

Maryland Peer Support and Statewide Coordinator Position Description

Young Adults ages 18-29:

Statewide Coordinator:

- Coordinate and foster a youth-guided system and youth-driven movement through leadership, coaching, and education of professionals /adults
- Raise awareness of the importance of youth voice at all levels of the system of care
- Build bridges and partnerships between the youth and professional worlds
- Reconnect youth with the community
- Connect youth to peer and advocacy opportunities at all system levels including local, state, and national
- Work with youth to define the movement and create a strategic plan that ties into the community logic model

Youth Peer Supporter:

- Identify as having lived experience with behavioral health challenges and/or in child serving systems and be able and willing to share from that experience
- At a stable place in their own recovery and identify with and understand youth culture
- Have the capacity to support youth in their own recovery and build long-term supportive relationships with youth
- Able to have conversation with youth about the emotional and logistical challenges that are associated with accessing services and supports and making difficult life changes
- Have conversations allowing youth to reflect on decisions, the service team process, what's working with services and supports and what isn't, and how to move forward