

HANDS ACROSS LONG ISLAND, INC. (HALI)

Job title: Senior Advocacy Specialist (Exempt/Salaried)

To apply, send resume and cover letter to halih@compasswfs.com

The Senior Advocacy Specialist is a member of the Advocacy team, which focuses on empowering the individuals served by HALI through individual advocacy activities and systems-based advocacy. Services are delivered via one to one meetings, group workshops, and a peer-operated warmline. HALI provides an alternative approach for people who have experienced significant mental health or co-occurring life challenges. This position will report to the Director of Empowerment Services.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Promote overall agency vision of recovery, peer support, empowerment, and social justice.
- Utilize frameworks such as Trauma Informed Peer Support, Wellness Recovery Action Plan, Eight Dimensions of Wellness, Recovery Coaching, Motivational Interviewing, and Active Listening
- Assist HALI members with system tools and entitlements such as Advanced Directives, Ticket to Work, SPOA, SPA, and disability benefits
- Assist in development of operational processes and trainings for Advocacy services.
- Support individuals in understanding and navigating systems including, but not limited to, Healthcare, Social Security, food security programs, housing options, and transportation.
- Organize and implement efforts to address issues around discrimination and community awareness.
- Project positive image of HALI via inter-agency relationships and occasional public speaking.

QUALIFICATIONS & COMPETENCIES

Required:

- Demonstrated understanding of relevant service tools and frameworks as described above.
- Excellent communication and engagement skills.
- Familiarity with behavioral health and social service system resources.
- Ability to articulate peer roles and values, and downside of pathologizing the results of trauma.
- Understanding of peer, self-help, and rights-based movements.

Preferred:

- Have or be working toward NYS Certified Peer Specialist (CPS) or CPS-P; OR Certified Recovery Peer Advocate (CRPA) or CRPA-P.
- At least 3 years' experience in direct community support, outreach, or engagement.
- Self-identification as current or former user of mental health or co-occurring services, ability to relate to others now using those services, and ability to describe a healing process through personal experience.
- Bachelor's degree in field related to social services

EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS: Valid NYS driver's license, Background check

JOB TYPE: Full time, 35 hours/week, Mon-Fri.

BENEFITS include: Medical, Dental/Vision, Retirement plan