



Job Description

Job Title: Family Specialist LMSW – Manhattan ACT Team

Reports to: Team Leader

Overview: The CASES Manhattan ACT team provides non-traditional community based mental health treatment to promote the recovery and community integration of 68 adults with serious mental illnesses and co-occurring substance use disorders living mainly in Upper Manhattan (Harlem and Inwood), to reduce use of ERs and inpatient hospital stays. The family specialist is an integral part of a multi-disciplinary team of mental health clinicians. The specialist delivers routine ACT treatment services and has lead responsibility for integrating family goals and services with the tasks of all team members and for providing family psycho-education. Proving at least 80% of treatment contacts in consumer homes, shelters, and other community locations the specialist supports consumers to achieve wellness, recovery and positive relationships in the community. We are looking for a clinician with extensive experience working with adults with serious mental illness and experience in family assessment and intervention, psycho-education and other family support services, including cognitive-behavioral strategies.

Responsibilities:

- Complete the family and trauma assessments, components of the ACT comprehensive assessment
- Identify services consumers should receive in ACT based on assessment of history, current relationships and supports, and immediate needs and recommend treatment objectives for the consumer's service plan
- During the assessment obtains information: a) to establish the nature and degree risk of social relationships and associated harmful behaviors, and interventions required to promote progress towards recovery, and b) lead the ACT team in daily meetings and weekly clinical meetings around family issues and incorporate findings into service plans
- Build in review and evaluation points, and modifies the service plan in the light of feedback from recipients and relevant others
- Develop comprehensive service plans and 6-month service plan reviews in collaboration with the consumer and the consumer's support system
- Involve family and significant others in the consumer's treatment

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- with the ACT team and provide psycho-education
- Complete 6-month comprehensive assessment and crisis intervention and relapse prevention plans, progress notes and significant data
- Provide individual mental health, relapse prevention, psycho-education based on motivational interviewing and cognitive behavioral strategies Complete at least 68 face to face treatment contacts in the community each month
- Assess and provide supports to consumers to address needs for problem-solving, wellness self-management, housing, education and vocational training, social supports, employment, and primary care.
- Act as advocate and liaison for consumers in relationships with family, support systems, landlords and other community supports
- Provide 24-hour crisis intervention on-call services on rotating basis
- Provide 80 percent of treatment contacts in the community
- Provide culturally competent services in accordance with CASES policies and practice

Position entails a 35 hour a week commitment from Monday thru Friday between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

Qualifications:

- LMSW or LCSW with current New York State license
- At least three years of experience working in human services with individuals with serious mental illness and those with serious mental illness and co-occurring substance use disorders
- Experience understanding family systems based on diversity of cultural and ethnic backgrounds
- Experience understanding various evidence-based models and theories pertaining to psycho-education, motivational interviewing, serious mental illness and recovery
- Extensive knowledge of Assertive Community Treatment, family community support services such as NAMI, and community resources
- Highly organized and self-motivated
- Proficient in computers
- Fluency in Spanish preferred

Salary: Commensurate with experience

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How to apply: E-mail cover letter and resume with salary history and requirements in Rich Text Format (RTF) or Word 2002 format to **casesjobs@cases.org**. Please list the title of the position you are applying for in the subject line. No phone calls please. Only applicants selected for interviews will be contacted.

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