

American Indian Family Center Job Posting

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Peer Recovery Specialist

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Full-Time, Monday through Friday 8:30am – 5:00pm.

Note: Some Evening and Weekend Hours Required.

\$30,000-\$42,000 (DOQ) + Excellent benefits including employer paid health, dental and life insurance coverage for the employee, 403B retirement fund employer contribution, paid holidays and generous PTO accrual.

Khunsi Onikan: Khunsi Onikan at American Indian Family Center strives to take the best of Western and traditional American Indian knowledge to assist in the healing process. American Indian people who decide to stop using drugs or alcohol have a very high rate of sustained recovery. We think we know why. The Khunsi Onikan program has been designed to merge best practices in substance use disorder treatment with traditional native culture, values, and spirituality in a program that will be a positive force in the lives of American Indian people in St. Paul.

Position Title: Peer Recovery Specialist

Reports To: Treatment Director

Position Description: The Peer Recovery Specialist will serve clients in the KO program and will support the work of the Treatment Director, LADC, and Care Coordinator. The Peer Recovery Specialist will co-facilitate treatment groups and coordinate preparation and return to stasis of treatment groups.

Specific Job Tasks:

- Assist clients in articulating personal goals for recovery using one-to-one and group sessions. During these sessions the recovery peer will support clients in identifying and creating goals and developing recovery plans with the skills, strengths, supports and resources to aid them in achieving those goals.
- Assist clients in working with their case manager or treatment team in determining the steps he/she needs to take in order to achieve these goals and self-directed recovery.
- Teach and role model the value of every individual's recovery experience.
- Assist in obtaining services that suit that individual's recovery needs by providing names of staff, community resources and groups that may be useful. Inform clients about community and natural supports and how to use these in the recovery process.
- Assist the client in increasing social support networks of relatives, friends and/or significant others.
- To offer encouragement in times of crisis.

- Support the work of AIFC volunteers and interns.
- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications

- High school diploma or its equivalent;
- Minimum of one year in recovery from substance use disorder;
- Receive ongoing supervision in areas specific to the domains of the recovery paraprofessional's role by an alcohol and drug counselor or an individual with a certification approved by the commissioner.
- Knowledge of or desire to learn more about the American Indian culture, community and its resources.
- Must be free of chemical use problems a minimum of one year.
- Ability to obtain a credential from the Minnesota Certification Board, the Upper Midwest Indian Council on Addictive Disorders, or the National Association for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (AIFC will pay for training and time to complete certification).

Physical Demands and Work Environment:

- Very light lifting (less than 15 pounds) may be required occasionally.
- The AIFC is a low noise facility (under 30 dB) and has private offices and conference rooms.

Interested applicants can submit resumes and letters of interest to Bill Fullerton, AIFC Clinical Consultant, at Bill.Fullerton@aifcmn.org. Selected applicants will be contacted to arrange an interview.

AIFC thanks you for your interest!