



POSITION: Regional Overdose Prevention Specialist

POSITION IS SUPERVISED BY: Coalition Director

Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$45,000 annual DOE. This position is a grant funded, full-time (40 hours per week) in office position and will require local travel. Limited evening and weekend work is required. Nice office environment in Ashland City.

Benefits: Health, dental & vision insurance, 13 paid holidays per year, generous paid time off policy. Nice office environment in Ashland City, TN.

Travel Required: Multiple counties will be served by two regional overdose prevention specialist. (Stewart, Humphrys, Houston, Dickson, Cheatham, Robertson, Sumner, Montgomery Counties) Local travel, primarily within the Regional area, with some overnight/statewide travel for grant required training and meetings. Travel will be reimbursed at the State of TN mileage rate and overnight travel will be covered per diem.

Description of Duties and Responsibilities: The Regional Overdose Prevention Specialist (ROPS) will be responsible for conducting information trainings, outreach, providing naloxone specific trainings, and tracking naloxone distribution in various communities throughout Region 5 North 1 (Cheatham County, Robertson County, Sumner County, Montgomery County, Dickson County, Stewart County, Houston County, and Humphreys County).

Minimum Qualifications:

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Strong community relationship skills.
- Strong organizational skills and ability to track multiple forms and spreadsheets.
- Proficient with Microsoft office suite
- Reliable transportation and availability to travel within 8 county region with limited overnight/statewide travel.
- Experience in public speaking and creating and delivering presentations for groups ranging from 5 to 200 attendees.
- Excellent communication skills, both written and oral.
- Flexibility to attend after hours/weekend events
- Ability to take initiative and to work independently with minimal direct supervision.
- Ability to prioritize and navigate through difficult situations
- Eligible to complete, or have already received, State of TN Peer Recovery Specialist Certification, or nurse/paramedics credentials
- Ability to lift up to 50 lbs
- Frequent walking, stooping, bending, standing and driving

Preferred:

- Lived experience or experience working with individuals and families affected by opioid disorder
- Knowledge of or relationships with the recovery community in regional area
- Lives, works, or has strong community relationships in the Region 5 North area (Cheatham County, Robertson County, Sumner County, Montgomery County, Dickson County, Stewart County, Houston County, and Humphreys County).

Duties:

- Provide training to community and professional groups, law enforcement, first responders, pharmacist, treatment providers, key stakeholders, and general public on topics such as stigma reduction, effects of opioids on the brain, recognizing potential cases of substance use disorder, referrals to treatment programs, compassion fatigue and burn out, chronic pain management without opioids, signs and symptoms of overdose, preventing overdose.
- Utilize Motivational Interviewing and Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) tools to connect individuals with recovery support services;
- Attend all State organized ROPS/program trainings, and calls
- Track program efforts to ensure project goals, objectives and activities are being successfully completed. Prepare and submit any required progress reports.
- Distribute naloxone according to the priorities and protocols established by the State.
- Develop partnerships with various regional and local communities including scheduling meetings, providing information, coordinating trainings and events.
- Participate in strategic planning for outreach and promotion of the overdose prevention program.
- Participate in the development and implementation of education and public awareness activities in the Region.