

Position Summary

Peer Support Coordinator, Intensive Outpatient Program

The Peer Support Coordinator, Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP), will work as a member of a multi-disciplinary team and as a co-leader to the primary therapist. Acting as co-leader in Early Recovery Skills and Relapse Prevention groups, the Peer Support Coordinator will build their skills and be available to facilitate topics in smaller groups where appropriate.

Key Responsibilities

The Peer Support Coordinator works as a member of Intensive Outpatient treatment team and will act as a co-leader in Early Recovery Skills and Relapse Prevention groups. The focus of this role will include:

- Role modelling of recovery attitudes and behaviours
- Providing a safe, familiar, less-structured group experience in which clients can begin to practice resocialisation skills
- Encouraging clients to continue to broaden their support systems of abstinent, and recovering associates
- Attending briefing meetings with the primary therapist prior to Early Recovery Skills and Relapse Prevention groups
- Actively engaging with clients to build cohesive relationships
- Providing treatment that is welcoming, empathic and optimistic and ensure, where possible, the reduction of stigma and shame for people and their families experiencing complex alcohol and other drug use
- Welcoming and learning from mentoring from primary therapist
- Providing clients with up-to-date details of Twelve Step and SMART Recovery meetings
- Using lived experience openly, appropriately and effectively to build therapeutic relationships

Essential Requirements

Qualifications

- No minimum qualifications required; however, a Cert IV AOD is desired

Skills and Experience

- Ability to work as a member of an alcohol and other drugs therapeutic treatment team
- Understanding of recovery principles
- Commitment to working with clients within a group context
- Demonstrated ability to separate and contain personal experience as a consumer from that of clients
- Well-developed communication and interpersonal skills, including the ability to consult, liaise and work collaboratively with colleagues

Please note: It is mandatory for the successful applicant to hold a current Working with Children Check and be prepared to undergo a National Criminal History Check prior to commencement

Terms:

This position is offered as a part time contract position (6 months) EFT 0.6 **with the potential for extension pending ongoing funding.**

Competitive Salary Sacrifice options apply

To Apply

Applications should include:

1. Cover letter addressing the Key Selection Criteria
2. Up to date resume/CV
3. Details of 2 professional referees

*Applications that do not address the Key Selection Criteria will not be considered

Applications should be mailed as follows:

TO: Gayle@firststep.org.au

REF: RSL/Peer Support Coordinator

BY: ASAP

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