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Peer Specialist, Social Well-Being Team, Fort Greene Park (part-time)

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Peer Specialist, Social Well-Being Team, Fort Greene Park (part-time)- job post

Fort Greene Park Conservancy
New York, NY 10036
Part-time

<https://www.indeed.com/jobs?q=social%20well-being&l=Brooklyn%2C%20NY&vjk=81557732c8489e69>

Job details

Job Type

Part-time

Number of hires for this role

1

Full Job Description

Working closely with Fort Greene Park Conservancy (FGPC) staff, NYC Parks staff, Fountain House staff, and the FGP Social Well-Being Team (five Peer Specialists and one Social Worker total), and employed by Fountain House, the Peer Specialist will lead engagement with park users, especially those who are in crisis or living with mental health challenges to connect them to resources and services that will help them achieve their potential as neighbors and friends of Fort Greene Park. These activities are the main component of the Fort Greene Park (FGP) Person-Centered Intervention Training (PCIT) Response Pilot, a partnership of the Fort Greene Park Conservancy, Fountain House, and NYC Parks, which supports FGPC's vision of a thriving Fort Greene Park. Responsibilities will include, but are not limited to:

- Participate in PCIT Pilot orientation and the training of FGP's Park Enforcement Patrol (PEP) by Fountain House and their training consultant
- Assist FGPC and Fountain House in collecting baseline data
- Establish a daily outreach and engagement routine based on observations and data, coordinating closely with NYC Parks staff: Fort Greene Park Director & PEP
- Lead engagement efforts, proactively, using a person-centered approach
- Connect people with resources and services, as appropriate; collaborate with the PCIT Pilot Social Practitioners on connecting people to Fountain House's Care Management Model
- Organize periodic on-site activities, such as volunteering opportunities (gardening, litter pick up), health & wellness activities (breathing, stretching) to engage park users at key locations with facilities and high levels of

activity in the park (the FGP Visitors Center area, the FGP Monument plaza, the Myrtle Ave plaza, and playground and bathroom area, the Myrtle/Washington Park entrance), collaborating with FGPC Program and Engagement Associate; join existing FGPC on-site programs as appropriate

- Plan periodic on and off-site activities with community partners, including members of the PCIT Pilot Community Advisory Committee, to meet constituents. Attend community meetings and Community Advisory Committee meetings

The Peer Specialist must have their Peer Specialist certification in the state of New York or from another credible entity, or be in the process of obtaining this certification. They should have the temperament and interpersonal skills to interact with a wide range of park users from diverse backgrounds with maturity, discretion, and empathy. The time commitment is part-time (16 hours/week), either day or evening hours with occasional flexibility for meetings. Native New Yorkers and individuals from under-resourced communities are strongly encouraged to apply.

Qualifications:

- Lived experience related to navigating similar experiences to potential clients: first hand experience of mental illness, psychological trauma, or substance use and its impacts
- Peer Specialist training from the Academy of Peer Services Certification and certification in the state of New York or from another credible entity or progress toward obtaining this certification
- Person-centered skills and knowledge of strength-based language
- One year of experience applying person-centered skills required
- One year of outreach / engagement / field experience required
- Knowledge of mental health, job, and housing resources and services in NYC and Brooklyn
- Ability to participate and thrive in a collaborative team environment
- Creativity and willingness to take initiative
- Commitment to justice and inclusion, especially with regard to race, class, and gender
- Ability to take on physical, outdoor work, including occasional heavy lifting (30+ lbs)

Job Type: Part-time

Pay: \$18.00 - \$22.00 per hour

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