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Date Posted: 06/17/21

Applications Due: 07/02/21

Vacancy ID: 87806

Position Information

Agency	Mental Health, Office of
Title	Advocacy Specialist 2 , Central Office;
Occupational Category	Health Care, Human/Social Services
Salary Grade	18
Bargaining Unit	PS&T - Professional, Scientific, and Technical (PEF)
Salary Range	From \$56604 to \$71980 Annually
Employment Type	Full-Time
Appointment Type	Permanent
Jurisdictional Class	Non-competitive Class
Travel Percentage	30%

Schedule

Workweek	Mon-Fri
Hours Per Week	37.5

Workday

From	8 AM
To	5 PM
Flextime allowed?	No

Mandatory overtime?	No
Compressed workweek allowed?	Yes
Telecommuting allowed?	Yes

Location

County	Erie
Street Address	Western New York Field Office 737 Delaware Avenue, Suite 200
City	Buffalo
State	NY
Zip Code	14209

Job Specifics

Minimum Qualifications	<p>Qualified candidates must possess:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>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.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Five years of experience as a professional advocate or service provider in the field of rehabilitation, developmental disabilities, or mental health.</p>
Duties Description	<p>The New York State 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 assigned to the 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 serves at a Statewide level and functions as a Regional Advocate, 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.</p> <p>Specific duties include, but are not limited to, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide feedback and recommendations 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.

- Provide regional coordination and support to the Peer Workforce including working in various behavioral healthcare settings and in OMH state operations

- o 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.

- o 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.

- o 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.

- o 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.

- o Provide expert advice, assistance, and training to ensure mental health services are trauma informed, recovery oriented, and culturally inclusive.

- 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.

Additional Comments

Schedule and telecommuting will be discussed during the interview process.

Appointment to this position is contingent upon Division of Budget approval to fill.

The Mission of the New York State Office of Mental Health is to promote the mental health of all New Yorkers, with a focus on providing hope and supporting recovery for adults with serious mental illness and children with serious emotional disturbances. Applicants with lived mental health experience are encouraged to apply. The Office of Mental Health embraces diversity and promotes a workplace in which individual differences are recognized, appreciated, and respected. The New York State Office of Mental Health is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

Some positions may require additional credentials or a background check to verify your identity.

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Notes on Applying

To be considered for this position, interested candidates should email a cover letter and resume in Microsoft Word or PDF format as an attachment to omhhrm@omh.ny.gov. Please include the title of the position and Vacancy ID #87806 in the subject line of your email when applying.

You are advised that, should you accept a job offer with the Office of Mental Health, you may be required to be fingerprinted and pay a fingerprint fee.

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