



HANDS ACROSS LONG ISLAND, INC. (HALI)

Job title: Senior Outreach Specialist (Exempt/Salaried)

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

The Senior Outreach Specialist is a member of HALI's Outreach Team, which focuses on supporting and engaging individuals in the community, particularly those without stable housing. Outreach is mostly conducted alongside the HALI Mobile Shower Unit, which enables homeless individuals to access a warm shower, free clean clothing, and food, and connection to services and resources as needed. HALI provides an alternative approach for people who have experienced significant mental health or co-occurring life challenges. This position reports to the Director of Empowerment Services.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Promote overall agency vision of recovery, peer support, empowerment, and social justice.
- Use recovery-oriented tools and frameworks such as Trauma Informed Peer Support, Wellness Recovery Action Plan, Eight Dimensions of Wellness, Recovery Coaching, Motivational Interviewing, and Active Listening in support of HALI service recipients.
- Work with Mobile Shower Unit team to ensure basic needs of community members are met.
- Manage food pantry, clothing closet, and "soup kitchen" events at HALI building.
- Actively build relationships with people facing homelessness, and support individuals in addressing barriers to wellness, including but not limited to substance use, chronic physical illnesses, poverty, and lack of supports.
- Connect individuals to appropriate resources and supports.
- 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 NYS 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, Monday-Friday

BENEFITS include: Medical, Dental/Vision and Retirement plan