**Job Title:** Certified Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist (CMPSS)

**Location:** [City, State]

**Behavioral Health-SUD County Description:**

[County Name] is a leading provider of mental health and addiction recovery services, committed to promoting hope, recovery, and wellness in individuals and communities. We believe in empowering individuals to navigate their journey towards mental health and addiction recovery through advocacy, support, and education.

[County Name] values the unique expertise that Peer Support Specialists bring to the system of care. These individuals, who have self-identified as having lived experience with the process of recovery from mental illness, substance use disorder, or both—whether as consumers of these services or as parents or family members of consumers—use their experiences to deliver peer support services across a variety of roles and settings. Certified Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialists make a meaningful impact on individuals' lives by serving as sources of hope and empowerment. They are integral members of a supportive team that values lived experience and mutual growth, contributing to a community that prioritizes wellness and recovery. Through fostering connection and a sense of belonging, peer support specialists work with peers as equals, encouraging self-direction, wellness, and recovery.

**Job Description:**

We are seeking a passionate and dedicated individual to join our team as a Certified Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist (CMPSS). The ideal candidate will possess a deep understanding of the concepts of hope, recovery, and wellness, and be able to effectively advocate for the rights and needs of individuals facing mental health and addiction challenges. Guided by the Code of Ethics for the profession, this position utilizes a combination of psychiatric rehabilitation skills and addiction recovery principles to promote recovery.

**Key Responsibilities:**

* Support engagement in mental health and substance use treatments.
* Promote wellness and recovery through direct engagement with individuals and their families.
* Collaborate with a multidisciplinary team to support care and recovery goals.
* Provide behavioral health services in a supportive environment using psychiatric rehabilitation skills and addiction recovery principles, including enhancement of coping skills and problem-solving skills (i.e. individual and group services).
* Advocate for individuals facing mental health and addiction challenges, promoting hope, recovery, and wellness within a multi-disciplinary team.
* Support individuals and families with navigating a variety of service delivery systems.
* Refer and link individuals to community support services and resources.
* Assist individuals in preparing for employment opportunities, including promotion of digital literary to enhance access to resources and promote community engagement.
* Provide safety and crisis planning support.

**Minimum Qualifications:**

* Educational Requirement: High school diploma or equivalent degree [Insert additional educational/experience, if necessary]
* Self-identify as having experience with the process of recovery from a mental illness or substance use disorder, either as a consumer of these services or as the parent, caregiver, or family member of a consumer.
* Have or be able to obtain the Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification (CMPSS) within [insert timeframe] of hire.
* Must maintain certification requirements in good standing with the certification board.
* Minimum of [x number of years] of experience in mental health and addiction recovery advocacy or related field.
* Strong understanding of psychiatric rehabilitation principles, addiction recovery practices, and trauma-informed care.
* Ability to work effectively in a team environment and collaborate with other professionals.
* Ability to practice cultural humility principles and use self-reflection to enhance service provision to individuals from diverse backgrounds.

**Preferred Qualifications:**

* Proficiency in documentation skills and adherence to confidentiality standards.
* Proficiency in [specific language] is preferred but not required for this position.

**Benefits:**

[Include salary and benefits applicable to the position, such as competitive salary, health, dental, and vision insurance, retirement savings plan, paid time off and holidays, and professional development opportunities]

**How to Apply:**

Please submit your resume and cover letter outlining your experience and qualifications for this position to [email address]. In your cover letter, please address your understanding of the concepts listed in the job description and how you would apply them in this role.

[County Name] is an equal opportunity employer and welcomes candidates from diverse backgrounds to apply.

**Application Deadline:**

[Insert Deadline]