Applications

Intern positions, when available, are announced throughout both the Santa Clara County Mental Health Department, the County contract agencies, as well as on the Santa Clara County Mental Health website.

Applications are available at the Learning Partnership Division, 1075 E. Santa Clara St. 2nd Floor, San Jose.

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Peer Intern Program

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Recovery

" Recovery for the mental health consumer is a process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live a self-directed life, and strive to reach their own potential. "(Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration-2012)

About the Program

Mission

The mission of the Peer Intern Program is to provide training opportunities for consumers and family members of mental health services in support of their entry/reentry into the workforce.

Vision

The vision of the Peer Intern Program is that interns successfully complete their internship training, develop knowledge, skills, and self care tools to manage employment, stay healthy, and obtain permanent employment in the public mental health field.

Program

The Peer Intern Program provides an opportunity to consumers and family members to receive valuable work experience and training in a supportive environment. The program provides placement into a variety of programs within the Mental Health Department, trainings to develop skills and supervision to maximize a successful entry/re-entry into the workforce.

The Workforce, Education and Training (WET) component of the Mental Health Services Act supports the ongoing development of the public mental health workforce. The Peer Intern program focuses on the training of consumers and family members to support their success as an essential element of the public mental health workforce.

The Peer Intern program provides training in a variety of areas to develop both the knowledge and skill base of the intern.

- ***Peer Support***
- ***Group Facilitation***
- ***Program Development***
- ***Clerical/Computer skills***
- ***Community Outreach***
- ***Information and Referral***

The Santa Clara County Mental Health Department supports "Recovery" by providing opportunities for consumers and family members to feel purpose in their life through meaningful activities.