

Resident Support Intern

PPL builds the hope, assets, and self-reliance of individuals and families who have lower incomes by providing transformative affordable housing and employment readiness services.

Organization: Project for Pride in Living (PPL)

Program: Resident Services-Single Adult Supportive Housing

Schedule: Available spring (January-May) or summer (June-August)

10-15 hours/week: can be flexibly scheduled between 8:30 am-4:30 pm, M-F

Supervisor: Supportive Housing Manager

Location: 1035 E. Franklin Ave., Minneapolis (position schedule will include travel to

and work at several PPL housing sites)

FLSA Status: Unpaid internship

Summary: PPL's Single Adult Supportive Housing program houses adults exiting homelessness in scattered-site apartments in Hennepin County. Resident works with staff/ interns to establish self-sufficiency goals around health, employment and relationships. The position requires the ability to connect with clients who have experienced long-term homelessness, mental and chemical health concerns and physical health problems as a result of life on the street. The intern will influence and recognize positive behavior changes while identifying challenges and barriers that may threaten the client's progress.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Meet one-to-one with residents to identify and locate needed community resources and services.
- Provide ongoing support and follow-up to a small assigned case load.
- Document and maintain all communication with residents, co-workers, and landlords.
- Assist with client transportation needs to appointments, food shelf, shopping, activities, etc.
- Organize and facilitate social and recreational activities to promote peer support and community involvement.
- Collaborate with Housing Coordinator to assist clients in the housing application process.
- Accompany Housing Coordinator on occasional site visits, inspections, and landlord meetings.
- Survey individual residents and conduct focus groups to determine program satisfaction if requested.
- Attend weekly staff meetings.
- Perform related administrative duties and other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- High level of attention to detail and follow-through
- Understanding of issues related to mental illness, chemical dependency and homelessness preferred
- High degree of cultural sensitivity; comfortable working with participants from diverse backgrounds.
- Valid driver's license, clean driving record and willingness to transport/accompany clients as needed
- Ability to adhere to HIPPAA and data privacy requirements
- Must pass criminal background check
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills

Education and/or Experience:

• Pursuing a degree (or recent graduate) in human services, social work, criminal justice, chemical dependency counseling, psychology or related field.

Physical Demands:

Sitting, bending and stooping. Must occasionally lift and/or move up to 25 pounds. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

Benefits:

- Gain experience working with adults transitioning from homelessness with dual diagnosis (mental health/chemical health)
- Training, guidance and mentoring from experienced professionals in the field
- Professional development experiences may include trainings, workshops, team meetings and events and can be tailored to the intern's goals and field of study.

Application Process:

Please direct questions and resumes/cover letters to Julie Huck at julie.huck@ppl-inc.org. The process includes an interview, references and a background check for final candidates. We are currently accepting applications for both spring semester and summer 2019.

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