**Job title**

**Kinship Caregiver/Family Peer Advocate Child & Family Support Program (CFSP)**

**part-time position available/possible full time**

**Reports to**

**Director, Child & Family Support Program**

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**Job purpose**

In keeping the Mental Health Association of WNY, Inc. (MHA) Vision and Value statements the Child and Family Support Program (CFSP) Family Peer Advocate maintains a Mission driven approach and provides education, support and advocacy to Families who have a child or young adult in their care experiencing mental health and/or behavioral health challenges.

**Duties and responsibilities**

- Models youth and family driven approach to services; assuring needs of Caregiver and youth are met while using family strengths and services that are culturally competent.
- Supports kinship caregivers met at the Erie County Medical Center by disseminating information and referrals or by providing linkage to appropriate agencies or providers as needed.
- Attends family meetings as needed which may include educational meetings, psychiatric appointments or agency meetings to support families by facilitating positive communication and strength –based focus.
- Meet with families in their homes to provide support.
- Documents all activities and writes progress notes.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

**Qualifications**

*The following is a list of experience, technologies, credentials, skills and other items which are required for this position:*

- Kinship Caregiver of a child, adolescent or young adult who has mental health and/or behavioral health challenges and/or has been a recipient of services in one of the child-serving systems.
- Broad knowledge and experience in the Mental Health System and/or other child serving systems.
- Good networking experience.
- Ability to demonstrate sensitivity and supportive approach to the needs of others.
- Evidence of the practice of a high level of confidentiality.
- Above average oral and written communication skills.
- Excellent relationship building, interpersonal and coaching skills.
- Sound, independent decision making ability.
- Proficient computer skills in a Microsoft office environment (Word, Access, PowerPoint, etc.) or other current technology.
- Team-first attitude and a positive demeanor.
- Flexibility with schedule to include evening hours and weekends.
- Reliable transportation, travel required.
Education:
- Bachelors of Science Degree in Health Education or Human Services Related Field. A combination of education and comparable experience will also be considered.

Travel Requirements

Incumbent must possess a valid Driver License with ability to travel within New York State, as well as nationally, if required

Please include a cover letter with your experience of caring for a child, teen or young adult living with a mental health diagnosis.

Agency website:  www.eriemha.org

How to Apply: Please send a cover letter with resume to: laney@mhawny.org
MHA, ATTN: Career Opportunities Kinship ECMC ; 1021 Broadway, Buffalo, NY 14212

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