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Youth Peer Advocate

General Description:

The Youth Peer Advocate (YPA) provides youth-guided formal and informal services to youth under the age of 21 through skill building, coaching, engagement, bridging and transition support, self-advocacy, self-efficacy and empowerment, and community connections and natural supports.

Reporting Duties:

- Reports to the Teen Services Coordinator

Duties:

- Partner with youth to develop treatment plan and throughout services
- Develop, maintain and grow a peer-to-peer relationship with the youth while utilizing appropriate boundaries
- Provide services with integrity respecting the culture of the youth and family
- Follows YPA Code of Ethics and agency guidelines, procedures and policies
- Complete all required documentation within 72 hours, incident reporting within 24 hours
- Partners with the legal guardian, and family members the youth has identified as part of their natural supports (As needed, with signed releases)
- Works cooperatively with all members of the care team
- Participates in weekly supervision with supervisor
- Attends All Staff Day, and all required meetings and trainings
- All other duties as assigned

Qualifications:

- Self-identify as a person who has first-hand experience with social, emotional, medical, developmental, substance use, and/or behavioral challenges and demonstrate ability to share their personal-lived experience to promote hope and recovery
- Possess and maintain a YPA credential; if not at hire, must be provisionally credentialed within 30 days of employment
- Demonstrate leadership qualities including boundaries, self-advocacy, facilitation, communication, and integrity
- 19-30yrs old and /pass all required background checks throughout employment
- An understanding of child-serving cross-systems, *preferred*
- Driver's License, *preferred*
- High school equivalency or a State Education Commencement Credential, *preferred*

Pay:

- Per-diem, \$14.25 per hour, increases \$0.50 once Professionally Credentialed

Benefits:

- Earns 1 hour of sick time per 30 hours worked, maximum 40 hours per year
- Receives mileage at \$0.45 per mile for approved travel