



## Job Announcement

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### ***Peer Support Specialist - SSVF***

ACCESS is a team of Superheroes that make a difference in the community every day.

If you are a dedicated hardworking person interested in helping build your community then ACCESS is the place for you. This is a chance to support the community with your determination, attention to detail, and interest in ending homelessness among our Veteran population.

<b>Job Title:</b>	Peer Support Specialist - SSVF
<b>Job Hours:</b>	Full Time (40 hours per week)
<b>Salary:</b>	\$13.25 - \$14.75
<b>Benefits Offered:</b>	Health, Dental, RX, Vision, FSA, Vacation, Sick, Holidays, 403B Plan

#### **Position Summary**

The Peer Support Specialist – Support Services for Veteran and Families (SSVF) works directly with Veterans and their families in applying to receive services through ACCESS with short-term and long-term solutions. This position works collaboratively with a multi-disciplinary team that assists participants in navigating through complex resources and processes to obtain/sustain housing. A Peer Support Specialist -SSVF works to engage the participant in the spheres of being independent by working through barriers that may keep them from achieving their own definition of self-sufficiency. This position requires frequent travel between, office, participants homes, and outreach activities.

#### **Primary Duties & Responsibilities**

- Identify unsheltered homeless persons through direct outreach activities and through reports/referrals from shelters, police, churches, social service providers and others.
- Conduct regular sessions with participants to encourage positive adjustment out of homelessness and into housing.
- Provide support through positive social interactions with participants in one on one settings, to build mutual trust and build positive relationships.
- Coach participants and families about self-care, in addition to prevention techniques to avoid falling back into homelessness.
- Serve as an advocate for Veterans and their families to help meet their housing goals.
- Serve as a team member for the program working in tandem with Community Support Specialist – SSVF members.

#### **Primary Requirements**

- Belief in ACCESS' mission to help people help themselves.
- Minimum of 1-year direct client contact and/or customer service experience.
- Must be certified in Peer Mentorship and complete crisis intervention training, within one year of employment.
- Must have good interpersonal, written communication, and oral communication skills.
- Must be proficient with computers and use of basic programs such as Microsoft Office.
- Valid Oregon Driver's license with record that is acceptable under ACCESS' insurance policies.

#### **Preferred Qualifications**

- Previous active military experience with honorable discharge.

**Apply by Turning in Cover Letter & Resume To**

ACCESS Human Resources OR Email [jzomerdyk@accesshelps.org](mailto:jzomerdyk@accesshelps.org)