

[WELLNESSWORKS4US] Career Opportunity: Family Peer Advocate and Peer Specialist openings at VNS Health with Sign On Bonusess

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VNS Health (formally VNSNY) has been committed to meeting the needs of New Yorkers for over 125 years. We're the largest not-for-profit home health care organization in the country, and today, nearly 14,000 employees work together to make a difference in the lives of approximately 48,000 patients on any given day. Our dedicated, compassionate staff make it possible for VNS Health to offer a full array of home- and community-based programs and services. Whether you impact direct patient care, drive change in new managed care models, or provide operational support for our organization, your contributions are vital to delivering the exceptional care that leads to positive outcomes. At VNS Health, we know that our employees are our most valuable asset, so we're always working to support our employees. If you're ready to make a difference, we want to hear from you.

Our **Children's Mobile Crisis Team** program works with children and young adults (up to 20 years of age) and their families individuals that are currently experiencing emotional and/or substance misuse crises. This response is done either in the individual's school setting or their home residence. The program was developed to provide alternative options to 911 response. The team of clinicians and Family Peer Advocates work with each individual and their family to develop a collaborative plan to obtain needed services in the community or assist with having the individual go to the hospital. Most times crises can be resolved and the team will provide short-term follow-up to monitor and work towards linkages to services. If an individual does need to be evaluated further in an emergency room, the team facilitates this with the needed services and advocates for the individual at the hospital. This is a field-based program and fluency in languages other than English are a plus. The program operates 8 am to 8 pm Sunday to Saturday, including holidays.

Currently we are looking for:

- One person for our Bronx Child Mobile Crisis Team that operates out of 489 East 153rd Street, Bronx NY, immediate start, full-time hours with benefits
- One person for our Brooklyn Child Mobile Crisis Team that operates out of 1630 East 15th Street, Brooklyn NY, immediate start, full-time hours with benefits
- Family Peer Advocate, Child Mobile Crisis Team, Bronx and Brooklyn, one full-time vacancy per location, Sign On Bonus available:

Some Responsibilities: Conduct either initial or follow-up home visits to individuals and their families experiencing an emotional crisis, Provide support and advocacy to the child and family, Collaborates with individuals in crisis to identify and/or develop coping skills, Assist with obtaining and verification of linkages to needed community services, Work as part of an interdisciplinary team, Complete necessary documentation as required by funders, and participate in case conferences, team meetings and trainings as assigned. **Licensure:** Valid driver's license may be required, as determined by operational/regional needs required. **Education:** High school diploma or the equivalent required. NYC Peer Professional certificate or Provisional certificate required within one year of hire. **Experience:** Minimum of one year experience in a mental health, health care or human services setting required. Prior experience working with a child who is seriously emotionally disturbed and/or behaviorally challenged preferred. Certification as a Family Peer Advocate preferred. Experience in community organizations, parent/group facilitation and computer skills preferred. Bilingual spoken and written skills are also preferred.

Our **Intensive Mobile Treatment** is an innovative program that works with individuals that have behavioral health issues and may have other co-occurring stresses, such as homelessness and/or criminal justice involvement. The team of clinicians and peers work with enrolled individuals to develop a personalized collaborative treatment designed to engage them in the community in a meaningful way. This program works with the individual to remove barriers to treatment for both mental health and substance misuse as well as other issues that may contribute to involvement with the homeless system and/or criminal justice system. This is a field-based position and staff may do visits alone or in pairs as needed. General program hours Mon - Fri 9 am – 5pm and may change depending on an enrolled individual's need.

Currently we are looking for:

- Four people for our Queens IMT program that operates out of Gertz Plaza, 92-31 Union Hall Street, Jamaica NY 11432, immediate start, full time with benefits
- One person for our Manhattan IMT program that operates out of 148 West 125th Street, Manhattan, NY 10027, immediate start, full time with benefits
- Peer Specialist, Intensive Mobile Treatment, Manhattan and Queens, full time vacancies per borough, Sign On Bonus available:
- **Key Responsibilities:** Conduct home visits as part of a team, work with individuals on enhancing coping skills, discussing options in terms on treatment, complete documentation on services provided, works as part of an interdisciplinary team. **Licensure:** Valid driver's license may be required, as determined by operational/regional needs required. **Education:** High school diploma or the equivalent required. NYS Peer Professional certificate (OMH or OASAS) or Provisional certificate required within one year of hire. **Experience:** Minimum of one year experience in a mental health, health care or human services setting required. Experience as a recipient of mental health services required. Experience with substance use services or the criminal justice system preferred.
- One person, Peer Supervisory position, Brooklyn IMT that operates out of 1630 East 15th Street, Brooklyn, NY, immediate start, full time with benefits
- Peer Specialist Liaison, Intensive Mobile Treatment, office location Brooklyn, full time vacancy, Sign On Bonus available:
- **Key Responsibilities:** Provides guidance and support to Peer staff to ensure services are individualized and recovery focused to allow individuals the opportunity to learn how to manage their own recovery and advocacy. Makes monthly field visits to observe peers in their work with clients and provides direct feedback ; documents observations and address opportunities to improve overall training. Provides guidance regarding professional development to Peer staff. Assists in the identification of issues impacting peer services and works collaboratively with Peer staff and/or management to resolve. Creates and provides new hire orientation for staff. Works to increase level of cultural sensitivity, awareness and competency regarding Person Centered Planning and Peer services. Identifies and implements Best Practices as it relates to delivery of Peer services. Conducts trainings for Peers staff and Managers to enhance their skills. Identifies needs and adds to the trainings, as appropriate. **Education:** High School Diploma or the equivalent required. Bachelor's Degree preferred. **Certification:** Certified Peer Specialist by New York State Office of Mental Health or Certified Peer Recovery Advocate by New York State Office Addiction Services And Supports required. **Experience:** Minimum three years of experience in working with individuals with mental health and/or substance misuse required. Effective oral /written/interpersonal communication skills and ability to work independently required. Willingness to share personal and

practical experience and knowledge appropriately and respectfully required.
Computer fluency preferred.

If you are interested in applying please reach out to Keith Peters in Human Resources at keith.peters@vnsny.org to apply.

You may also explore other employment opportunities on the VNS Health website on the Careers page. Please forward this to anyone who may be interested.

Thanks all and stay safe!

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