

The Section of Community Behavioral Health was established in 2017 by Rush University Medical Center to increase access to mental and behavioral health care and provide training in evidence-based practices to underserved communities. Through the West Side Behavioral Health Initiative, Rush collaborates with local health care institutions, churches, community groups, businesses and foundations to develop new strategies to address community-based mental health and wellness on the West Side.

As part of the West Side initiative, Rush is seeking a Recovery Support Specialist.

Position Highlights:

This Recovery Support Specialist (RSS) is responsible for building connections with organizations to help provide a network of wrap around services to support patients connected with the inpatient and outpatient addiction medicine services at Rush and other regional partners. Additionally, The RSS will support patient outreach in Rush's emergency department to help support in-hospital addiction services. They will also help to advise partnering organizations and center on patient barriers to treatment engagement and retention.

Job Responsibilities:

- Provide Recovery education to service recipients for every phase of the recovery journey from pre-recovery engagement, recovery initiation, recovery stabilization, and sustained recovery maintenance
- Survey addiction medicine and recovery programs across the region
- Build relationship and referral systems across treatment programs for addiction medicine
- Provide a model for people in recovery and staff by demonstrating recovery is possible.
- Assist recovering persons to identify their personal interests, goals, strengths, and weaknesses regarding recovery
- Actively identify and support linkages to community resources (communities of recovery, educational, vocational, social, cultural, spiritual resources, mutual self- help groups, professional services, etc.) that support the recovering person's goals and interests. This will involve a collaborative effort including the recovering person, agency staff and other relevant stakeholders.
- Support connections to community based, mutual self-help groups. Link individuals to appropriate professional resources when needed. Provide vision-driven hope and encouragement for opportunities at varying levels of involvement in community-based activities (e.g., work, school, relationships, physical activity, self-directed hobbies, etc.).
- Develop relationships with community groups/agencies in partnership with others in the agency.
- As recovery specialist position evolves and knowledge increases, visit community resources with recovering persons to assist them in becoming familiar with potential opportunities.
- Identify barriers (internal and external) to full participation in community resources and developing strategies to overcome those barriers.
- Develop, implement, and promote ongoing community training opportunities
- Performs other duties as assigned

Job Qualifications:

- High School Diploma or GED required
- 2 years of experience with addiction recovery
- Working knowledge of the drug and alcohol treatment system and a demonstrated commitment to the recovery community
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Proficiency with Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel and Outlook.
- Good prioritization and project management skills.
- Evidence of initiative and follow-through.
- Strong organizational and time management skills.
- Strong sense of accountability.
- Ability to work with all levels within the organization.
- Proven accomplishment in building relationships.
- Ability to work with minimal supervision.
- Proven ability to think creatively, effectively and problem solve working within ambiguous environments

Company Highlights:

- Rush was recently ranked first for Quality and Accountability among US academic medical centers in a study conducted by the health care performance improvement company Vizient.
- The Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs (AAHRPP) has awarded Rush full accreditation for three years. Rush is one of the first academic medical centers in Illinois to receive this accreditation.
- As an academic medical center, Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois, is committed to advancing medical knowledge through research. Investigators at Rush are involved in more than 1,600 projects, including hundreds of clinical studies to test the effectiveness and safety of new therapies and medical devices, as well as to expand scientific and medical knowledge.
- Rush was recently ranked among the top 20 hospitals in the nation by U.S. News & World Report.
- Eleven Rush programs were recently ranked among the nation's best by U.S. News & World Report.
- Rush University is home to one of the first medical colleges in the Midwest and one of the nation's top-ranked nursing colleges, as well as graduate programs in allied health, health systems management and biomedical research.

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