

## **INTERNAL/EXTERNAL POSTING**

**TITLE:** Youth Peer Advocate- Part Time

**DESCRIPTION:** Provide peer support in person and online. Coordinate independent living skills, evaluations, and trainings for transition-age youth with disabilities within Erie, Niagara, Genesee, Orleans and Wyoming Counties.

### **DUTIES:**

1. Monitor and facilitate WNYIL's online, youth peer support forum: [WNYyouthresources.org](http://WNYyouthresources.org).
2. Provide peer advocacy services to transition-age youth with disabilities.
3. Coordinate and/or perform independent living skills counseling and training.
4. Facilitate youth peer support and skill-building groups.
5. Coordinate and conduct independent living evaluations for transition-age youth with disabilities.
6. Inform individuals about various programs available to them and assist them in securing and/or maintaining benefits, such as vocational rehabilitation, social services, Medicaid, etc.
7. Identify housing options for transition-age youth.
8. Accurately document consumer services and required paperwork in WNYIL's Consumer Service Record (CSR), within two (2) business days of the date of service.
9. Participate in maintaining a neat, clean and safe work environment.
10. Perform other duties as deemed legally and ethically necessary by the supervisor.

**SUPERVISION:** Works under the supervision of Youth Peer Advocate 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:** Must obtain a New York State Youth Peer Advocate Credential within the first year of employment. To be eligible for the New

York State Youth Peer Advocate Professional Credential, an individual must:

- Be an individual 18 to 30 years old who has self-identified as a person who has first-hand experience with social, emotional, medical, developmental, substance use, and/or behavioral challenges.
- Be able to use lived experience with a disability, mental illness, juvenile justice, special education, substance use disorder, and/or foster care to assist in supporting youth in their resiliency/recovery and wellness.
- Be able to travel independently throughout Erie, Niagara, Genesee, Orleans and Wyoming counties.
- At a minimum, have a high school diploma, high school equivalency, or a State Education Commencement Credential. This educational requirement can be waived by the certifying agency if the person has demonstrated competencies and has relevant life experience sufficient for the peer certification.

Reasonable accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities.

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**SALARY RANGE:** \$15.00/hr to \$17.00/hr

**CLOSING DATE:** November 19, 2020

**COVER LETTER  
AND RESUME**

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