



## ***Youth Support Partners (YSP)***

The Youth Support Partner for the Bridges to the Future initiative provides direct peer support to youth involved in the wraparound process. The YSP develops a connection and understanding with the young adult, and is very instrumental when the goal is to support young adults during their transitional years and achieve positive outcomes. While supporting or linking youth to others in the family or community, the YSP helps the youth or young adult achieve their personal goals as they work towards change and recovery.

This position is 15 hours a week, pays \$15.38 an hour, and offers mileage reimbursement. This position does require reliable transportation.

### Responsibilities of this role include:

- Split case load with Transition Coordinator
- Teaches youth to advocate for self
- Assist youth with telling their story
- Assist you with their vision statement
- Shares personal lived experiences to inspire hope
- Assist Transitional Coordinator in helping young adult in understanding the need for different assessments
- Validates and normalizes experiences
- Enters contact notes using ETO
- Helps youth problem solve barriers to treatment
- Aids youth's progress to acquire skills, knowledge, and support to be successful
- Participates in panels to provide youth voice when needed
- Supports Lead Youth Coordinator in youth support activities and Co facilitates; assists with logistics
- Assist with outreach
- Assist with youth support activities

### Peer Support Partners aid youth with:

- State ID

- Therapy Referral
- Bank Account
- Resume
- Cover Letter Template
- Indeed Account
- Driving Permit
- Two Youth Events Mandatory/Month
  - Assist and Engage Youth at Events
- Social Service Assistance
  - Food Stamps
  - TCA/TDAP
  - Medicaid
- Transportation assistance
  - (how to ride the bus)

Requirements:

- Must have a valid driver's license
- Must have reliable transportation
- Must have lived experience
- Must be able to work independently and as a team
- Must have outstanding organization skills

YSP are important because:

- YSP have experienced similar challenges as young adults
- YSP can often engage and communicate with youth at levels parents or professionals cannot
- YSP understand the lifestyles and culture of the youth
- YSP understand how it feels to live with behavioral health challenges

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