



JOB POSTING

JOB TITLE: Peer Support Specialist 04.2024
STATUS: Full-Time and Part-Time; Non-exempt
PAY RATE: \$20-22/hour, DOE

Veterans Outreach Center is pleased to begin hiring for our soon-to-be open Steve Preston Peer Connection Center. We are seeking afternoon, evening, and weekend NYS-certified Peer Support Specialists.

PRIMARY FUNCTIONS:

- Assists clients in developing empowerment skills through self-advocacy.
- Provides role modeling to clients regarding their behavior and interactions with others.
- Models effective coping techniques and self-help strategies.
- Provides individual support to clients and facilitates conflict resolution if needed.
- Facilitates various trainings, workshops, groups and activities for clients and families.
- Effectively engages and communicates with other program staff to integrate client services.
- Provides advocacy according to the clients' needs.
- Coordinates activities and maintains appropriate schedules for location.
- Collaborates with community agencies to identify resources.
- Provides information about community support.
- Communicates concerns regarding client statements or behaviors to appropriate program staff.
- Attends formal and informal training seminars relating to the position.
- Participates in community activities as representative of Peer Support Services as needed.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Military experience or knowledge preferred.
- Must be a certified NYS Peer Specialist or able to obtain certification within the first 3 months of employment.
- HS diploma or higher level of education achieved along with one year of experience in peer support.
- Able to work evenings until 11pm and weekend hours as well.
- Effective interpersonal communication skills; a willingness to be helpful, flexible, patient, and creative; and the ability to remain calm during crisis situations are required.
- A nonjudgmental approach that reflects cultural competency and sensitivity to the unique needs and diverse experiences of the individuals served.
- Must have organizational skills, be accountable, accurately collect and record data, write reports and maintain accurate and up-to-date client files.
- Valid NY State driver's license.
- Strong ethical character with ability to abide by VOC values of Respect, Integrity, Service and Excellence.

***Veterans Outreach Center, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer.
Veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces are encouraged to apply.***