



JOB DESCRIPTION

Title: **PEER BRIDGER**

Program: OMH Adult Home Project

Position Summary: This project is designed to provide peer support services to people transitioning from adult homes into the community through individual and group peer support meetings.

The mission of Baltic Street AEH, Inc. is to help improve the quality of life for people vulnerable to mental illness by providing a broad continuum of trauma-informed care with a focus on wellness and resiliency. We believe that all the people we serve can lead meaningful lives and successfully manage their mental health. Every individual we serve receives support to help them address their whole health needs, develop coping strategies and connect with critical resources such as housing, education and employment.

Hours of Work: Full time – 40 hours per week, non-exempt

Salary ; 36,000 to 40,000 depending on experience.

Source of Supervision: Project Manager

Major Responsibilities/Activities:

- Offer positive, supportive peer relationships that foster trust and hope for positive change, choice, wellness, recovery and personal empowerment
- Present a positive example of a person with lived experience who has been successful at managing their own recovery by actively investing in/maintaining their personal wellness
- Provides one-on-one and/or group support and continued short-term-support services following relocation
- Teach community adjustment and wellness self-management skills
- Assist with developing a Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP)
- Help identify and/or re-engage with family, friends and other natural supports
- Provide education and resources that support wellness self-management, self-determination, and self-advocacy
- Continue with individuals after transition to identify and engage with a range of community-based services and supports
- Complete detailed written record of activities in a timely and accurate manner
- Report to and meet with BSAEH supervisor on a regularly scheduled basis
- Attend trainings and meeting as required and assigned by supervisor, funder and BSAEH
- Perform other duties as required and assigned

Requirements:

- Demonstrate experience with and knowledge of the New York State mental health and substance abuse systems
- Demonstrate knowledge of advocacy, self-help and empowerment programs for recipients of mental health and substance abuse services
- Have the ability to be a role model and convey a message of hope and wellness for people diagnosed with mental illness
- Have the ability to complete basic documentation requirements regarding work activities
- Have at least one year experience working as a peer
- Are New York State Certified Peer Specialists - or must be certified within 6 months of hiring

Required personal skills:

- Must pass a criminal history background check
- Must have a GED or academic High School diploma; college degree in related field preferred
- Must have lived experience with the public mental health system
- Must have basic computer skills – knowledge of Foothold Technology's AWARDS system a plus

BSAEH offers a competitive salary and a benefits package which includes health coverage, paid time off and paid vacations.

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume and wage requirements to:

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