



**Position:** Peer Support Specialist for Still They Rise Project at The Empowerment Program

**Job Description:** Peer Support Specialist will provide trauma-informed, individualized transitional supportive services from incarceration into community to ensure individuals being released from Denver County Jail (DCJ) are connected to needed resources that reduce the likelihood of recidivism. The Peer Support Specialist will work with Recovery in a Secure Environment (RISE) staff, Empowerment staff, and community partners to empower individuals to break the cycles of incarceration, homelessness and instability.

**Still They Rise Peer Support Specialist is responsible for:**

- Understanding and implementing the Still They Rise Scope of Work
- Supportive, non-judgmental peer counseling and care management in which participants can explore their options and issues related to their involvement in the legal system; ranging from external obstacles such as poverty, to psychological obstacles such as long-term impacts of trauma
- Navigation and transition planning with the participants while they are in the RISE program at DCJ (including help with accessing necessary documents such as identification, birth certificate, social security cards, etc.)
- Providing a transition group to individuals in the RISE unit at DCJ
- Referrals to internal and external support and treatment services to ensure participants have barrier free access to comprehensive behavioral health services
- Transporting participants to behavioral and medical health appointments and supportive services
- Meeting participants in their home and community to provide needed support and assistance
- Completing all required documentation and reports
- Accurately and timely documenting participant progress and engagement through service plans, notes and follow up contacts

**Other Responsibilities Include:**

- Attend team meetings at Empowerment and DCJ
- Attend continuing education and skill development trainings
- Maintaining Self-Care
- Other duties as assigned

**Qualifications:**

- Must have reliable vehicle, valid driver's license and insurance
- Working understanding of harm reduction theory and trauma informed services
- Applicable professional or life experience is preferred
- Experience working with a diverse population
- Ability to de-escalate stressful situations with participants dealing with trauma and loss.