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**POSITION:** Peer Advocate – Part-Time

**DEPARTMENT:** Albany County Department of Mental Health

**SALARY:** \$23,972

**LOCATION:** 175 Green Street, Albany, NY 12202

**HOURS:** 20 Hours

**BENEFITS:**

- ▶ Paid Time-Off
- ▶ Tuition Reimbursement
- ▶ NYS Retirement
- ▶ Health, Dental, Vision and Hearing
- ▶ Employee Assistance Program

**DESCRIPTION:**

Albany County Department of Mental Health is seeking applications for a Peer Advocate. The incumbent will provide guidance, mentoring, and aid in removing barriers/obstacles to behavioral health recovery for individuals in any stage of recovery from (and/or co-occurring) mental health or substance use disorder issues. The Peer Advocate will assist others in improving their functioning in areas of living, learning, working, and socialization. Utilizing their recovery expertise, professional training, and lived experience, they will help individuals become more independent and connect them to much-needed recovery and treatment resources. They will work alongside clinical staff in helping individuals achieve their goals. This work will be performed under the supervision of the program coordinator and administrators, as well as with other program staff with the Albany County Department of Mental Health and/or partner agencies. Does related work as required.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** EITHER

- A. Possession of a high school diploma or general equivalency diploma AND possession of a Certified Peer Recovery Advocate (CRPA) credential; OR,
- B. Possession of a high school diploma or general equivalency diploma AND possession of a NY State Peer Specialist Certification.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:** At time of appointment and throughout employment:

- Successful clearance of criminal background check facilitated through New York State Office of Mental Health.
- Successful clearance from the State Central Registry in the New York State Office of Children and Family Services **and** the State Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs (Background investigations are conducted by the appointing authority).
- Possession of a valid New York State driver's license.

**Please submit your resume and letter of interest with this application.**

**POINT OF CONTACT FOR INQUIRIES:**

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