



Appalachia CARES/ AmeriCorps Community Resource Specialist at United Way of Greater Chattanooga

As a Community Resource Specialist in the Appalachia CARES/AmeriCorps program, the member is responsible for maintaining and updating the client and resource database on a regular basis and for connecting individuals and families who contact the 211 Call Center through (phone, text, chat, e-mail, etc.) to agencies and programs for needed services. Member will serve at United Way of Greater Chattanooga, a host agency for the Appalachia CARES/AmeriCorps program.

Service Activities

1. Maintain accurate information regarding callers and referrals in the database.
 - a. Complete all applicable information on CallPoint at all times
 - b. Complete information regarding referrals and the amount of assistance needed if quantifiable
 - c. Follow up with referral agencies and callers to determine if callers obtained or attempted to obtain services from them either through ServicePoint, calls or emails
2. Maintain accurate and current information regarding agencies and programs listed in the database.
3. Provide weekly reporting regarding
 - a. Unmet needs encountered for client support and service availability
 - b. Unusual calls or situations encountered.
 - c. Problems with database or phone system.
 - d. Duplication of caller's information in the database
 - e. Inaccuracies or errors in database
4. Represent 2-1-1 in the community as directed
5. Meet with 211 Supervisor and subcommittees when requested to provide reports on identified needs and gaps in services
6. Maintain and submit any other electronic or manual records as required to document services provided or that were unmet
7. Other duties as assigned

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES: INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

Specific Duties:

1. Provide professional, nonjudgmental communication with clients and agencies
2. Use active listening skills to obtain all information necessary to make informed, accurate and successful referrals to agencies/programs in order to meet the caller's needs.
3. Search the database to find the most appropriate resources available to meet the caller's needs
4. Obtain the caller's verbal consent to both enter the caller's information in the database and contact the agency or agencies on their behalf to let the agency know that they have been referred to the agency/program
5. Advocate for the caller, if necessary, by calling or emailing the agency/program to ensure that the resources are available when callers are referred if verbal consent has been granted
6. Make caller's aware that 2-1-1 or Building Stable Lives representatives are likely to follow up with them to determine whether or not they received the services requested or provide them with additional information regarding help for meeting their needs
7. Maintain client confidentiality at all times unless communicating within 2-1-1 or with agencies with whom 2-1-1 has a business agreement regarding the confidential sharing of information or 2-1-1 and/or the agency has received verbal consent from caller or a specific ROI permitting such communication.
8. Follow procedures that discourage inappropriate uses of the available social services to insure the fair and equitable distribution of community resources.
9. Other duties as assigned

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES: CUSTOMER SERVICE

Specific Duties:

1. Respond to contacts presented by 211 communication system within 30 seconds
2. Respond to both voicemail and faxed messages from or on behalf of consumers within 4 hours of receipt
3. Respond to requests for information from organizations within a reasonable time
 - a. 2 hours for emergency referral assistance
 - b. 24 hours for written information and non-emergency assistance
4. If follow up with a consumer is indicated, conduct that follow up within
 - a. 2 hours for immediate referral information
 - b. 4 hours for non-immediate referral information
 - c. 48 hours for special requests
 - d. 14 days for follow up on referrals that were made if selected for follow up or part of a special contract
5. Provide courteous, friendly service to all consumers
 - a. Refer problem consumers to the supervisor
 - b. Never argue with a consumer

- c. If a consumer become abusive either transfer the call to a supervisor or inform the consumer that they need to call the supervisor directly and terminate the call
6. If the caller requests anonymity, respect their request. obtain necessary information in order to make a referral, such as zip code and name if possible. and provide the information as requested and indicate this in the Call Status and Notes section of Call Point.
7. Other Duties as assigned

Other Experience:

- Must be competent in data entry and Microsoft Office
- Must be able to enter data accurately with correct spelling, grammar and format
- Must be able to read and understand complex program descriptions
- Must be able to actively listen and ensure one understands what is being said by the speaker
- Must write clearly and succinctly with correct grammar
- Must be able to communicate and enunciate clearly on the phone

Typical days and hours of work are Monday through Friday depending 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Please note this position description is not designed to cover or contain a comprehensive listing of activities, duties or responsibilities that are required of the Appalachia CARES / AmeriCorps member for this position. Duties, responsibilities, and activities may change at any time with or without notice.

Members will serve February 1, 2021 to August 31, 2021, receive a living stipend of up to \$7140, student loan forbearance for eligible loans, and professional development training. Upon successful completion of service, members will also receive an education award to pay off eligible student loans or to help with tuition up to \$3097.50.

If you would like to apply for this position, please forward your resume and cover letter to tammymccallie@uwchatt.org as soon as possible.

United Way of Greater Chattanooga is committed to equal opportunity employment by affirming the value of diversity and by promoting an environment free from discrimination. UWGC encourages people of diverse backgrounds and experiences to apply for this position.