



JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Job Title:	Direct Care Counselor (Relief)
Job Number:	17-058
Location:	Colorado Springs
Department:	Shelter
Reports to:	Shelter Supervisor
Supervises:	None
FLSA Status:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Exempt <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt

COMPANY OVERVIEW

Urban Peak serves approximately 600 youth each year. In order to meet the holistic needs of these young adults, Urban Peak provides wraparound services like outreach, shelter, substance abuse and mental health counseling, medical assistance, family reunification assistance, case management, education services, employment assistance, affordable housing options, and recreational activities. These services prepare youth to leave the dangers of street life, reunite with their families or take steps toward self-sufficiency.

The youth served at Urban Peak come from a variety of backgrounds, and we strive to be a safe community for all youth, regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, class, educational background, sexual orientation, gender identity, or ability status.

JOB SUMMARY

Under the supervision of the Shelter Supervisor, the **Direct Care Counselor** will be responsible for providing direct supervision of youth at Urban Peak Colorado Springs shelter. This includes assisting youth in increasing self-efficacy and reducing risky behavior, ensuring client safety, providing delivery of appropriate and effective program services and maintaining a safe and positive environment. Duties include supervision of youth in accordance with facility rules and regulations, crisis intervention, facilities maintenance, group facilitation, promotion of a therapeutic environment, accurate, timely and consistent data collection, and data entry. This position will ensure that interactions, interventions and environments at Urban Peak are trauma informed and emphasize the physical and emotional safety of youth and staff. This position will ensure that interactions, interventions and environments at Urban Peak are trauma informed and emphasize the physical and emotional safety of youth and staff.

QUALIFICATIONS

- A Bachelor's degree in social work or psychology with experience working in a shelter environment is highly desired; or two (2) years of college in psychology, sociology or social work or a related field and some experience working with high-risk adolescent population; or high school diploma or equivalent and two (2) years' experience working with high-risk, adolescent populations in a shelter, residential, or transitional housing environment
- Able to connect and work effectively with a diverse, resistant street youth population
- Exercise discretion and independent judgment, set clear and appropriate boundaries with youth
- Knowledge and understanding issues of the homeless adolescent population, mental health issues, and substance abuse among high-risk young adults

- Provide services that are trauma informed, appropriate, and effective
- Problem solving skills (multi-tasking, assessment, organization and prioritization)
- Team oriented and able to coordinate with various departments and staff
- Understanding of the provision of and commitment to trauma informed care
- Must be QMAP certified or eligible for QMAP certification
- Must be insurable as a driver on Urban Peak's auto liability policy to transport youth using an Urban Peak vehicle or an approved personal vehicle
- Must pass both federal and state background checks
- Must pass pre-employment TB screening

JOB DUTIES

All Direct Care Counselor positions will be responsible for performing the general work duties listed:

Documentation

- Accurately document admission record and record actual services received by clients or tenants
- Collect and maintain accurate data on an ongoing basis
- Document relevant and significant events that occur during the shift in the Communication Log
- Maintain clear and effective communication with other staff regarding clients or tenants
- Limited case management responsibilities will require maintenance of thorough and accurate files
- Work to ensure confidentiality

Youth Supervision

- Provide milieu supervision and work to ensure the safety of the youth and their environment
- Assure that youth maintain cleanliness of the shelter environment
- Provide direction and support to youth on the completion of daily chores and other milieu activities
- Maintain a welcoming presence; and support youth who come into the shelter

Assessments:

- Collect and record necessary intake information to reflect the needs of clients
- Assess appropriateness of client admission to shelter and forward data to intake supervisor for additional follow-up

Case Management:

- Facilitate group activities and discussions
- A limited caseload may be assigned to this position as the primary case manager (provided that the Counselor has the appropriate credentials)
- Additional case management meetings may be required

Crisis Intervention:

- Crisis intervention with current clients
- Crisis intervention phone counseling, as needed

Facility Maintenance & Safety

- Ensure walkways and doorways are free of debris and/or snow
- Assist youth with shelter and grounds cleanliness
- Patrol the property as needed
- Ensure that the grounds and interior common areas is maintained in a clean and orderly fashion
- Support youth through supervision and model appropriate property maintenance by assisting with issues

WORK SCHEDULE

This is a relief position which works as needed and without a regular schedule. Shifts vary and may include nights, weekends, overnights, days, and holidays.

COMPENSATION & BENEFITS

The starting hourly rate for this position is \$12.48. This position is not eligible for benefits.

TO APPLY

Please submit cover letter, resume, and the names and telephone numbers of three (3) professional and/or academic references to:

Urban Peak Colorado Springs
ATTN: Human Resources
423 E Cucharas
Colorado Springs, CO 80903
Email: coloradosprings@urbanpeak.org

All attachments should be in Microsoft Word (.doc) or portal document format (.pdf). In the subject field of the email include the job number, job title, and your first and last name. (Example: 012345 – HR Specialist – Doe, Jane).

This position will be filled as soon as a qualified candidate is identified. Due to limited staffing resources we are unable to respond to phone inquiries, including calls to check on the status of a submitted application. Applicants will only be contacted if selected for an interview. This job announcement is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all duties, responsibilities, or qualifications associated with the position.

Urban Peak is an equal opportunity employer and seeks a diverse pool of applicants.