



Support Services Specialist / Social Worker - Van Go, Inc.

About Us:

Van Go, Inc. is an arts-based nonprofit organization providing comprehensive, 'earn while you learn' employment programs and social services to Douglas County youth, ages 14-24. Using art as the vehicle, Van Go provides employability and life skills training, health and wellness education, and social service supports. Van Go's nationally recognized programs give young people a job, real world skills, individualized supports and the opportunity to create their own vision of success.

Our Core Values - At Van Go, we:

- *Believe in the power of art*
- *Create a safe environment for self-expression*
- *Prioritize overall health and well-being*
- *Encourage self-empowerment*
- *Nurture community and a caring "home away from home"*
- *Inspire hope for the future*

Position Summary:

Van Go, Inc. is seeking a highly dedicated, youth-focused, experienced mental health professional to empower and support youth and young adults with work experience, job readiness training, career exploration and guidance, and support services in order to assist them in achieving their vision of success. This position will work collaboratively with Van Go Program Staff to administer comprehensive youth programming with a specific focus on providing strengths-based social service supports, case management services, and essential life skills training for the agency's youth.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

The Support Services Specialist will be responsible for case management, provision of trauma informed social service supports, oversight of youth participants and other duties as assigned.

- Coordinate and implement social service supports for youth in all Van Go programs (and alumni, as needed) to include screening/assessment, developing goals and focused treatment interventions, and providing crisis stabilization and short-term counseling services to youth participants and their families.
- Serve as a liaison and facilitate the coordination of service delivery with other professionals in the community; provide youth and their families with resources and referrals to appropriate community partner agencies.
- Collaborate with a multi-disciplinary team to address needs of program participants and implement services that will support positive outcomes for youth in employment and educational settings.
- Develop, coordinate and implement individual and group self-care, wellness and Life Skill curriculum using evidence based practices to meet the needs/interests of youth participants in all Van Go programs.

- Develop, implement and monitor Individual Life Plan (ILP) goals for all JAMS program participants, to include assisting with educational support (i.e. academic tutoring), transition plans for graduating seniors and 'soft skill' development.
- Coordinate various activities of the JAMS 'Go Healthy' program, including facilitating healthy snacks, Family Dinners and Health Assessments.
- Provide necessary input and coordination to assist with timely completion of all grant/funder reporting requirements, to include overseeing Van Go program outcomes and participant data entry, conducting federal grant enrollment procedures and providing required follow-up services on all youth participants.
- Assist with ongoing Van Go programming implementation, to include program enhancements, participant recruitment, hiring and training.
- Attend regular program meetings and provide progress reports necessary to ensure consistent communication and efficiency in program service delivery.
- Provide supervision to social work and art therapy interns.
- Serve as the Bench Client liaison during Summer Benchmark program.
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications:

- Master's degree in Social Work, Counseling, Psychology or an applicable Social Sciences related field from an accredited institution
- Must have a current and unrestricted License to practice in the State of Kansas (LMSW, LCSW, LMLP, LCP, LPC, LCPC)
- Demonstrated at least three (3+) years of relevant clinical training and/or work experience (or any combination of education and experience which would provide an equivalent background) in the areas of assessment, case management services, resource acquisition, crisis intervention, outreach activities and the ability to coordinate these services with other community partner agencies.
- Demonstrated ability to effectively deliver educational curriculum to youth with varied learning styles and abilities.
- Experience managing program outcomes, data analysis and databases.
- Experience working with diverse individuals experiencing poverty, homelessness, mental health issues, truancy, system involvement and/or other related program qualifiers; and the commitment to engage with others with professionalism, respect and dignity
- Strong commitment to following all legal and ethical guidelines and standards of the profession and of Van Go, Inc.
- Strong commitment to being part of a team with excellent communication and relationship building skills
- Ability to prioritize, multi-task, effectively manage competing demands, meet strict deadlines and have strong attention to detail
- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Competency with software including Microsoft Office and Google Suite
- Knowledge of WIOA youth programs preferred

Additional Conditions/Requirements:

The Support Services Specialist has a smaller caseload size to allow for comprehensive, intentional service delivery, no on-call responsibilities and no home based services. Selected candidate must pass a series of pre-employment background checks as a condition of employment. Reliable transportation, a valid and unrestricted driver's license, clean driving record and proof of insurance are required. There are no known physical limitations or considerations to perform this job

successfully. The work hours for this position will be appropriate to the needs of the program, program participants and agency, with some evenings and weekends for events and to meet deadlines. Position reports to the Co-Executive Director of Program Administration/HR. Van Go is committed to maintaining a culture of integrity, kindness, dignity, and respect. Van Go requires every employee to conduct themselves in a positive, collaborative and professional manner at all times.

Compensation/Benefits:

The Support Services Specialist position is full time, salaried and exempt. Van Go is committed to a healthy work-life balance and provides comprehensive health insurance, paid vacation, holidays and Personal Time Off (PTO), retirement benefits, professional development and a competitive annual salary commensurate with education, experience, demonstrated skills/traits.

Van Go, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer and is committed to fostering diversity and inclusion. Applications are encouraged from all persons regardless of their race, color, ancestry, religious creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, medical/physical/mental condition, pregnancy/childbirth and related medical condition, age, marital status, or veteran status.

Application Procedure:

Please submit the following to kristen@van-go.org for consideration:

- Cover letter
- Resume
- Contact information for three professional references

Applications will be reviewed upon receipt and accepted until the position is filled.