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Residential Support Specialist

Overview:

Established in 1959, Thresholds is the oldest and largest provider of community-based, recovery services for persons with mental illnesses in Illinois. Our mission is to provide those we serve our members with the skills and encouragement needed to live productive and fulfilling lives. We offer 25 innovative programs at 70 locations throughout Chicago, the adjacent suburbs, and McHenry and Kankakee Counties. Services include: assertive outreach, case management, housing, employment, education, psychiatry, primary care, substance abuse treatment, and pioneering research at the Thresholds Research Institute. Last year, Thresholds served 6,700 adults and youth, with 75% of services delivered out in the community. Thresholds provides excellent opportunities for career development and promotion. We encourage individuals with lived experience with mental illnesses to apply. EOE M/F/D/V.

Responsibilities:

The individual will monitor the apartment site in concert with DCFS regulations as well as other funding specifications as needed, provide crisis management, assist in the development of independent living skills; including, menu planning, grocery shopping, housekeeping, as well as planning and participating in community activities. This person will also document all activities and interactions with youth per Thresholds', DCFS, as well as other funding agencies policies and specifications.

Qualifications:

Bachelor's Degree preferred. Experience working with mentally ill youth and/or DCFS wards preferred, as well as familiarity with DCFS housing regulations.

Must also have excellent written and verbal communication skills.

Requirements, Responsibilities and/or Duties Unique to the Position:

Individual must be motivated to assist in the development of young people's lives who are soon to be transitioning to independence. Must be proactive in handling crisis and enabling members to seek positive solutions and favorable outcomes.