

PLEASE POST POSITION AVAILABLE

POSITION: Wellness Peer Specialist
PROGRAM: Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)
HOURS: Full-Time 35 hours per week

JOB DESCRIPTION:

The Guidance Center of Westchester seeks an experienced Wellness Peer Specialist to join our new Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) program based in Mount Vernon, New York, and serving all of Westchester County. ACT is a mobile program that delivers comprehensive services in a team approach, to individuals who are diagnosed with serious mental illness and whose needs have not been well met by more traditional, facility-based, services. ACT services are evidence-based, person-centered, and individualized, and focused on outcomes for community reintegration, mental health stability, and active participation in normal life roles for work, education, living, relationships, and socialization. Most services are delivered in the community in natural settings where problems arise. Team members provide about 80% of services in the field. Crisis services are available from Team members 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, on a rotational basis.

The ACT Team consists of a multi-disciplinary staff that includes a director, psychiatrist, RN, program assistant, and specialists in family, employment, housing, substance abuse, and peer wellness. Each clinical team member carries a shared caseload, and provides assessment, service planning, general case management services in addition to any specialized services needed by recipients.

Specific responsibilities of the Wellness Peer Specialist:

The ACT Team Wellness Peer Specialist is a clinical staff member who, in addition to performing routine and general team duties, has lead responsibility for educating recipients about self-help techniques and self-help group processes, teaching effective coping strategies based on personal experience, teaching symptom management skills, assisting in clarifying rehabilitation and recovery goals, and assisting in the development of community support systems and network

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree preferred
- Personal lived experience in mental health recovery
- NYS provisional or permanent certification as a peer specialist
- Minimum 1 year of experience in teaching wellness self-management such as coping and symptom management skills
- Clean NYS driver's license
- Electronic health reporting experience strongly preferred; excellent computer, writing and oral communication skills essential.
- Knowledge of mental illness and substance abuse disorders.
- Willingness to deliver up to 80% of services in the field including at participants' homes throughout Westchester County.

SEND RESUME AND COVER LETTER TO: ACT@theguidancecenter.org

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