

Job Title: Part-Time Peer Support Specialist – A Path 4Ward Opioid Recovery & Resilience Program

Location: Spring Lake, NC

Reports To: Executive Director, Program Director

Position Summary

The Part-Time Peer Support Specialist will use their personal experience in recovery from substance use, along with specialized training, to inspire hope, provide mentorship, and guide individuals on their journey toward recovery and resilience. This position is an essential part of the Opioid Recovery & Resilience Program, helping participants build trust, develop coping strategies, and connect to community-based supports that promote long-term wellness.

Key Responsibilities

- Provide peer-based support to individuals impacted by opioid use disorder, fostering recovery through shared lived experience.
- Offer mentorship, encouragement, and emotional support to clients navigating treatment, relapse prevention, and recovery goals.
- Assist clients in identifying and overcoming barriers to recovery such as housing instability, employment challenges, or transportation issues.
- Connect clients to recovery meetings, treatment resources, community programs, and social services.
- Model positive recovery behaviors and demonstrate effective coping and self-care strategies.
- Collaborate with case managers, clinicians, and community partners to provide coordinated, person-centered care.
- Facilitate or co-facilitate peer support groups, wellness workshops, or outreach activities.
- Maintain accurate and confidential records, documenting interactions and progress according to program policies.
- Participate in staff meetings, supervision, and required trainings to support personal and professional growth.

Qualifications

- Must have **lived experience** with substance use recovery and be in **active recovery for at least 1 year**.
- Certification as a **Peer Support Specialist (CPSS)** or willingness to complete training within 6 months of hire.
- Knowledge of opioid use disorder, recovery principles, harm reduction, and trauma-informed care.
- Ability to relate to clients with empathy, respect, and nonjudgmental support.
- Strong communication, active listening, and problem-solving skills.
- Commitment to maintaining confidentiality and professional boundaries.
- Basic computer literacy for documentation and reporting.
- Valid driver's license and reliable transportation preferred.

Schedule & Compensation

- **Status:** Part-Time (approximately 20–25 hours per week)
- **Schedule:** Flexible; may include some evenings or weekends for outreach or client support.
- **Compensation:** Based on experience and certification level.

How to Apply

Interested applicants should email a resume, cover letter, and three professional references to **Spring Lake Family Support Services** at ceo.slfs@gmail.com with the subject line *"Peer Support Specialist – Opioid Recovery & Resilience Program"*.