

## **EXTERNAL JOB POSTING**

**TITLE:** Wellness Coach - Buffalo Mental Health Court Peer

**DESCRIPTION:** Assist Buffalo Mental Health Court consumers in their recovery and assist them in improving their quality of life under the supervision of the Buffalo Mental Health Court.

### **DUTIES:**

1. Act as a role model to individuals appearing in mental health court, while providing mentoring services as a peer living in the community.
2. Provide individual advocacy for the mental health court defendants who have requested assistance of a peer in securing community benefits, services, and programs that will improve their quality of life.
3. To assist and teach individuals appearing in mental health court the knowledge and skills needed to live safely in the community.
4. To provide support, facilitation, and promote community resources in an individual's community that can assist in the prevention of a possible relapse and/or crisis, and negative involvement with Law Enforcement agencies.
5. Assist individuals to be as independent as possible living in the community by the following:
  - a. Work collaboratively with traditional and non-traditional mental health agencies.
  - b. Network with medical, social services, and housing agencies.
  - c. Provide billable HCBS services in conjunction with the individual's and Care Coordination.
  - d. Provide linkage to Health Homes.
  - e. Provide linkage to employment agencies.
  - f. Assist individuals in working with their families and other personal supports.
  - g. Assist individuals in developing their own Independent Living Goals.

- h. Share their own individual Independent Living Goals while assisting individuals in developing their own Wellness Recovery Action Plan's.
  - i. The Peer Provider will promote the Independent Living Philosophy through their work to ensure the individuals in mental health court have equal access, choice, and education on decisions made in mental health court.
6. Assist in educating and developing Advance Directives.
  7. Accurately document consumer services and required paperwork in WNYIL's SPR database, as well as the Consumer Service Record (CSR), within two (2) business days of the date of service.
  8. Participate in maintaining a neat, clean, and safe work environment.
  9. Perform any other duties as deemed legally and ethically necessary by the Supervisor.

**SUPERVISION:** Will work under the direct supervision of the MHPC Community Coordinator.

**STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE:** Must at all times perform in a professional, conscientious and efficient manner for the purpose of ensuring a better quality of life for persons with disabilities.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Bachelor's degree in Social Work, rehabilitation counseling, psychology, or related human services field, and one (1) year work experience with disabled adults; or a two (2) year degree in the above fields with two (2) years related experience; or a high school diploma with four (4) years related experience. Professional and life experience may be considered in lieu of, in full or part of academic credentials. Must be trained in developing WRAP Plans. Applicant must also be a current or former consumer of mental health services.

WNY Independent Living, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.  
Reasonable Accommodations will be made for people with disabilities.  
*WNY Independent Living, Inc. is a Scent-free Agency.*

**CLOSING DATE:** May 24, 2017

**SUBMIT RESUME  
AND COVER LETTER TO:**

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