



JOB TITLE: Peer Advocate - start date 7/1/2017

JOB GROUP: VI

LOCATION: Various – Buffalo, Hamburg, North Collins

REPORTS TO: Program Director

FLSA STATUS: Non-Exempt

SUMMARY: The Peer Advocate operates within a team of professionals who deliver services to the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic consumers. The Peer Advocate delivers peer support services with a rehabilitation and recovery focus, with a primary goal of connecting individuals to community based recovery supports consistent with the treatment/recovery plan. People with personal experience as a recipient of mental health and/or substance use treatment or of personal recovery are encouraged to apply. Honesty, respect for diversity, high personal standards, professional language and behaviors reflecting such values are required.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist individual's mental health and/or substance use disorder treatment to participate in diverse, person-centered, self-directed services and activities that promote empowerment and robust recovery.
- Provide direct contact, outreach, mentoring, systems navigation, community oversight and crisis support as needed to individuals with mental health and/or substance use disorders diagnoses.
- Assist individuals with finding educational opportunities, employment, social activities and home health integration of services.
- Work toward participant's recovery goals, individually and in groups in various locations/environments.
- Must be cognizant of all relevant employment, educational, housing, entitlement and social supports in the community and proactively facilitate connection to these services with participants as needed.
- Will be available to transport consumers to appointments and/or community resources when needed

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

- Associate's Degree in Human Services plus two years of advocacy experience in a human service agency or health care facility OR
- HS diploma or equivalency and four years exp in a human service agency or health care facility.
- Must be a "peer" and have a working knowledge of the mental health system and recovery process. Must have personal "lived" experience as a former or current user of substance use treatment services or have personal substance use recovery experience and be comfortable with self-disclosure as needed.
- OMH Certified Peer Specialist or OASAS Certified Peer Advocate or provisional certification required.
- Clean NYS Driver's license is required
- Bilingual English/Spanish, Arabic, or other language strongly preferred.

To apply, please use one of the following links:

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

If link does not connect, please copy and paste address in your web browser

For more information please visit www.lake-shore.org