



Job Title:	CARES for Community Connections Peer Support Specialist		
Location:	Gainesville, Braselton, Winder, GA	Travel Required:	Yes
Level/Salary Range:	Dependent upon Experience	Position Type:	Full-Time - 40 hours/week
Will Train Applicant(s):	Current Organizational Commitments	Posting Expires:	

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Georgia Council on Substance Abuse (GCSA) is a non-profit organization with the mission to increase the impact of substance use recovery in Georgia's communities through education, advocacy and training. We educate, advocate and create safe and empowering spaces that support the dignity and value of what's right and what's working with individuals, communities and systems. GCSA offers a highly attractive compensation package that includes competitive wages, paid holidays, and vacation time.

Job Purpose: This person will be responsible for responding to persons in the emergency department who have experienced overdose or other challenges because of use or misuse of substances, primarily those who come in because of opioid use, in the Northeast Georgia Healthcare System (NGHS). This person will uphold the principles and values of recovery and GCSA in all aspects of services provided to individuals, family members, friends, and allies and will provide connections to local recovery communities surrounding the hospitals, as well as treatment and recovery support services in these communities.

Duties:

- Provide peer support to persons in assigned emergency department who have experienced overdose, or other challenges with substance use or misuse.
- Effectively communicate in assigned emergency departments with families and allies of people who have experienced overdose.
- Effectively communicate appropriate resources, supports and services to the person experiencing overdose as they request this information or to families, friends and allies of those persons.
- Provide education about the recovery process to families, caregivers, patients and hospital staff.
- Develop relationships with those who provide supports and services in the communities surrounding the hospitals.
- Follow up with those who request subsequent contact.
- Keep and maintain accurate and comprehensive records.
- Maintain excellent working relationships with designated hospital staff.
- Manage boundaries according to guidance provided by management and make adjustments as needed.
- Some travel required.
- Other duties as required.

Qualifications:

- Active Certified Addiction Recovery Empowerment Specialist (CARES) certification.
- CPS-AD certification indicating passing grade on CARES Exam preferred.
- Demonstrated skill in actively listening, asking good questions, awareness of self and treating people as resources.
- Experience providing peer support and the ability to build effective peer support relationships.
- Experience with the addiction recovery process and principles of a recovery-oriented system of care.
- Understanding of medication-assisted recovery and practices.
- Some familiarity with community based recovery support services, preferably in the areas serviced by the hospitals of NGHS.
- Ability to treat individual they serve with dignity and respect.
- Ability to work in a hospital or healthcare setting.
- Understanding of and ability to maintain appropriate boundaries.
- Cultural competency skills and experience with culturally diverse populations.
- Strong customer service ethic.
- Ability to use Microsoft Office Suite.