

BHN is a collaborative effort of providers, advocacy organizations, government leaders, and community members dedicated to developing an accessible and coordinated system of behavioral healthcare throughout the eastern region of Missouri, with emphasis on services to the uninsured and underinsured citizens of St. Louis City and the Missouri counties of Franklin Jefferson, Lincoln, St. Charles, St. Louis, and Warren. We are committed to having a diverse and inclusive workforce that represents the communities we serve.

JOB SUMMARY: The Youth/Young Adult Coordinator for the Missouri Transition-Aged Youth Local Engagement and Recovery (MO TAY-LER) initiative. This is a full-time position responsible for working with the identified communities to implement youth peer support networks, youth leadership within agencies that serve young people (16-25) within the care system.

A 5-year grant-funded primarily supports this position for the Eastern Region's Missouri Transition-Aged Youth Local Engagement and Recovery (MO TAY-LER) initiative.

Qualifications: Must be 18 years of age or older and have lived experience as a youth/young adult with mental health challenges who have received behavioral health services in the past ten years and be willing to share experiences related to the position.

KEY FUNCTIONS:

- Establish effective communication and relationships with the collaborating partner organizations, especially the Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs).
- The coordinator must demonstrate a commitment to youth voice and leadership skills to engage and nurture youth involvement at every level and use best practice and evidence-informed curriculum for youth peer support training and youth-adult leadership development.
- This position will cultivate opportunities for youth and integrate youths' opinions and values into all aspects of the project. This position will work collaboratively with staff at three agencies (Places for People, BJC Behavioral Health, Compass Health) and travel to each site regularly to build relationships and provide guidance on youth networking development
- Work with Project Director, Coordinator, and state and local partners to identify existing systems and services, gaps and needs related to young adults in transition.
- Work with staff to connect with state-level youth and young adult leadership efforts.
- Work within those efforts to connect the project-based work with ongoing efforts of state-level advisory and policy groups.
- Work with project local site partners (within the greater St. Louis region) to establish youth engagement and peer support development strategies and increase youth voice within participating agencies and the system of care.
- Collaborate with other peers include Youth Peer Support Specialists, Family Support Provider, and Adult Peer Support Specialists on joint projects, policy efforts, and activities that are likely to support the ongoing influence of the project regionally and state-wide.
- Develop and deliver educational training and technical assistance to providers on effective youth engagement and creating organizational cultures that support youth-guided and youth-directed involvement and collaboration.
- Assist with the social marketing, outreach, and awareness-building aspects of the project.
- Advise leadership staff on the development of services, practices, and policies.

Required Skills and Knowledge:

- High school/GED required; Bachelor's degree preferred.
- Must have at least two (2) years of responsible employment history.
- Experience working with youth and young adults (ages 16-25).

- Must understand the typical services and experiences of youth/young adults who received mental health treatment for serious mental illness and participating in public youth or young adult-serving systems.
- Must have a valid driver's license and insurance.
- Must be willing to complete the State of Missouri's Department of Mental Health approved training program and standardized exam and maintain certification.
- Should have networking skills, experience, and comfort with public presentation and meeting participation.
- Works collaboratively and respectfully with internal and external interdisciplinary agency providers to build healthy partnerships.
- Maintains positive work relationships, demonstrates cooperation with peers and supervisors, and contributes to a team environment.
- The candidate has strong leadership, communication, and customer service skills.
- Can demonstrate strong verbal, written, computer, and interpersonal skills.

Expectations

- The candidate has access to transportation to participate in meetings throughout the 7-county Missouri Eastern region.
- Must have and maintain a valid driver's license (with no more than 2 points on the record) and current insurance.
- May be required to travel out-of-state to SAMHSA-sponsored conferences and use personal vehicle for local travel to attend meetings.
- They will have their primary office at BHN (2 Campbell plaza, St. Louis MO, 63139), but they will be required to schedule weekly times at partner agencies and in the field for youth engagement as outlined above.

Physical requirements

Body Positioning

- Must be able to remain in a stationary position at least 50% of the time.
- Needs to be able to move about inside the office to access file cabinets and machinery.
- Must be able to operate a computer and other office productivity machinery such as a calculator, copy machine, and printer.

Interested candidates should send their resume and a cover letter describing their experience using behavioral health services along with salary expectations to: bhn@bhnstl.org