

R Place Peer Recovery Center

Peer Support Specialist Job Description

Employer: NAMI Johnson County [NAMIJC]
Title: Peer Support Specialist [PSS]
Compensation: Starting at \$16.00 per hour

Category: Part-Time (8-20 hr/wk), in person
Location: 702 S. Gilbert St., Suite 111, Iowa City, IA 52240
Shift: 1:00pm – 5:00pm, Monday through Friday

R Place Peer Recovery Center [R Place] is a fun, nonjudgmental place for adults living with mental health conditions to form a community, learn, socialize, and work on their individual journey of recovery from mental illness. R Place opened in 2014 as a program of NAMI Johnson County (the National Alliance on Mental Illness). If you are looking to empower others with your personal story in a supportive work environment, you have found the right place!

Qualifications:

- Must be trained or certified as a Peer Support Specialist (PSS) in Iowa within 6 months of hire.
- Must be a person diagnosed with mental illness living in recovery (successfully managing symptoms).
- Must be willing to share personal experiences of mental illness and recovery journey as part of duties.
- Must hold a high school diploma or GED.
- Must be flexible and able to problem solve daily issues at R Place (changes in events, seeking referrals).
- Must be computer literate, including: email, internet search for referrals, Zoom, Google Workspace, etc.
- Must demonstrate working knowledge of the R Place Peer Recovery Center Safety Contract.
- Must be able to work with other staff and R Place peer clients in a social environment.
- Must maintain confidentiality and other PSS Ethical Guidelines.
- Must have reliable transportation to and from work.
- Must be able to handle psychological crisis(es) of R Place Peer Recovery Center peer clients in real time.

Duties:

- Exemplify an attitude of recovery from mental illness while interacting with peer clients at R Place.
- Demonstrate R Place Safety Contract Guidelines by example, and help others to uphold guidelines.
- Assist with daily duties of running a Peer Recovery Center:
 - Help prepare our space during operating hours (opening and closing procedures).
 - Light custodial work to maintain space.
 - Restock toiletries and foodstuffs.
 - Maintain peer client information per HIPAA guidelines.
- Encourage members to engage in programmed events, with potential to lead programs yourself!
- Provide *peer support* through one on one or group interactions at R Place.
- Provide *mental health advocacy* by working with individuals on goals and resource navigation.
- Take directions from the Program Coordinator and NAMIJC Executive Director.
- Help maintain a positive communication with co-workers, and foster a supportive work atmosphere.
- Fill in for absent staff, as needed.
- Contribute your ideas and talents to make R Place Peer Recovery Center a friendly, fun environment!
- *Option to be cross-trained in our Remote Peer Support (RPS) services, as needed.*

To apply, please email us a message stating your interest in the position and attach a copy of your resume.

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