



PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY CENTER

Nurturing Families, Strengthening Neighborhoods, Driving Change.

Case Manager, Prevention and Diversion Services

Department: Case Management

Classification: Exempt

Reports to: Supervisor, Prevention and Diversion Services

JOB DESCRIPTION

Summary:

The Case Manager, Prevention and Diversion Services, is responsible for addressing the immediate needs of individuals and families experiencing a housing crisis and who've applied for an Emergency Support Grant to divert/prevent them from becoming homeless. In addition to determining eligibility for support, the case manager is responsible for by assessing, triaging, and connecting consumers to other mainstream services including alternative housing options.

The case manager will utilize a strengths-based approach to engage families in the development of a short-term housing stabilization plan tailored to meet their unique needs and will provide weekly coaching/counseling to facilitate goal attainment.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

Crisis Intervention and Stabilization

- Conduct initial screening to assess eligibility for grant assistance
- Provide resources/referrals as appropriate for other needs, including food, benefits, employment, and credit counseling
- Refer residents to behavioral health counselors for screening and services as needed.

Service Planning

- Manage case load of ~15-20 program participants seeking new housing:
- Assist with housing search, including compiling updated listings of rentals for distribution to participants.
- Assist families in contacting landlords, completing housing applications, and other documentation as necessary.
- Work with housing inspector to mediate landlord disputes
- Create and sustain community partnerships to ensure mainstream resources are being utilized by households.
- Identify and establish partnerships with local landlords
- Attend bi-weekly meetings with the Office of Homeless Services and any other meetings deemed appropriate.
- Assist Prevention/Diversion Manager and Housing Inspector to coordinate delivery of rental assistance to landlords

- Assist Prevention/Diversion Manager with community outreach and educating partners about the scope of services offered.

Implementation, and Monitoring

Using the assessment case managers will meet regularly with families to link them to appropriate resources and service providers within the community and monitor utilization. Case managers will also monitor the quality of services families are receiving, offer solutions for eliminating service delivery obstacles, and make recommendations for additional linkages with other service providers as needed.

Documentation & Communication

The Case Manager will:

- Document all case management activities in the client record in a timely way. This includes entry of all pertinent information into Cares.net and external databases as required by contract and/or funding entities.
- Maintain audit-ready files with all of the documents required by contract and funding entities
- Collaborate and communicate with PEC team members and other service providers as needed to enhance service delivery; ensure continuity/consistency of care; and facilitate goal attainment.
- Meet all contractual deliverables
- Ensure that all documentation recorded on paper or electronically will be completed, secured, maintained, and disclosed in accordance with regulatory, legislative, statutory, and agency requirements.
- Other duties as assigned

Required Education and Experience:

- Bachelor's degree in social work or related human services field.
- Candidate must have strong experience working with families with limited income
- Prior training in mental health and/or substance abuse services and have a grasp of the local referral network and enrollment process for related cases.
- Prior experience documenting cases in a client database.
- Proficiency in trauma-informed communication and case management
- Ability to manage shifting priorities and work efficiently with people in crisis situation
- Strong attention to detail and ability to apply program guidelines consistently

Preferred Education and Experience:

- Bachelor's degree in social work
- Motivational Interviewing
- Experience in social services delivery/case management is preferred.

Additional Eligibility Qualifications:

Knowledge of the complexity of poverty and homelessness, trauma, behavioral health challenges and the impact on individual and community health

Work Environment:

This job operates in an office environment. This role routinely uses standard office equipment such as computers, phones, photocopiers, filing cabinets and fax machines. May be required from time

to time to come into PEC after regular working hours in order to provide support and assistance to clients when they are in crisis. May also necessitate working late in order to meet with clients whose schedules do not permit daytime interaction and travel with clients to and from necessary appointments/outings.

Physical Demands:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently required to sit, talk and hear. The employee is occasionally required to walk, use hands and fingers to feel, handle, or operate objects or controls; and reach with hands and arms. The employee must occasionally lift and/or move up to 30 pounds.

Other Duties:

This job description is not designed to cover or contain a comprehensive listing of activities, duties or responsibilities that are required of the employee for this job. Duties, responsibilities and activities may change at any time with or without notice.

PEC is an equal opportunity employer. All applicants will be considered for employment without attention to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, veteran, or disability status.

The candidate for this position will be temporarily working remotely and so access to wifi is imperative.

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