

Founded in 1986, Folk-Time, Inc. connects people with the shared experience of living with mental health and substance abuse challenges through peer support and community based activities. The agency focuses on wellness and recovery.

JOB TITLE: Stewart Peer Support Specialist

JOB SITE: Clackamas County Behavioral Health (Stewart Center)

REPORTS TO: Stewart/Hilltop Supervisor

WORK HOURS: 1 FTE or 40 hours/week

POSITION SUMMARY: This position works collaboratively with Clackamas County Behavioral Health's Community Support Team at Stewart Center using a trauma-informed, holistic recovery model to support individuals with significant mental health challenges. The Peer Support Specialist at Stewart Center provides opportunities for individuals receiving services to direct their own recovery journey; supports the recognition and use of individual strengths necessary to self-empowerment and recovery; supports the development of a sense of wellness, self-compassion and self-worth; promotes the development of natural support systems outside the clinic setting. The Peer Support Specialist at Stewart Center creates relationships of hope and co-learning with both individuals receiving services and service providers by drawing on their own lived experience with mental health issues and their professional training.

MAJOR DUTIES:

- Inspire hope for persons in recovery through sharing life experiences as appropriate to the recovery process.
- Support individuals in recognizing their own unique strengths, abilities and assets, then using them to foster recovery.
- Support individuals in recognizing triggers and using their own unique ways to manage distress as an alternative to seeking structured services.
- Facilitate weekly groups with peers to create a culture of peer support, recovery and accountability.
- Work collaboratively and successfully with staff within the mental health services model while promoting peer support. Actively participate in team meetings and in all discussions with staff to promote recovery from a peer perspective.
- Encourage peers to engage in support programs and life-enrichment activities in the community as a means to building a natural support network outside the clinic setting.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be comfortable working with individuals actively experiencing symptoms of mental distress.
- Must meet the Oregon Administrative Rules definition of a peer: "any individual who has similar life experience, either as a current or former recipient of addictions or mental health services, or as a family member of an individual who is a current or former recipient of addictions or mental health services."

- Be able to develop trusting relationships with both peers and clinic staff.
- Must have an understanding of the unique needs and struggles of individuals simultaneously experiencing mental and physical health distress.
- Ability to work independently and as a member of a multi-disciplinary team.
- Good written and verbal communication skills.
- Competent with computers for daily record charting, appointment scheduling, emailing, and internet use or able to learn these things.
- Ability to complete all required documentation on time.
- Must be able to endorse a trauma informed care and harm reduction models of support.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Complete a 40-hour Oregon approved peer support training
- 1+ year experience as a peer support specialist or 1+ year experience working/volunteering in a helping profession
- Must be able to pass a criminal background check and drug screening
- Must not have received behavioral health services through Clackamas County Behavioral Health Care Centers within last few months.
- Must report to work on time.
- Must drive, have a car and be capable of traveling on public transit when required
- Ability to utilize personal vehicle for transporting clients/peers. FolkTime will reimburse for mileage at .625 cents/mile

PREFERRED BUT NOT REQUIRED

- Members of BIPOC and LGBTQ communities are strongly encouraged to apply.
- Experience working with adults with mental health challenges and addictions recovery.
- Completion of Intentional Peer Support Training.
- U.S. Military veteran.
- Bachelors or advanced degree.

SALARY AND BENEFITS: Salary starts at \$ 19.00 per hour. This position is eligible for Medical, Vision, and Dental benefits as well as generous paid time off (PTO).

To APPLY: Please submit a cover letter and resume by email to, Grant Fagot: gfagot@folktime.org. In your cover letter, please address the following:

- "Please explain how you would draw on your own experiences, both personal and professional, in order to support others who are experiencing mental health distress."