

TITLE: Peer Specialist

I. SCOPE OF ROLE:

As a member of the Social Well-Being Team, the Peer Specialist will work with a multi-disciplinary team and lead engagement with park users, those who are in crisis or experiencing day-to-day challenges. To provide peer support, develop trusting relationships and connect them to resources and services that will help them achieve their potential as neighbors and friends of Fort Greene Park. **The Social Well-Being Team (SWBT) is a part of the Person-Centered Intervention Training (PCIT) Mental Health Response program led by Fort Greene Park Conservancy (FGPC) in partnership with Services for the Underserved (S: US) and NYC Parks (NYP).**

II. ESSENTIAL DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Participate in weekly team meetings and supervisory sessions
- Participate in PCIT Pilot orientation and training, and all agency-required trainings as appropriate
- The Peer Specialist will work with a multi-disciplinary team
- Submit shift documentation daily into the Awards system. Collect and report data, as required and work with team leader, data analyst and other FGP teams to use data to inform future care delivery;
- Establish a daily outreach and engagement routine based on observations and data.
- Lead engagement efforts to all park users, proactively, using a person-centered and strength-based approach beginning either at known “hang-outs” or “Hot spots” within the community or park. Continuously assess the health and social needs of participants through FGP’s conversational and observational assessments and formalized risk assessments tools for those identified as being at high risk;
- Once needs are assessed with participant make referral to the appropriate SUS program for ongoing support, case management and housing services to resolve clinical issues that are impacting on the participant’s stability;
- Foster relationship with community providers to ensure that recipients are connected with appropriate services as they transition back into the community;
- Appointment navigation including accompaniment to appointments, travel training, re engagement in community care, and addressing barriers to care;
- Review documentation and psychosocial assessments to determine the medical, psychiatric, housing and other social needs in the community;
- Obtain historical and collateral information from multiple sources to support participants behavioral and physical health needs;
- Monitor, evaluate and record participants progress with respect to care plan goals;

- Organize periodic on-site activities, such as social and wellness activities to engage park users at key locations with facilities and high levels of activity in the park; join existing FGPC on-site programs as appropriate*
- Attend community meetings and Community Advisory Committee meetings, as invited.
- Perform other related duties as assigned.

III. REQUIREMENTS & QUALIFICATIONS

- Lived experience navigating similar experiences to potential clients
- Experience working with homeless and/or precariously housed populations preferred but not required;
- 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. Must secure peer certification within one year of employment.
- Person-centered skills and knowledge of strength-based language
- Knowledge of homeless resources, NYC shelter systems, and MTA transit systems a plus.
- Knowledge of counseling principles and methods for mental illness and substance use disorders ;
- Knowledge of treatment, rehabilitation, and community support programs as they relate to recipient/residents, families, and staff;
- Ability to develop, evaluate, implement, and modify treatment intervention to meet the needs of individual recipients;
- Willingness to work as a team player, be creative and take initiative
- Ability to take on physical activities and work in all outdoor weather conditions
- Spanish or Chinese language skills, or other languages, but not required
- Ability to prepare accurate and timely reports;
- Computer proficiency and good documentation skills.
- Minimum Education and Experience Requirements: Minimum High School Diploma or equivalent or higher.

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