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Job Title: Peer Qualitative Co-Researcher

Department: Peer Division

Location: Upstate/Downstate, New York

Reports To: VP of Peer Services

Position Type: Part-time/Full-time (Specify as needed). This is a 24-month time limited contract

Job Summary:

The Peer Qualitative Co-Researcher will play a critical role in collecting and assisting in analyzing data for a research project aimed at evaluating the implementation and impacts of Certified Community Behavioral Health Center (CCBHC) services for individuals labelled with serious mental illness with a focus on understanding experiences from the perspective of those receiving these services. As someone with lived experience, you will engage directly with service users, helping ensure that their perspectives and priorities are accurately represented in the research. You will be responsible for conducting interviews, visiting CCBHC sites, and assisting with the qualitative analysis of interview data in ways that will directly inform policy, program development, and service delivery.

Key Responsibilities:

- **Research Ethics**
 - Obtaining certification in the ethics of human subjects research
 - Adhering to Institutional Review Board (IRB) protocols related to human subjects protections
- **Interview Administration:**
 - Conduct interviews with individuals who have lived experiences related to the provision of services at CCBHC's, and ensure that data collection is accurate, respectful, and confidential.
 - Utilize various data collection methods, including face-to-face, telephone and Zoom interviews
- **Data Collection & Entry:**
 - Record and store interview using provided data entry systems and tools.
 - Ensure the integrity and confidentiality of all collected data in line with organizational and ethical guidelines.
- **Community Engagement:**

- Build trust and rapport with research participants, leveraging your own lived experience to create a safe and supportive environment.
- Provide participants with information about the research project, answering any questions and addressing concerns.
- **Data Analysis Support:**
 - Assist the research team in compiling and analyzing data, identifying key themes and insights.

Qualifications:

- **Lived Experience:** Personal experience of interactions with the mental health system, with a preference for experiences of services similar to those we will be studying (for example, PROS, CORE, psychiatric rehabilitation, Coordinated Specialty Care/OnTrackNY, etc)
- **Communication Skills:** Strong verbal communication skills, with the ability to connect with diverse populations in a respectful and empathetic manner.
- **Attention to Detail:** High level of accuracy in data collection and entry.
- **Confidentiality:** Commitment to maintaining the confidentiality of participants and data.
- **Basic Computer Skills:** Familiarity with data entry software, online survey tools, and Microsoft Office (Word, Excel).
- **Teamwork:** Ability to work collaboratively with a diverse research team, sharing insights and contributing to group discussions.
- **Flexibility:** Willingness to adapt to changing schedules, locations, and research priorities.
- **Travel:** Periodic travel is required; a driver's license is mandatory.

Preferred Qualifications:

- **Experience in Research or Data Collection:** Previous experience in a research or data collection role is a plus.
- **Knowledge of Local Community:** Familiarity with the community being studied, including local resources and cultural dynamics.
- **Bilingual:** Proficiency in multiple languages is an asset.
- **Education:** Must have a High School Diploma or GED.

How to Apply:

Ready to take the next step in your career and join our passionate team? To apply, please submit a cover letter, salary requirements, and resume to: hr@rightsandrecovery.org or by regular mail to the Alliance for Rights and Recovery,

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