



**JOB TITLE:** Peer Advocate PROS and HCBS Programs – Bilingual Required (Spanish)

**LOCATION:** 254 Franklin Street and Home and Community Based Services

**REPORTS TO:** Program Directors

**FLSA Status:** Non-Exempt

**SUMMARY OF DUTIES:**

The Peer Advocate assists participants in learning community integration, provides community based empowerment services in clients' homes and other community settings and encourages participation in social, educational, vocational, psychiatric, and rehabilitative activities. The Peer Advocate must be a current or former recipient of mental health services and be willing to use personal lived experience as a consumer of mental health treatment in working with clients.

**TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:**

- Assists participants in learning community integration
- Provides community based peer empowerment services in clients' home or other community settings
- Supports coping skills and utilization of natural resources to achieve long term recovery
- Skills training in activities of daily living like cleaning, hygiene, laundry, etc

**KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & ABILITIES:**

- Ability to identify potential crisis situations and convey this information to a supervisor in a timely and appropriate manner.
- Demonstrates creativity in service delivery and planning.
- Must be a current or former recipient of mental health services.
- The Peer Advocate has familiarity with mental health treatment and recovery programs, including social clubs, and peer support activities.
- Must possess the ability to establish supportive trusting relationships with persons with severe and persistent mental illness, and maintain respect for client rights and personal preferences in treatment.
- Good communication skills, both written and verbal. Record keeping responsibilities.
- Ability to tolerate stressful and/or ambiguous work situations.
- Work location will be in the office; and in the community and clients home environment
- Ability to maintain Lake Shore HIPAA confidentiality guidelines

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

High school diploma or GED equivalency or two years full time paid experience in a human service agency. Valid NYS driver's license required. Full or Provisional NYS Peer certification

**To apply, please use the following link:**

Peer Advocate: <https://home.eease.adp.com/recruit/?id=13245581>

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