



## Mental Health America of Wisconsin (MHA) Seeks LGBTQ+ Identifying Individuals for Professional Development Opportunity

### Position Description:

MHA seeks 6 individuals who identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community to undergo training and professional development to become a Wisconsin-Certified Peer Specialist. A peer specialist is someone who has been trained to support, mentor, and advocate for others of similar lived experience who struggle with mental health and/or substance use challenges. This part-time position (15-18 hours/week) pays \$15/hour. Please note that this position is grant funded through the end of September 2020 and continuation of employment is contingent on the funds available.

### Objectives:

To pilot a recruitment and training program for LGBTQ peer specialists in a forthcoming virtual peer support program for LGBTQ youth (ages 16-26 years old). Trainees will complete the Wisconsin Certified Peer Specialist Training in Fall 2020 as well as other relevant educational opportunities to learn the skills needed to provide effective support services. Trainees will also work with the Program Coordinator to develop this LGBTQ youth peer support program and provide consultation on key decisions.

### Qualifications

- Must be 18 years or older
- LGBTQ+ identifying
- Have in-depth knowledge of recovery, healthy relationships, trauma, community resources, stigma, cultural awareness of LGBTQ identities and intersections between race, gender and class
- Ability to utilize own experience and translate this experience to others living with mental health and/or substance use issues
- Demonstrate clear concise written and verbal communications skills
- Ability to take direction and work as part of a team
- Eligible to complete or have already completed the Wisconsin Certified Peer Specialist training within 6 months of employment
- Must be able to conduct yourself in a manner that fosters your own recovery and maintain personal boundaries and standards that are respectful to self and community

For more information, or to apply, please email Erica Steib ([erica@Mhawisconsin.org](mailto:erica@Mhawisconsin.org)). Applicants should submit resume and one paragraph summarizing their interest in the position.