

The Mental Health Association of Alameda County

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT FAMILY CAREGIVER OUTREACH SPECIALIST – PREP Partnership

About PREP – Prevention and Recovery in Early Psychosis:

The PREP program is dedicated to early detection of psychosis in transition age youth (16-24 year olds) and early delivery of care using a multi-disciplinary approach to treatment to address the issues early and bring the symptoms to full remediation. (More information is available on PREP's website www.askprep.org)

Position Summary:

Under the direction of the Outreach Program Coordinator, the Family Caregiver Outreach Specialist is responsible for outreach to family caregivers of transition age youth experiencing psychosis and publicly promoting the PREP program. The Family Caregiver Outreach Specialist will provide education to family members, providers, and the general public and collaborate with other members of the PREP Partnership. Family is understood to mean anyone responsible for, or closely involved in providing care and/or support to a person with mental illness, whether biologically related or not.

The Family Caregiver Outreach Specialist will visit community centers, schools, youth programs, shopping malls, faith institutions, libraries, hospitals, cultural organizations, etc. to make sure that families and transition age youth are reached by the PREP educational and stigma-reduction campaign. The Outreach Specialist will also make use of internet-based social media to reach out to family caregivers. Outreach Specialist activities will also ensure that primary care, emergency service, and other human and social service providers are reached with PREP's educational messages.

Essential Qualifications:

- Experience within a mental health system. This experience may have been gained through being a parent or caretaker of a family member receiving care.
- Be able to communicate effectively with diverse groups, orally and in writing
- Work effectively with people with mental illness and their families
- Understand and maintain confidentiality of protected health information
- Be well organized

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- Manage time well
- Be willing and able to be trained in areas where knowledge is lacking

Desired Attributes:

Knowledge of mental illness, mental health systems of care, Alameda County community resources, the concepts of wellness and recovery, and family and consumer-driven care.

Other Requirements:

Must have a motor vehicle available for daily use, possess a valid California drivers license, carry vehicle liability insurance with at least \$100,000/\$300,000 limits, and have an acceptable motor vehicle report (as determined by MHAAC's insurance broker).

Hours of Work: This is a full-time position: generally, Monday through Friday, 9am to 5pm; however, some evening and weekend work will be required.

Compensation: \$2,833 per month (DOE). Employer benefits include employer-paid health/dental insurance, vacation and sick leave.

Application Process:

Please fill out and return the job application form (available at www.mhaac.org) to PREP, Mental Health Association of Alameda County, 954 60th Street #10, Oakland, CA 94608 or you may fax your completed application to 510-835-9232. The position will remain open until filled.

The Mental Health Association of Alameda County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Family members and bilingual/bicultural applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.