

## **Director for Policy and Public Engagement**

The **Director for Policy and Public Engagement** provides state and national leadership in the development and implementation of public policy advocacy, engagement and education strategies that advance the recovery, rehabilitation, rights and community inclusion of people with psychiatric disabilities and/or diagnoses. This position also provides support to NYAPRS Board, agency and individual members, will directly lobby federal, state and local officials and staff, testify at public hearings, provide representation at state and national work groups and meetings, manage public and media communications and support a variety of grassroots and anti-stigma campaigns.

**Requirements:** Significant experience and success working with policymakers in public affairs and/or government relations; a demonstrated understanding of state and federal policy issues and trends affecting behavioral health, health and human services; Bachelor's or Master's degree in public policy or related field preferred; strong multi-tasking, organizational, strategic thinking and relationship-building skills; demonstrated experience working with media and colleague groups; excellent written and verbal presentation, public speaking and facilitation skills; proficiency in Microsoft Office suite with ability to write and articulate public policy positions; and a valid driver's license and ability to travel.

We offer a highly competitive benefit package including health benefits, retirement plan, paid time off and paid holidays. Please submit cover letter, salary requirements and resume by August 18, 2017 to [hr1@nyaprs.org](mailto:hr1@nyaprs.org) or by regular mail to NYAPRS, 194 Washington Avenue, #400, Albany, NY 12210 ATTN: HR Manager. [www.nyaprs.org](http://www.nyaprs.org)

NYAPRS is an equal opportunity employer. Lived experience with mental health services and systems strongly preferred for all positions.