehicle for work.
Hours: Part Time 20 hours, Full Time 40 hours
Benefits: Individual Health Care, 30 - 60 hours of paid vacation, 2 - 5 paid holidays, flexible scheduling
Pay: $12-15/hour
Application Due: March 31st, 2016

Please submit a cover letter AND resume to:
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