



JOB DESCRIPTION

Title: **PEER BRIDGER**

Program: MMC Bridger Project

Position Summary: The Peer Bridger provides peer support services to people transitioning from psychiatric facilities into the community.

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 – 8 hours per day, 40 hours per week, non-exempt

Shifts: 9AM- 5PM and 12 Noon-8PM

Salary: \$38,000-\$40,000

Source of Supervision: Project Manager

Major Responsibilities/Activities:

Peer Bridgers:

- Develops supportive peer relationships that foster personal empowerment, positive change, choice, wellness and recovery.
- Models Wellness-Self Management as a person with lived experience.
- Provides one-on-one and/or group support during hospitalization and continued short-term-support services following discharge.
- Teach community adjustment, assist with developing a Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) and provide other education and resources that support wellness self-management, self-determination, and self-advocacy.
- Continue with individuals after discharge to identify and engage with a range of natural and community-based services and supports.
- Accurately record work related activities in a timely manner while maintaining BSAEH privacy policy (HIPAA).
- 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:

Peer Bridgers:

- 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.
- 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.
- Can be a role model and convey a message of hope and wellness for people diagnosed with mental illness.

Required personal skills:

Peer Bridgers:

- 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 and resume to:

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