**TASP Project Worker**

**Full – Time – 12 months contract**

A vacancy has arisen for a TASP Project Worker in South Dublin County Partnership. South Dublin County Partnership is a Local Development Company primarily funded by the Irish Government to bring together local communities and state agencies to tackle the problems of unemployment and social exclusion. We develop projects and services to support sustainable and vibrant communities where people can realise their potential and experience a high quality of life. The focus of our activities is on areas where people experience disadvantage. Our programmes of work are organised across key thematic areas: Community Development, Enterprise & Employment, Lifelong Learning, Children & Families, Health & Well Being.

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

**1. Manage a case load of clients by providing one to one keyworking sessions set in a confidential, safe environment. Sessions will consist of the flowing interventions:**

* Initial and comprehensive assessments using the national framework
* Crisis intervention
* Relapse prevention
* Harm Reduction
* Goal setting using Motivational Interviewing & CRA Protocols
* Developing individual care plan for each client
* Referrals to residential treatment, mental health services, counseling, education/employment
* Aftercare
* Advocacy
* Community reintegration

**2. To support individuals impacted by substance misuse within the context of the aims and objectives of the project through the provision of:**

* Information & signposting
* One to one key working sessions
* Group work

**3. Key areas of work will include:**

* Contribute to the day to day running of the project
* Developing responses to emerging trends in conjunction with the project manager
* Establishing and maintaining links with statutory, voluntary and community agencies
* Compiling reports, proposals and briefing documents
* Participate in Team Meetings and assist in developing relevant actions
* Organizing information sessions and making presentations about the work of the project
* Keep appropriate records and undertake administration duties as required

**Main responsibilities:**

* To work as a productive member of the TASP team
* To facilitate appropriate supports for clients via keyworking and group work
* Build therapeutic relationships with clients and maintain professional boundaries at all times
* To build effective links with other professional organizations in the community
* Liaise with community groups in the Tallaght area
* To take up training opportunities agreed with Project Leader
* Any other duties appropriate to the position and agreed with the Project Leader

**Person Specification:**

***Essential Criteria***

* Minimum of a level 7 diploma in Community Drugs Work, Addiction Studies or related field.
* Minimum of 2 years working fulltime in addiction/community addiction support project
* Experience in key working, care planning and case management across a continuum of care from active drug use to drug free interventions
* Accredited in either CRA or Motivational Interviewing
* Have a thorough knowledge of drug related issues and their effect on individuals, families and communities
* Knowledge and understanding of theory in evidence based practice in the field of treatment & rehabilitation.
* Knowledge and understanding of National Drugs policy including Reducing Harm, Supporting Recovery: A health led response to drug & alcohol use in Ireland 2017 – 2025 and the National Drugs Rehabilitation Framework and National Protocols and Assessment Guidelines.
* Have experience of inter-agency work, involving community, voluntary and statutory agencies
* Effective written, oral and interpersonal communication skills, including IT skills
* Must have administration capacity to discharge the functions of the post
* Must be personally motivated and have the ability to work on own initiative
* Garda Vetting required

**Application process**

**Applications by post only**

**Envelope must be clearly marked ‘TASP Project Worker’ Post**

Three copies of CV and application letter outlining relevant experience to be sent to:

Administration & Operations Department

South Dublin County Partnership

Unit D1, Nangor Road Business Park, Nangor Road, Dublin 12

**Closing Date for receipt of CV and letter: 12 noon Thursday 7th January 2021**

Late applications cannot be considered.

No individual correspondence will be entered into.

**South Dublin County Partnership is an Equal Opportunity Employer.**

**The post is subject to Garda vetting.**