

## **UNITY HOUSE PEER POSITIONS**

### **Peer Specialist HCBS Program**

Put your people skills into action and join Unity House as a Peer Specialist in our HCBS program. Our program offers a variety of Behavioral Health Home and Community Based services within the community. The Peer Support Specialist will be responsible for providing Peer Support Services that are rehabilitation and recovery focused, these supportive services include addressing needs in the following categories; Advocacy, Outreach and Engagement, Self-help tools, Recovery Supports, Transitional Supports, and Pre-Crisis and Crisis Supports. This position will also be responsible for creating person centered service plans and capturing information in an electronic health record. Travel within Rensselaer, Saratoga, Albany, and Schenectady Counties is required. The Peer Support Specialist will also meeting with participants in their home, and in community settings.

Please make sure: You have a High School Diploma or GED equivalent with similar experience. Must be an OMH Certified Peer Specialist, or an OASAS Certified Peer Advocate, and at least three years of experience working with individuals who have a Serious Mental Illness, and or Substance Use Disorder. Must also have reliable transportation and a New York State driver license with an acceptable driving record as determined by our company's liability insurance policy. Excellent time management skills, as well as the ability to work independently in the field are also required.

It helps if: You have excellent communication skills both written and oral, and be able to represent the agency in a professional manner.

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### **Peer Specialist -- PROS**

A commitment to recovery, choice, empowerment and the ability of people with serious mental illness and/or co-occurring disorders to find meaningful lives in the community. Ability to form trusting relationships with peers and excellent interpersonal skills. Ability to provide educational programs in accordance with participant's treatment plans. Basic computer skills. Documents clinical activities and performs peer support contributing to client care monitoring. Prepares and conducts educational sessions. Prepares and conducts educational sessions. Prepares and maintains appropriate record keeping. Performs case management working within the clinical team. Utilizes their personal recovery experience to instill a sense of hope, optimism and a sense of personal investment for persons in the recovery process. Must have reliable transportation, current NYS driver's license and acceptable driving

record as determined by our company's liability insurance policy. Must have a "NYCPS certification."  
Previous PROS experience is advantageous.

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### **Peer Specialist - HIV/AIDS**

Provide support services to program participant including but not limited to: individual supportive counseling, assistance with health literacy, escorting clients to medical and/or provider appointments, linking with supports in the community. Services will be provided as a part of a housing retention team. Previous life experience with homelessness, mental health and/or substance abuse issues strongly preferred. Basic computer skills preferred. Must have reliable transportation, current NYS driver's license and acceptable driving record as determined by our company's liability insurance policy.

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