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Advocacy Specialist 2

The Office of Mental Health (OMH) is recruiting to fill one Advocacy Specialist 2 position in the Office of Consumer Affairs (OCA) to work as a Regional Advocacy Specialist out of OMH's Western New York Field Office. OCA works to ensure the inclusion of recipient perspectives into OMH policy making, planning, program development, and evaluation. Specifically, the incumbent will work to promote awareness of recovery, self-help, and empowerment, and the inclusion of people who are current and former users of mental health services into all areas of the mental health system. The incumbent functions at a Statewide level, interacting and collaborating with the Field Office staff, Central Office staff, and local mental health providers to deliver technical assistance, oversight, and training to State and local mental health programs Statewide.

Specific duties include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Provide feedback and recommendations to supervisor concerning the development of new consumer and family initiatives, policy implementation, and the expansion of agency initiatives as they relate to consumer and family services
- Promote the inclusion of people who are current and former users of mental health services in planning, policy implementation, program development, evaluation, monitoring, and related activities.
 - Participate in OMH workgroups (composed of consumers, providers, family members, county government staff, and the general public) and in Statewide and regional initiatives to ensure that consumer and family interests are represented
 - Work with psychiatric centers, central office and field office staff to continue to incorporate the consumer and family perspective into Agency services.
- Provide a regional perspective, as well as provide technical assistance, in support of the provision of consultation and assistance to State facility staff, local government, and provider agency staff on methods for promoting consumer involvement in planning, implementing, and evaluating mental health services.
- Promote the development and implementation of consumer support programs, initiatives, and training within the public mental health system by developing and/or

facilitating a training curriculum to staff and stakeholders at State facilities and community based programs. Evaluate training effectiveness and make suggestions for improvements.

- Convene regional focus groups, town meetings, work groups, and dialogues to gather feedback and direction from people who use services, and their families, on mental health related issues.
- Provide leadership, guidance, and technical assistance to OMH staff, OMH contract vendors, and key community stakeholders in implementing consumer support projects and initiatives. Develop and implement project proposals; develop outreach and engagement strategies to foster community buy-in; review and modify goals, timelines, strategic plans or deliverables.
- Provide expert advice, assistance, and training to ensure mental health services are trauma informed, recovery oriented, and culturally relevant.
- Promote awareness of recovery, self-help, and empowerment by disseminating evidence based and best practices information to consumers, providers, family members, county government and the general public.

Minimum Qualifications:

This is a full-time non-competitive position. The minimum qualifications for appointment to an Advocacy Specialist 2 position are: A Bachelor's degree and two years' experience as a professional advocate or service provider in the field of rehabilitation, developmental disabilities, or mental health; OR A Master's degree in a human services field AND one year of experience as a professional advocate or service provider in the field of rehabilitation, developmental disabilities, or mental health; OR Five years of experience as a professional advocate or service provider in the field of rehabilitation, developmental disabilities, or mental health; OR One year of experience as an Advocacy Specialist 1, Grade 14.

Application Procedure:

Qualified candidates must submit a resume via email to OMHHRM@OMH.NY.GOV. Resumes may also be submitted via fax at (518) 486-3897 or to Sarah Mahar, NYS Office of Mental Health, Bureau of Central Office Personnel Services, 44 Holland Avenue, Albany, New York 12229. Please include your email address on your resume. Please reference Vacancy ID #63627.

Notes: Candidates are advised that, should they accept a job with OMH, they will be required to be fingerprinted and pay a fingerprint fee. NYS Office of Mental Health is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

For complete vacancy details, please see the following link:
<https://statejobs.ny.gov/public/vacancyDetailsView.cfm?id=63627>