

Now Hiring: Peer Corps Member

Program/Initiative:	New York City Peer Service Corps
City Host Agency:	New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)
Location:	Assignment to one of nine Family Resource Centers (FRCs) within the five boroughs
Start Date:	August 28, 2017
End Date:	July 20, 2018
Stipend:	\$14,300 Living Allowance for 10 months of service (1700 hours)
Educational Award:	\$5,815 Segal AmeriCorps Education Award upon completion of the program
Background	<p>Due to stigma around the use of medication for addiction and lack of understanding of the science of opioid addiction by both clinicians and families, young people are less likely to offered medication-assisted treatment in comparison to adult substance users.</p> <p>The nine Family Resource Centers (FRCs) in NYC providing primarily peer-run outreach, education, and peer-to-peer coaching to families where a young person aged 0-24 is experiencing social, emotional, and/or behavioral health challenges in their home, school, community and/or placement. Peer Corps members serving at FRCs will provide a wide range of critical recovery supports including educating families about medication assisted treatment, the gold standard for opioid use disorder treatment.</p>
Scope of Service:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide outreach, education, training and referrals for families with children (ages 0 – 24) who have experience with/or at high risk of opioid and/or other substance use.• The Peer Corps Member will use their experiential knowledge to support families with children struggling with opioid addiction and provide them with a range of family support services according to the family and child’s needs, strengths and challenges;• Monitor progress of goals set forth by the families;• Collaborate with other care providers and community supports to help families meet their needs;
Organizational Relationship:	Peer Corps Members report to on-site FRC supervisor / Peer Corps Support Specialist (DOHMH)



- Responsibilities:
- Peer Corps Members will:
 - Collaborate with families to assess their needs and link them to appropriate resources in their community
 - Provide education about Naloxone and make sure that families can access rescue kits.
 - Partner with other staff members of the Family Resource Center to provide supportive services that meet the needs of children, youth, and families.
 - Conduct outreach and presentations to schools, early intervention programs, clinics, and other community based providers.
 - Facilitate/co-facilitate parenting education and support groups around opioid and substance use.
 - Organize and support social and recreational activities for families.
 - Work with socially, economically, culturally, and ethnically diverse groups in a mutually respectful manner using a strength-based and flexible approach.
 - Complete all paperwork in a timely manner.
 - Conduct home, office, and visits to meet the family where they are.

- Requirements:
- Lived experience with a young person in their family who struggled with substance use
 - High school or GED
 - Strong desire to use their living experience to help others
 - Ability to value multiple pathways to recovery
 - Solid organizational and follow-up skills
 - Computer Literacy (specifically Microsoft Word, Excel)
 - Excellent telephone and interpersonal skills and excellent writing skills
 - Ability to manage and work with a variety of different people
 - Bilingual Spanish/English preferred

- Peer Corps Benefits:
- Basic medical plan will be available at no cost to City Service Corps members
 - Student loan forbearance or deferment on eligible loans while in service, if eligible
 - Monthly professional development activities, led by CUNY
 - Unlimited monthly MetroCard
 - Experience working in City government and with NYC nonprofit organizations
 - Professional networking opportunities with City and civic leaders
 - Valuable resume-building experience

How to apply:

Interested candidates should forward resumes to abenjamin1@health.nyc.gov with “Peer Corps” in the subject line. Cover letters are preferred but not required. Selected candidates will initially be contacted via phone.