



CALIFORNIA NETWORK *of* MENTAL HEALTH CLIENTS

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Working Well Together Technical Assistance Coordinator

The California Network of Mental Health Clients is a solely consumer-run organization whose membership consists of affiliates and individuals throughout the state and provides a formal statewide advocacy voice for California's mental health consumers, as well as networking, conferences, policy advocacy, education and information to consumers of mental health services and education and training to those individuals and systems that come into contact with people with mental health issues.

Working Well Together (WWT) is a newly formed collaborative of four statewide client, family, parent/caregiver and mental health organizations: *California Network of Mental Health Clients (CNMHC)*, *NAMI California*, *United Advocates for Children and Families (UACF)* and the *California Institute of Mental Health (CiMH)*. The goal of WWT is to support county mental health directors and county mental health human resources and supervisory staff in the preparation, hiring, training, supporting, and retaining of family members, parents/caregivers and clients as employees at all levels in the public mental health system.

The California Network (CNMHC) is currently hiring a **Technical Assistance Coordinator** who, in concert with dedicated staff from NAMI, UACF and CiMH, will operate as a team to achieve the project goals. The TA Coordinator will work with counties in the South Region; however, s/he may be based in the Sacramento region to assure the internal development of a solid statewide team with Network staff and our partner organizations.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES:

- Initiate contact with county mental health staff in the South Region including the counties of: Los Angeles, Imperial, Kern, Orange, Riverside, San Bernadino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Tri-City, and Ventura.
- Assess and assist county mental health departments and contract agencies in developing and implementing plans for improvement in hiring and retention practices for persons with lived experience as mental health clients or their family members
- Work with WWT project team to set and meet timelines for deliverables and benchmarks
- Attend WWT meetings as a California Network of Mental Health Clients representative
- Confer weekly and as needed with CNMHC WWT Supervisor and other California Network staff; provide written and oral project reports
- Liaison effectively with other organizations and represent the California Network at relevant committees, conferences and other meetings
- Assist WWT project team in identifying content experts for trainings offered to counties
- Other duties as assigned

GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS:

- Experience with the California public mental health system and understanding of county public mental health resources and limitations
- Knowledge of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) preferable
- Understanding of the needs of clients and clients' family members as employees in the public mental health system
- Excellent oral and written skills
- Strong research skills
- Proficiency in utilizing Microsoft Word and PowerPoint
- Demonstrated group facilitation, leadership and problem solving skills
- Familiarity with stigma reduction strategies and serving unserved, underserved, or inappropriately served populations and communities
- Ability to travel within the state 1 or 2 days per week
- Demonstrated ability to set and meet timelines for identified deliverables
- Human resource education and/or experience preferable

CNMHC SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS:

- Have direct experience as a mental health client.
- Have a connection to and in-depth knowledge of the consumer/survivor movement and its values.

PAYRATE: Rate of pay depends upon experience: Ranges from \$47,000 - \$58,000. Full-time employment: Vacation, sick and full health benefits included.

APPLICATION DUE DATE: On or before October 7, 2010

APPLICATION DIRECTIONS: Submit cover letter, resume, references and writing sample. No phone inquiries please.

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This position is supervised by the Executive Director of the California Network.

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