ACT Team Nurse

**What is the ACT Program?**

Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) is an intensive, inclusive, community-based service for individuals who are seriously and persistently mentally ill and/or may be dealing with a co-occurring substance use disorder that causes the recipient to be at a high risk of admission to an inpatient or punitive level facility. ACT utilizes intensive care coordination and collaborative treatment approaches to decrease recidivism to jails and hospitals while assisting consumers with thriving within the community and living life well.

**ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:**

* Completes admission procedures for consumers and updates in accordance to CAW’s Policies and Procedures. This process includes at a minimum: medical checklist, AIMS, vital signs, Medication List, and MARS if applicable
* Completes Nursing Assessment as indicated by CAW’s Policies and Procedures
* Responds to consumers’ requests for medication refills and reviews charts for treatment compliance.
* Administers medication to consumers and sends orders for medications to the pharmacy
* Provides individual, family and group education regarding consumer’s psychiatric illness
* Provides medication education, for the consumer and family, including uses and potential side effects.
* Monitors consumers for potential side effects of medications and reports findings to the physician and CRNP
* Communicates effectively with the physician regarding the consumer’s physical and mental condition
* Follows up on missed injections and documents in consumers record appropriately
* Documents on, updates, and reconciles the MAR as needed
* Interacts with consumer and evaluates needs to ensure that proper information is reported during staffing with the treatment team
* When necessary, provides nursing coverage to other Adult Outpatient programs within CAW’s footprint
* Interfaces with the multi-disciplinary team and actively and cooperatively participates in development of the interdisciplinary treatment plan
* Demonstrates the ability to recognize the elements of a crisis state and knows how to deescalate or resolve the situation
* Adheres to professional code of ethics
* Maintains current State license and requirements for renewals (i.e. CEU’s), and attends to required in-services and workshops
* All other duties assigned by immediate supervisor and/or Executive Leadership staff.

Minimum Qualifications

The appropriate candidate for this role should have at least an associate’s of nursing degree from an accredited institution and have successfully passed the NCLEX to obtain their RN licensure. The candidate must have one year (post-RN) of psychiatric experience. A valid Alabama Driver’s License and maintenance of a good driving record are also required.