

YAKAMA NATION HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT



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**Peer Support Specialist**  
**Behavioral Health**  
**Department of Human Services**  
**Hourly Wage: \$15.29/Regular/Full-Time**

This position will be an individual who has had direct experience with mental health services and will utilize those experiences to collaborate with, coach, and challenge the young person to view his/her situations as an opportunity for growth and change within each individual's recovery and discovery. The Peer Support Specialist will aid the Transition Facilitators and youth/young adults to move toward self-advocacy in the attainment of their own, culturally specific life goals. This will be done using the four tasks of Intentional Peer Support: building connection, helping each other understand how we have come to know what we know, redefining help as a co-learning and growing process, and helping each other move toward what is wanted rather than away from what is not wanted.

**Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:**

- Knowledge of the Yakama Nation Personnel Policies.
- Knowledge and proficiency in computer use.
- Knowledge of mental health services and Systems of Care.
- Ability to stay organized, assess priorities, take initiative, handle multiple assignments, meet deadlines to develop solutions to problems improve mental health and wellness for children, youth and families.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with other department staff, supervisors/managers and the public.
- Ability to meet the public and address problems, issues, and complaints tactfully, courteously and effectively.
- Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.
- Ability to present information large crowds, train to large groups, and facilitate groups.
- Ability to write reports.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality.

**Minimum Requirements:**

- Associate's Degree.
- Two years of experience working with children and youth.
- Will be asked to write a small report at time of interview to demonstrate writing abilities.
- Required to pass pre-employment drug test.
- Required to pass pre-employment background check.
- Enrolled Yakama Preference, but all qualified applicants are encouraged to apply.
- Must possess a valid Washington State Driver's with the ability to obtain a Yakama Nation Tribal Driving Permit.