Community Support Specialist, Beaverton OR
Master of Social Work

Bridge Meadows is looking for a full time Community Support Specialist to join our innovative non-profit. We’re looking for a seasoned clinician who’s excited about using their clinical skills in a non-traditional setting in support of community members forming strong, healthy relationships, and who thrives in working with people across the life span, from toddlers to 90 year olds. This position is for our Beaverton site.

Who We Are:

Bridge Meadows, launched in 2011, builds purposeful communities where children, families, and elders flourish together. Our intentional intergenerational communities help children who have experienced the foster care system heal from trauma by providing foster/pre-adoptive families with stable, affordable housing, and therapeutic programs. Parents find much-needed support and camaraderie, and elders find meaning and purpose by actively engaging with neighbors. By weaving together trauma-informed services and a caring network of community members, families and elders move from the stress of instability to the possibility of thriving in a safe environment.

We’re not your typical social service organization. We have an entrepreneurial spirit, grounded in the belief that individuals and communities transform when we’re connected, feel that we belong, and strive for meaning and purpose. We’re so passionate about intentional, intergenerational living, Bridge Meadows is expanding regionally and nationally.

Our Values:

- **Flourishing**—Everyone deserves the opportunity to move beyond a state of survival to a state of flourishing. Individuals and communities flourish when surrounded by supportive relationships and opportunities to create meaning and purpose.
- **Intentionality**—Every facet of our organization is designed with our social purpose and the community in mind. This includes what we do, how we act, and how we build our communities and spaces.
- **Connection**—Connection enhances our ability to cope with life’s difficulties, enriching our lives and improving our well-being and sense of belonging.

Equity Commitment:

Bridge Meadows is committed to creating a diverse and inclusive environment and is proud to be an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, genetics, disability, age, or veteran status.
**About this Role:**

Bridge Meadows is seeking an experienced, master’s level social worker (or related field with equivalent experience) who’s passionate about working with individuals across the life span. The ideal candidate will hold the role of Community Support Specialist (CSS) for our Beaverton site. The foundation of our intergenerational model relies on transformation through relationships. The CSS is integral as the community facilitator and integrator, with the purpose of supporting the community in flourishing. The successful candidate must have clinical experience in addressing family trauma, mental health needs of individuals across the life span and have familiarity with issues of aging and of foster and adoptive families. The candidate must also have experience in group work, whether through implementation of therapeutic groups, family work, and/or community building.

The multi-faceted role provides counseling to elders and families focusing on building relationships with one another and addressing barriers to those relationships; assists community members in accessing resources; collaborates with community partners in enhancing community life. We’re looking for candidates who think and work from a sound clinical foundation and desire the opportunity to create and collaborate in designing programming.

**Key Responsibilities include:**

- Utilize clinical skills to facilitate and support the strengthening of community members with psychosocial/educational activities that include:
  - Individual support of children, parents, and elders
  - Facilitation of support groups, community meetings, health and well-being activities, educational workshops and social/recreation experiences
  - Assist with accessing resources in support of community members
- Utilize Bridge Meadows data management system to track residents’ progress, community participation and gaps in program services. Provide written and verbal updates to staff and residents on progress and challenges
- Discern when to guide, advise, train and/or facilitate residents in problem solving
- Collaborate with and supervise student interns
- Collaborate with site’s property management in supporting community members
- Establish and maintain relationships with community partners

**We’re excited about you joining the Bridge Meadows team because...**

- You have 5-7 years of social work experience (or related field with equivalent experience) with a strong background working with older adults
- You have 5 or more years of providing individual, family and group counseling with adults and youth
- You’re excited to utilize your MSW degree and strong clinical skills in a creative and dynamic environment.
- You’re energetic and enthusiastic and able to formulate and implement creative strategies for community engagement and community building
- You know how to self-initiate, work independently and enjoy that every day is different
You’re comfortable working in a community that is vibrant and also challenging
You can work with large groups as well as individuals
You have excellent written and oral communication skills
You have a strong sense of personal/professional ethics and boundaries and can apply them in a community setting
You embrace learning about issues that impact people across the life span
You are excited to collaborate across the organization and with your team members
You exemplify traits that reflect the agency’s values

Additional information

This position is a 40 hour/week, full time, salaried position. The successful candidate will receive a competitive salary based on experience and an excellent benefits package including holiday, vacation, health/dental and retirement coverage. Attached is a detailed job description.

To apply, email your resume and a cover letter, addressing attributes listed as well as salary requirements to Renee Moseley, LCSW, Associate Director at rmoseley@bridgemeadows.org. Please state Community Support Specialist Beaverton in the subject line. Due to scheduling and time constraints, we can only follow up with candidates that meet the needs of the position. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.