Job Title: Peer Support Specialist

Location: Sandpoint and Greater Bonner County, Idaho

Company: Sandpoint Psychotherapy and Associates

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Sandpoint Psychotherapy and Associates is dedicated to transforming lives through comprehensive mental health and wellness services. Our team is built around compassionate individuals who bring empathy, understanding, and a commitment to helping people on their recovery journeys. We are currently seeking a dynamic and passionate Peer Support Specialist to join our growing team.

Job Description:

As a Peer Support Specialist, you will use your personal lived experience of recovery from mental health or substance use disorders to support and inspire individuals on their own path to recovery. You will use your unique insights to foster a sense of hope, empower individuals, and guide them toward improved mental wellness and self-sufficiency.

Responsibilities:

- Provide emotional and practical support to individuals living with mental health and/or substance use disorders.
- Share personal recovery experiences and develop authentic peer-to-peer connections.
- Facilitate recovery support groups and educational sessions.
- Assist individuals in identifying strengths, recovery resources, and personal goals.
- Collaborate with the multidisciplinary team to create person-centered recovery plans.
- Advocate for the needs and rights of individuals with mental health and/or substance use disorders.
- Adhere to all privacy regulations and maintain confidentiality of client information.

Qualifications:

- Personal lived experience of recovery from mental health and/or substance use disorders.
- Certified as a Peer Support Specialist or willingness to obtain certification upon hire.
- Excellent listening, verbal, and written communication skills.
- Strong empathy and understanding of the recovery journey.
- Ability to maintain professional boundaries while fostering peer-to-peer relationships.
- Comfortable working in a team-based, collaborative environment.
- Must pass a background check.
- High school diploma or equivalent.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Experience working in a peer support role or similar capacity.
- Knowledge of community resources for mental health and substance use recovery.
- Sandpoint Psychotherapy and Associates is an equal opportunity employer. We celebrate diversity and are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees.

To Apply:

• Please submit your resume, a brief statement about your recovery journey (optional), and a cover letter explaining why you would be a great fit for this role to <u>paul.sndpsy@gmail.com</u>.

Pay:

• Dependent on experience: \$12-\$20/hour

We look forward to receiving your application and learning more about how your unique recovery journey can help inspire others on their path to wellness.