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Peer Support Specialist

Position Summary:

ACC is committed to the philosophy that consumers who have successfully lived in the community can be a valuable resource to consumers who are attempting to reach this same goal. A consumer who develops the skills to live in the community has insights that are unique and may enhance the ability of others to gain from their experience. The Peer Support provides the opportunity to assist the other consumers to live independently.

The Peer Support Specialist Program is available to any consumer who meets the admission criteria and may be in any of the ACC programs. The Peer Support Specialist works with a primary clinician and/or team to assist the designated consumers with life skills that are identified in the treatment plan. The Peer Support Specialist is responsible for working with the consumer in the areas designated in the treatment plan and reporting to the team the progress of the consumer towards those goals.

The Peer Support Specialist also attends on going Peer Support Group meetings to discuss general job concerns, obstacles to maintaining employment, and employment issues. Also, the group will provide information on interventions and resources, problems of interactions with consumers, educational material to improve job performance, and development of skill based interventions.

Essential Position Duties and Responsibilities:

- To increase the success of individuals in maintaining independent living skills
- To have consumers demonstrate improved functioning in the community based on goals established in the treatment plan.
- To have the Peer Support Specialist improve his or her ability to demonstrate work related skills.
- To increase the number of consumers successfully transitioned into permanent housing.
- To identify and eliminate obstacles that prevents an individual from obtaining permanent housing.

The Goals of the Peer Support Position is to establish employment with ACC as a consumer advocate and apply for Peer Support Specialist Certification through the Michigan Department of Community Health.

- The Peer Support Specialist adheres to all agency policies and procedures.
- To be eligible the Peer Support Specialist currently or has a history of receiving mental health services and demonstrates the ability to work with consumers in a constructive manner.



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- The Peer Support Specialist must have the ability to interact effectively with consumers and staff.
- This is a facility based support service that does not require specific educational training, but a demonstrated life mastery of the required skills.
- A component of the Peer Support Specialist Program is the Mentor.
- The Peer Support Specialist is an individual who has specifically completed the training and is certified by the state of Michigan.
- Peer Support Specialists may submit bill for Medicaid and general fund dollar reimbursement by the state of Michigan.
- The Peer Support Specialist is supervised by the Behavioral Health Coordinator or Division Manager of the assigned program.
- The Peer Support Specialist also works with the team that is providing the primary care for that consumer who monitors ACC for the direct and indirect service needs of the program.
- Peer Support Specialist is responsible for data collection and program reports to clinical staff, other related professionals.