

## POSITION: CHAT SPECIALIST

DATE: December 2015  
PROGRAM: Behavioral Health/Crisis Chat  
REPORTS TO: Crisis Chat Program Manager  
SALARY: DOE – Hourly  
LOCATION: Everett

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### POSITION DESCRIPTION:

- Primary responsibility will be to answer online crisis chats that originate from the Lifeline chat portal and carecrisis.org
- The Chat Specialist will provide non-judgmental, emotional support by utilizing a crisis intervention model (RIDES) as well as suicide prevention techniques as appropriate during an online exchange with a Chat Visitor who is in a self-defined crisis
- Provide support to volunteer Chat Specialists and perform active rescue procedures as needed

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- AA Degree in Human Services, Behavioral Science or a related field. Bachelors Degree preferred
- One (1) years experience in a mental health position
- Washington state credentialing required
- Crisis intervention experience strongly preferred
- Training in suicide prevention and intervention strongly preferred
- Excellent computer skills including the ability to type quickly with few errors and be comfortable utilizing technology to provide online support
- Strong writing skills with proven ability to communicate effectively through written communications and instant messaging
- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision
- Ability to work cooperatively as a clinical team member
- Demonstrated respect for diversity
- Flexible with respect to scheduling. Weekends, holidays, evenings shifts are required

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**Crisis Line/Triage Clinician**