



Job Opportunity: Wellness Peer Specialist

Hands Across Long Island (HALI) is a peer-run mental health agency providing advocacy and supports to people experiencing trauma, mental health, and co-occurring life challenges. We have an immediate need for an experienced Wellness Peer Specialist to work at our Recovery Center in Central Islip (western Suffolk). HALI provides a collaborative, supportive work environment for peer professionals with an emphasis on career development. This position reports directly to HALI's Coordinator of Wellness Services.

Essential responsibilities:

- Support visitors to Recovery Center with community participation and wellness goals
- Communicate the value of community participation
- Assist in delivery of HALI peer training and internship program
- Provide 1:1 peer support and facilitate self-help groups
- Collect data and document work as needed
- Help design, plan, and host social events
- Conduct outreach to community resources
- Educate and present in the community on mental health needs and experiences
- Use frameworks like Trauma-Informed Peer Support, Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP), Personalized Medicine, Eight Dimensions of Wellness, Recovery Coaching, and/or Motivational Interviewing in support of HALI community.
- Promote overall agency vision of recovery, peer support, empowerment, and social justice.

Requirements:

- At least 2 (two) years' experience working as a Peer Specialist, in any setting.
- NY Certified Peer Specialist (CPS or CPS-P) and/or credentialed Youth Peer Advocate (YPA or YPA-P). NY Certified Recovery Peer Advocate (CRPA) not required, but a plus.
- HS diploma or GED required. Bachelor's degree a plus.
- Self-identified experience with mental health, trauma, and/or co-occurring life challenges and/or experience with receiving mental health services.
- Willingness to disclose experience, and ability to strategically use experiences to relate to and support others now experiencing challenges.
- Reliability and ability to work both independently and as a team.
- Demonstrated ability to creatively design programming.
- Demonstrated understanding of relevant resources available in Suffolk County.
- Training in, and demonstrated understanding of, frameworks referenced above.
- Excellent organizational, communication, and engagement skills.
- Clean, valid driver's license.

Other:

- Background check required for all HALI employees.
- Full time: 7-hour shift, 8:30-4:00. Some flexibility available, some flexibility required.

Interested? Submit resume to halihr@compasswfs.com

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