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Job Vacancy Posting

ISSUE DATE: February 10, 2026

CLOSING DATE: February 24, 2026

DIVISION: Community Health Services

POSITION: Community Service Worker (Peer Recovery Specialist)

OPEN TO: All County Employees

The Essex County Division of Community Health Services is looking for a Peer Recovery Specialist to join our Essex County Quick Response Team (ECQRT) and assist in reducing suspected opioid-related overdoses. As a (ECQRT) Peer Recovery Specialist, you will have the opportunity to work on a community project in collaborating with the Case Manager as part of our Outreach Team and other local partners. Potential Peer Recovery Specialist should be prepared to perform outreach in the field, complete data entry requirements in a timely manner, and manage specific tasks and responsibilities. **This is a full-time grant-funded position with competitive pay. Please note that the role will conclude upon grant expiration or if funding is not renewed.**

EXAMPLE OF WORK:

- Follow monthly Peer Recovery Specialist outreach schedule/plan
- Provide outreach to individuals who overdose on opioids and motivate them/ provide linkage to treatment services (via community-based outreach, street outreach services, and in partnership with community-based referral sources).
- Accurately document outreaches the following business day after the outreach is completed.
- Follow-up with clients and treatment centers as needed to ensure the referral to services was completed and the client was connected/ admitted to the agency.
- Complete client follow-ups as needed to keep the client engaged or re-engaged as well as completing status updates at 2 weeks, 30 days, 3 months and 6 months post-outreach.
- Meet fact-to-face weekly with Case Manager to debrief from on-call shifts, discuss cases, and engagement strategies, and ensure proper form completion.

REQUIREMENTS:

- High School Graduate or General Education Degree (GED) required
- Applicants with lived experience of substance use, including those who have previously received substance use treatment services, are encouraged to apply. Preferred to be in recovery for minimum of two years.

LICENSE:

- Must have a reliable vehicle, valid driver license and motor vehicle insurance.

Interested applicants should submit a resume and a cover letter describing why they would be an asset to the Division by _____ to Mrs. Eileen Fishman at efishman@dchs.essexcountynj.org. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Eileen Fishman at 973-395-8402.