Position: Nature-Related Programming Community Liaison & Organizing Internship

Requirements:
- Second year MSW, COSA Concentration Field Placement
- Drug screen, Act 33/34, State and FBI clearances prior to start the internship
- Online Department on Human Services trainings (within first 40-hours)
- Agency orientation and related trainings

Skills Needed:
- Comfort working with a wide variety of groups of people and situations
- Self-motivated, demonstrating good leadership skills and initiative
- Possess basic computer skills: Word, Excel and web searching
- Not opposed to working outdoors and getting dirty
- Quality written and verbal communication

Location: 441 Swissvale Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15221

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1. To improve therapeutic and social outcomes by creating a consistency-of-care across the levels of care and departments at Pittsburgh Mercy
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3. To generate training and vocational development opportunities that lead to gainful employment and for the sustainability of the program itself

Internship Responsibilities:
- Engage with people served, community groups and other community stakeholders
- Coordinate and engage the wider community including but not limited to residents, volunteer groups, organizational facilities and program partners
• Participate in staff meetings and help to advance project outcomes with working groups, as determined by program organizers
• Work with interdisciplinary teams to design, implement, collect and assess data for potential qualitative and/or quantitative research project(s)
• Develop fundraising strategies to achieve best possible outcomes
• Actively participate in individual and group supervision as well as program and program-related team meetings
• Maintain and facilitate a selected community outreach and liaison case load
• Learn about other services offered and populations served by the agency
• Promotional work through traditional and social media outlets
• Strengthen volunteer partnerships and participate in volunteer events
• Attend possible advocacy and networking events with local and state legislators and other administrative officials
• Participate in meetings and events with partner organizations
• Assist with creating and updating program-related print and electronic materials
• Develop and assist with fundraising events and development drives
• Help to design eligibility screenings, applications, policies and procedures
• Assist with the assessment and subsequent design and facilitation of evidence-based, best practice individual, group and population-specific modules, curriculum and trainings
• Assist with program-related community education and outreach including developing relationships with other service providers and strengthening corporate relations
• Assist with tracking local legislative policy changes and facilitating program changes to accommodate such policy changes
Position: Nature-Related Programming Client Engagement & Program Development Internship

Requirements:
- Second year MSW, Direct Practice, Mental Health Concentration Field Placement
- Drug screen, Act 33/34, State and FBI clearances prior to start the internship
- Online Department on Human Services trainings (within first 40-hours)
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Intern Responsibilities:
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- Provide treatment planning support including but not limited to symptom management, vocational, educational, family relationships and community supports
• Maintain a selected case load and lead individual and group therapy sessions
• Actively participate in individual and group supervision as well as program and program-related team meetings
• Become familiar with electronic and paper documentation (e.g. daily progress notes, outpatient notes, evaluations, treatment planning, etc.)
• Learn about other services offered and populations served by the agency
• Participate in staff meetings and help to advance project outcomes with working groups
• Work with interdisciplinary teams to design, implement, collect and assess data for potential qualitative and/or quantitative research project(s)
• Assist with the assessment and subsequent design and facilitation of evidence-based, best practice individual, group and population-specific modules, curriculum and trainings
• Coordinate and engage the wider community including but not limited to residents, volunteer groups, organizational facilities and corporate partners
• Strengthen volunteer partnerships and participate in programming events
• Attend possible advocacy and networking events with local and state legislators and other administrative officials
• Help to design eligibility screenings, applications, policies and procedures
• Participate in meetings with partner organizations
• Assist with creating and updating program-related print and electronic materials
• Assist with program-related community education and outreach including developing relationships with other service providers and strengthening corporate relations