Federation is operating a Home Based Empowerment Support Team (Home-BEST) Program. This program is available to all Nassau County youth (under 21 years of age) regardless of insurance status. Services will be available to high risk/high need youth diagnosed with Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) who are at risk of hospitalization or out of home placement. Home-BEST is an intensive in-home program that will provide families with resources that will meet their needs in the community, preventing residential placement, regardless of insurance status. Objectives of the program will include fostering family stabilization and crisis de-escalation skill building with the participants using trauma-informed care. Federation’s team will provide mobile services to collaborate and work with the family within their own unique environment and community, designed to keep families intact in Nassau County.

JOB TITLE: Family Peer Advocate
LOCATION: Remote (Staff are expected to report to West Babylon for meetings & supervisions)
REPORTS TO: Program Manager
DEPARTMENT: Care Coordination
HOURS: Full Time 35 hours

QUALIFICATIONS:
Minimum High School Diploma, Family Peer Certification, experience serving children and families with serious mental illness. The Family Peer Advocates must meet qualifications as per New York State requirements. Clean, valid NYS Driver’s License preferred. Fingerprinting, criminal record check, approval from NYS Office of Mental Health.

JOB FUNCTION:
Oversees and coordinates access to all services (behavioral, medical health and social service supports) to assist children and families to stay healthy in Nassau County Only. Family Peer Advocate (FPA) and the parent/family member/caregiver form a collaboration for the benefit of the child/youth. The FPA will hold a caseload of 36 children/families. Service components include activities to help the families to develop resources and supports for the benefit of the child/youth, including engagement, bridging and transition, self-advocacy, self-efficacy and empowerment, parent skill development, and community connections. Provide in-home services to children, adults, and families with serious mental illness to receive services in their own home or community. Help members prevent and manage chronic health conditions and recovery from serious mental illness. Provide services that support the acquisition for living, employment, and social skills and be offered in home and community based setting that promote hope and encourage to individuals. Link and accompany individuals to needed social services and community resources as necessary to facilitate their recovery goals.

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