

JOB DESCRIPTION

TITLE: Peer Support Specialist

REPORTS TO: State Networking Coordinator, On Our Own of Maryland, and inside the designated facility reports to the Director of Social Work

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Provide peer support and counseling to individuals residing in state hospital facilities in Maryland.
2. Coordinate activities with hospital's identified liaison person.
3. Provide community linkages with local consumer groups, Core Service Agencies, and any other needed services such as employment and housing resources to facilitate the individual's return to the community.
4. Provide time-limited follow-up to individuals who have returned to the community.
5. Prepare a brief summary of recommendations for services and support needs of hospitalized individuals whom you have worked with.
6. Attend regular staff meetings and trainings.
7. Other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Ability to work well with others, excellent written and verbal communication skills.
2. Knowledge of support services available in the community to assist people leaving psychiatric hospitals.
3. Experience as a consumer of mental health services.
4. Ability to provide your own transportation.