

ASSOCIATION FOR  
MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS



To Advocate. To Educate. To Empower. Together.

**Mission Statement:** “To empower and inspire people of all communities to identify, pursue and sustain healthy, meaningful lives”.

**MHAW strives to develop an authentic, diverse workforce that embraces, creates, respects and demonstrates *diversity, equity, and inclusiveness* in the work environment, towards one another and those we serve. We recognize that our agency is strongest when we all embrace the full spectrum of diversity and experience. We actively seek to employ a diverse workforce representative of the communities we serve.**

**MHAW is a pro-vaccination agency, and has required all staff to be fully vaccinated and encourages service recipients to be vaccinated against Covid-19.**

**Position:** CORE Psych Rehab Specialist /Peer Support Specialist  
**Compensation:** \$42,000 per year (non-exempt position); plus, Sign-on Incentive  
**Location:** Ronkonkoma, NY  
**Hours:** Full time, 37.5 hours per week  
**Start Date:** Immediately

**Position Description:**

The CORE Psych Rehab Specialist/Peer Support Specialist is a mobile, in the community practitioner, who has personal lived experience receiving mental health services. A willingness to share, to educate and to inspire others, and provide needed CORE Services. This will be achieved by establishing positive, strength-based, and supportive relationships with HARP enrolled (Medicaid Managed Care) individuals, whose chronic mental health and/or chronic substance use conditions are barriers to pursuing and sustaining meaningful life roles.

MHAW is committed to the education of all communities and our mental health workforce to promote trauma-informed practice, to promote prevention, as well as the best practices of early and effective intervention.

**General Responsibilities:**

- Promotion of recovery-oriented principles: of hope, self- efficacy, and community living skills through a shared personal experience of recovery.
- Co-creation of Individualized Service Plan based upon the goals and objectives identified through assessment.
- Individual coaching, Goal planning, and Support surrounding Independent and Social Living, Career Development, Peer and Family Support, and Managing Crisis and Stress.
- Assistance with daily living skills, support with social skills, and support with work related skills,

- Assistance in linking individual to community resources (employment or education), support with community integration and connectedness.
- Assistance with developing/increasing skills for coping, managing behavioral health symptoms and relapse prevention, using natural resources.
- Promoting and assisting with advocacy regarding entitlement benefits such as food, clothing, and shelter.

**Qualifications:**

The successful candidate should possess or be quickly able to acquire the following skills and abilities:

- Provisional or **Certified New York State Peer Specialist**; certification through NYS OMH or OASAS
- A Bachelor's Degree
- Two years of experience in working with individuals who have chronic behavioral health diagnoses (mental health and/or substance use)
- Strong engagement skills
- Must be comfortable working with individuals in their home and within the community, and providing telehealth services via laptop and smart phone
- Basic knowledge of the public health/behavioral health system including, but not limited to; mental health services and public entitlements
- Strong writing and computer skills, as an electronic record is used. Basic knowledge in computer applications such as Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook and Social Media.
- Clean NY State Driver's License as some driving with clients will be necessary
- Bi-lingual, English/Spanish is a plus; stipend given for assessed and verified bi-lingual proficiency