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## Senior Forensic Specialist

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**HANDS ACROSS LONG ISLAND, INC. (HALI)**  
**Job title: Senior Forensic Specialist (Exempt/Salaried)**  
**To apply, send resume and cover letter to**  
**[halih@compasswfs.com](mailto:halih@compasswfs.com)**

The Senior Forensic Specialist is a member of the HALI Empowerment Services team, providing support to members of the community who are (or are at risk of being) involved with the forensic system. HALI provides an alternative peer-run approach for people who have experienced significant mental health or co-occurring life challenges. HALI's forensic department's goal is to reduce recidivism, increase access to services, and provide community inclusion and a supportive network in a recovery oriented, hope-infused, trauma-responsive way. This position will report to the Director of Empowerment Services.

### RESPONSIBILITIES

- Promote overall agency vision of recovery, peer support, empowerment, and social justice.
- Use tools/frameworks such as Trauma Informed Peer Support, Wellness Recovery Action Plan, Eight Dimensions of Wellness, Recovery Coaching, and Motivational Interviewing.
- Facilitate and document support groups at various sites in NYC, including HALI's Drop-in Center and Sing Sing Correctional Facility (Ossining, NY – travel time paid, car provided).
- Facilitate and document support groups on Long Island at various sites including Suffolk or Nassau county jails, Pilgrim State Hospital, or in conjunction with other community-based organizations.
- Facilitate safe, supportive bridging of inmates to the community.
- Help grow HALI's forensic service division through outreach to other organizations.
- Project positive image of HALI via inter-agency relationships and occasional public speaking.
- Other duties as assigned.

### QUALIFICATIONS & COMPETENCIES

Required:

- At least one year's experience supporting people who have been incarcerated.
- Demonstrated understanding of relevant service tools and frameworks as described above.
- Excellent communication, organizational, engagement skills.
- Ability to work independently and reliably.
- Ability to articulate peer roles and values, and the 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 Certified Recovery Peer Advocate (CRPA).
- 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.
- Lived experience within criminal justice and/or forensic systems.
- 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. Occasionally may include up to 10-hour shifts, offset by shorter shifts.

**BENEFITS include:** Medical, Dental/Vision and Retirement plan