

## **JOB POSTING - DIRECTOR OF PEER-INFORMED PRACTICE**

Community Access, Inc. (CA), founded in 1974, is a progressive not-for-profit organization that expands opportunities for people living with mental health concerns to recover from trauma and discrimination through affordable housing, training, advocacy and healing-focused services. We are built upon the simple truth that people are experts in their own lives. Our programs are spread across 20 locations and include over 1000 units of supportive housing in three boroughs, the Howie The Harp Advocacy Center, ThriveAtWork, Blueprint Supported Education, East Village Access—a PROS program, and a peer-driven Crisis Respite Center.

We are currently seeking qualified candidates for the position of **DIRECTOR OF PEER-INFORMED PRACTICE** to work in at our 2 Washington St. Location

**This is a full-time position; annual salary is high 80's to low 90's, plus an excellent benefits package. The schedule will be Monday through Friday from 9AM to 5PM.**

### **Position Overview:**

The Director of Peer Informed Practice leads peer-run program initiatives across the agency, including overseeing the management of Howie the Harp Advocacy Center, Blueprint Supported Education, Self-Direction and the Advocacy Department. Some essential job functions of this role will be to: Oversee the operation of peer-run and recovery-oriented programs, including the Howie the Harp Peer Advocacy Center, Blueprint Supported Education and Self-Direction; Collaborate with other agency departments and programs to contribute to endeavors focused on workforce integration, career development opportunities for participants; Collaborate with key peer and other stakeholders and groups, including government and trade organizations, to forward program interests and priorities; Work with Senior Management, specifically the Deputy CEO(s), to ensure the development and execution of fiscally responsible budgets; Work with program directors to ensure contracting and funding requirements are met; Liaise with government and other funders and contractors in negotiating budgets, contracts, and allocations and enhancements to funding; Assist to identify and write grants to expand and enhance peer and related initiatives; Assist with the design of technical assistance services in collaboration with other

Departments; Provide regular support of the activities of the Advocacy Coordinator, in consultation with the CEO, senior staff and relevant Community Access departments; Support Community Access statewide advocacy, particularly in relation to sustainable service rates, CIT and related jail diversion initiatives, and development of recovery-oriented services.

**Qualifications:**

Qualified candidates must have an understanding, appreciation, and commitment to the philosophy and mission of Community Access; A commitment to the mission and values of CA; Managerial and supervisory experience, minimum of 3 years; Experience developing new mental health or related initiatives, minimum of 3 years; Experience managing projects, including work plans and budgeting, minimum of 3 years; Personal lived experience with the mental health system preferred; Excellent written and oral communications skills including relations with public and media; Demonstrated ability to work with diverse interest groups; Must be fingerprinted and cleared by the New York State Justice Center; Be creative and flexible; Proficient with Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint and Internet research; Ability to maintain confidential information as related to position.

**Bilingual Spanish-speaking candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.**

Interested candidates should apply on  
[www.communityaccess.org/jobs](http://www.communityaccess.org/jobs)

Community Access is an Equal Opportunity Employer. M/F/D/V. Women, People of Color and Members of the LGBT community are strongly encouraged to apply.

CA is committed to the hiring of at least 51% consumer staff, in all of its departments and programs, and at all levels of management.