

# **NYAPRS is now hiring!**

## **Become a part of team NYAPRS!**

**Title:** Community Peer Bridger  
**Reports to:** Director of Peer Services  
**Status:** Full-Time, Non-Exempt

**Position Summary: Peer bridgers provide personalized support based on their own experience of recovery from mental health and addiction related challenges that assists individuals with extensive needs to make successful transitions from hospitals to the community.**

Under the supervision of the Director of Peer Services, this position engages referred individuals from a NYC hospital and builds on trust-based relationships to foster hope, personal empowerment and the skills and supports that can lead to successful integration back into the community.

### **Essential Functions:**

- Engages and assists referred individuals with extensive health and social needs to transition to and succeed in communities of choice.
- Models personal wellness;
- Follows up on referrals and helps support the development of personalized goals and actions, including the development of recovery self-management and community living skills
- Collaborates with hospital and community based to support the aforementioned goals
- Facilitates weekly peer support group meetings in the hospital and/or community;
- Prepares and maintains detailed written record of activities to meet documentation and reporting requirements
- Reports to and meets with NYAPRS supervisor on a regular basis;
- Performs other duties as required and assigned.

### **Qualifications:**

- High School Diploma or equivalent
- Demonstrated experience with and knowledge of the NY State mental health and substance use system.
- Demonstrated knowledge of advocacy, self-help and empowerment programs for recipients of mental health and substance use services.
- Ability to convey a message of hope and recovery for people with psychiatric disabilities.
- Ability to complete basic documentation requirements regarding work activities.
- Solid written and oral skills.
- Flexible schedule occasionally including evenings and weekends.
- Must be independent and reliable; having own vehicle and clean driving record, preferred.
- Must have internet/email access and knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite.
- Lived experience with the mental health system.

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