



**(F.R.E.E) Foothills Recovery and Employment Ecosystem
Peer Support Specialist**

Purpose/Role:

This is a grant funded position that will identify needs and build multi-sector partnerships for a recovery ecosystem in four rural counties in Western North Carolina, Polk, Rutherford, Cleveland, and McDowell. A Peer Support Specialist will connect with community partners to identify available resources and gaps in these counties to support recovery and economic participation. They will build relationships with these partners to continue to build up supportive services, peer support, resource linkage, volunteer opportunities, education, workforce development, and training. The purpose of this position is to identify and enhance the recovery ecosystems and resource connections in the identified counties.

Goals of position:

Reduce/Eliminate barriers to workforce development and employment.
Build up an advisory board and committee during the planning grant stage.
Identify substance use treatment supports for those experiencing barriers to local resources.
Cultivate Recovery Friendly Workplace Initiative in identified counties.
Analyze needs, resources, and gaps to support recovery and economic participation.

Requirements:

- Maintain healthy self-care and work balance.
- Willing to commute to four counties served (Polk, McDowell, Rutherford, and Cleveland).
- Maintain peer support certification with North Carolina and all required CEU hours needed for recertification.
- Abide by NCPSS Code of Ethics
- Possess and maintain a valid NC driver's license, proper registration and insurance on personal vehicle.
- Self-motivated and self-driven to build community partnerships.
- Preferred experience working in some of the identified counties.
- Wi-fi access for remote work hours.

To apply for this position, please email resume to acarlisle@sunriseinashville.org