POSITION: Certified Peer Support Specialist

PROGRAM: Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)

HOURS: 18 hours per week, weekdays

JOB DESCRIPTION:

The Guidance Center of Westchester ACT Team, based in Mount Vernon, New York, seeks a part-time certified peer specialist who, working collaboratively with other members of the ACT Team, will draw upon personal experience with mental illness recovery to provide support in the community to adults living with chronic mental illness. Specific responsibilities will be to:

- Locate and make contact by phone or in person with newly referred individuals
- Help orient new participants to the ACT team
- Conduct wellness and crisis visits
- Help participants develop community supports
- Accompany participants to appointments with government and social services agencies, medical providers, housing programs, etc.
- Assist with Medicaid applications and re-certifications
- Assist with transitions from shelters to housing
- Teach wellness strategies, symptom management, and self-advocacy skills.
- Support and encourage participants to take an active role in pursuing their recovery goals
QUALIFICATIONS:
NYS provisional or permanent certification as a Peer Specialist
High school diploma required
Driver’s license preferred
Ability to speak and write well
Ability to use computer keyboard

SALARY: $20 PER HOUR

SEND RESUMES TO:
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