



## **PREP Program Care Advocate**

Prevention and Recovery in Early Psychosis (PREP) is a program that operates in partnership with East Bay Community Recovery Project, Family Service Agency of San Francisco, and the Mental Health Association (MHA). This program is dedicated to early detection of psychosis and early delivery of care with a multi-disciplinary approach to treatment. The program combines a series of evidence-based treatments in Strength-based Care Management, Medication Management, Multi-family Group Therapy, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Early psychosis, Vocational rehabilitation and Cognitive Training to address the issue early and bring the symptoms to full remediation.

The East Bay Community Recovery Project (EBCRP) is hiring agency for this position and is a non-profit organization in Alameda County that aims to reduce the impact of substance abuse, mental illness, and incarceration in our community. We have offered a wide range of programs since 1989.

The PREP Care Advocate position is an integral part of the Prevention and Recovery in Early Psychosis Program (PREP). The primary role of the PREP Care Advocate is to provide coordinated casework services to high-risk homeless and/or marginally housed transitional age youth who are at risk for psychosis. We are seeking the right candidate who will offer energetic and outstanding support services to a challenging adult and transitional age youth clients. He/she will report directly to the Program Manager.

### **DUTIES and RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Provides direct support to clients including: wellness checks, teaching of independent living skills, support in accessing various services including medical, benefits, employment, etc.
- Provides outreach and engagement to transitional-age youth populations in the community
- Assists clients in communication and when necessary on behalf of the client to primary care doctors, pharmacists and county related care providers
- Provides supportive assistance to clients for getting to/from respective appointments in the field
- Maintains client contact sheets and progress notes which must be completed within two business days of contact
- Follows a wellness model of care, practicing a harm reduction treatment model.
- Collaborates with other mental health providers and support services.
- Conducts socialization groups and assists clients integrating with the larger community
- Active participation in team meetings and development of treatment plans
- Accesses donations through community resourcing
- Assists clients with accessing community events and social groups
- Drives clients to community events and groups when necessary
- Additional duties as needed

### **SPECIFIC COMPETENCIES REQUIRED**

- Must be a self-starter with excellent follow-through skills.
- Must also have ability to work with diverse staff, clients, and volunteers.

- Commitment to and passion for our agency's mission
- Exceptional organizational skills with reliability and consistency in work performance
- Flexibility with a team player mentality
- Ability to work with minimal to moderate supervision
- Focus on good judgment with a proactive approach to problem-solving
- Ability to maintain a professional demeanor with great interpersonal and communication skills
- Ability to multi-task with the capability to learn quickly and integrate efficiently

## QUALIFICATIONS

- Consumer professional with personal experience with recovery of psychosis related disorder preferred.
- Experience with outreach/engagement
- Associates degree or higher in social work, counseling, psychology or related field
- 2-3 years of experience working with high-risk youth
- Ability to research and cultivate community resources for housing and social support
- Ability to identify, assess and intervene effectively with mental health symptoms and behaviors within the scope of this position
- Good communication skills and ability to create a caring and supportive therapeutic alliance
- Working knowledge of issues facing homeless and LGBTQ youth
- Available to work a flexible schedule, including occasional weekend and evening work
- Bi-lingual skills capability a plus
- Familiarity with basic computer applications, including Microsoft Office.
- Ability to perform some physical tasks, including assisting clients with moving, cleaning, etc.
- Ability to prioritize, manage time effectively, and multitask
- Ability to work with at-risk populations and create a caring and supportive therapeutic alliance with clients in community settings
- Ability be a team player with a welcoming attitude
- Knowledge of Alameda County mental health system a plus
- Valid CA driver's license with clean DVM record

**COMPENSATION:** \$40k-42.5k DOE. This is a full-time non-exempt position. EBCRP offers health insurance, dental insurance and retirement contribution.

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