



Spouse Support Group Facilitator (SGF) – Job Description

Position: Spouse Support Group Facilitator (SGF)

A Hamilton Brain Injury Association (HBIA) support group is an open gathering of people with common problems, needs and interests who come together to share their feelings, thoughts and experiences in a combined effort to better cope with and manage the shared problems of Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) in a safe environment. The goal of the HBIA support groups is to provide emotional, social and/or educational support to group participants.

In the role of Spousal Support Group Facilitator, individuals may be responsible for one or more of the following types of groups (based on constituent need).

Qualifications:

- Experience with ABI as a family member or health care professional preferred.
- Ability to be empathic and separate personal needs from group needs.
- Strong listening skills and effective communication skills.
- Ability to redirect and facilitate discussion relating to ABI as well as fulfill the duties and responsibilities to relate to HBIA.
- Ability to create and maintain a safe environment where participants' thoughts and feelings are valued and group participants are treated with fairness, equity and respect.
- Commitment to promote the mission, vision, values and services of HBIA and willingness to act as an extension of the Association and to put other responsibilities and obligations aside when acting in this role.
- A Clear Vulnerable Person Check to be provided
- Commitment is approximately 4hours per month with the group meeting once a month in the evening.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Follow expectations and recommendations of the Spousal Support Group Facilitator as indicated by the Board of Directors, including any participation in initial & ongoing training, record keeping, and regular meetings/communication with the Board of Directors or Service Coordinator.
- Arrange for speakers/presenters for the group as needed.
- Encourage participants to provide assistance and emotional support to one another.
- Present pertinent Association materials and information to group participants.
- Inform the HBIA in advance of any changes in group facilitators, time or location of group meetings, or any needs/requests/information from the participants.

Please forward resumes by January 12th, 2018 to:



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