



JOB POSTING

Part-Time Peer Bridger - 24 hours per week

Summary: Peer Bridgers perform a variety of functions in their unique relationships including skills teaching, social and emotional support, recreation, companionship, advocacy, and mutual support through one-on-one peer support and group based mutual support meetings. The Peer Bridger offers assistance in discharge planning, transition assistance and linkages to services and natural supports in the community.

Location: Westchester, N.Y.

The Peer Bridger will be working with individuals hospitalized at St. Vincent's Hospital in Harrison, N.Y., the R.I.S.E. Center in Mt. Vernon, N.Y. and in the surrounding communities.

Responsibilities:

1. Hospital based engagement and discharge support including:

- Develop a trusting relationship with the person in the facility
- Facilitate weekly peer support meetings at the hospital
- Advocate with the person to help them get what they need from the treatment experience

2. Crisis Intervention, Wellness Planning & Recovery Support

- Teaching coping and community adjustment skills
- Helping to complete an action plan for prevention and recovery
- Offering community based, peer support meetings

3. Community Adjustment and Connection

- Providing one on one support by phone and in person to assist stepping further into his or her community
- Supporting the establishment of a wider circle of friendships and positive risk-taking.
- Complementing closely (not replicating) the work of care coordinators and other traditional treatment providers
- Assistance in finding resources and natural community supports

Qualifications:

- High School Diploma or equivalency
- Certification as a Peer Specialist in NYS or ability to become certified within 6 months of hire
- **Lived Experience** navigating the mental health system and related systems of care
- Basic knowledge of community support services/resources
- Work or volunteer experience providing peer support, advocacy or human services (preferred)
- Professional demeanor - Ability to work with both recipients and providers of services
- Ability to document services utilizing an Electronic Health Record

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To express interest in this position, please email, fax or send resume and cover letter to:

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Resumes must be received by fax, email or mail by April 16, 2017

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Applicants for employment must be able to pass a criminal background check with the NYS Justice Center to determine eligibility for working with persons receiving services funded by OMH and meet hiring requirements of St. Vincent's Hospital.

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