



## **Parent/Caregiver Peer Support Specialist**

Cutchins Programs for Children & Families is currently seeking a part-time, motivated Parent/Caregiver Peer Support Specialist to be a positive member Cutchins Community. The Parent/Caregiver Peer Support Specialist provides a supportive relationship in a spirit of partnership, acceptance and empowerment to assist the family or guardian in making the most effective use of both professional and natural community resources, and in making whatever changes internally or externally will better bring into actuality the conditions the family values and desires for their life. The Parent/Caregiver Peer Support Specialist uses their personal experience with similar challenges as a basis for comradery and more intimate or experiential comprehension of the challenges families face.

### **Responsibilities include:**

- Develops supportive and empowering relationships with family members, and especially with parents.
- Provides in-home and family-based support based on clinical treatment plan, including strengthening parenting skills, practicing child's development of self-management skills, and problem solving any obstacles families face.
- Helps family with partnering with the involved service providers and other vested parties, in a way that best meets the family's service plan and practical needs.
- Assists families in engaging or accessing community activities and resources.
- Maintains and supports active communication and coordination with all team members and vested parties.
- Attends meetings as needed.
- Helps the FSS Team appreciate and address the unique in-home and community-based challenges encountered by the family.

**The successful Parent/Caregiver Peer Support** will have good verbal and written communication skills, excellent interpersonal skills, have good active listening skills, and be empathetic and compassionate. Have the ability to ally with parents strengths while acknowledging concerns or fears, ability to respect the limits of service providers while advocating for families' needs, and a willingness to learn the details and availability of services available in individual communities. Must be able to maintain a flexible schedule including some weekends and evenings. Good computer skills required. Driver's license and/or access to transportation services required. Must obtain & maintain all licenses & training appropriate to field. All candidates must complete and pass background record screening process and driving record check. Must have a valid driver's license. Associate's or Bachelors in relevant field. OTA, preferred. Two (2)+ years relevant experience preferred. Bilingual candidates are encouraged to apply.

**To Apply:** Please send cover letter, resume and three professional references  
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Terrace, Northampton, MA 01060, Attn: Human Resources-PARENTSUPPORT.  
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Cutchins Programs for Children & Families has over 40 years of providing uncompromising care not easily found in today's health care environment. Our residential, outpatient, and special education services provide children and families struggling with the effects of trauma and mental illness in a sanctuary of safety and love.

Our mission is to help children and families transform significant emotional distress into increased resilience, hope and quality of life. Using clinical sophistication and expertise we incorporate humility, kindness, and passion to create a community of care. We seek to support the healing process with innovation and integrity, and to serve as a model for best and promising practices. Our clinicians, teachers, and staff hold a willingness to look deeply to learn and to play.