

Peer Advocate

Vermont Psychiatric Survivors, Vermont's oldest and largest mutual support and civil rights advocacy organization run by and for psychiatric survivors, is seeking to hire a full-time Peer Advocate to work in our Rutland office.

Using a peer support approach, Peer Advocates use their lived experience and training to advocate on behalf of and with individuals who have been marginalized by psychiatric labels so that they may lead full and satisfying lives of their own design. Peer support is a non-judgmental, values-driven approach that promotes multiple perspectives, advocates for human rights and dignity, and focuses on genuine, mutual relationships.

Duties include building authentic relationships with individuals who come to Vermont Psychiatric Survivors for advocacy and/or peer support; helping individuals identify and access community services and support networks; advocating on behalf of and with individuals regarding their expressed interests and preferences; and documenting and collecting data to track outcomes and produce reports that describe outcomes. A complete job description can be found at www.vermontpsychiatricsurvivors.org.

Excellent interpersonal skills, the ability to maintain confidences, strong oral and written communication skills, computer literacy, including fluency with Microsoft Excel and Word, lived experience thriving with mental/emotional challenges, a willingness to publicly acknowledge and share personal experiences, and a passion for social justice and knowledge of social justice movements and deep personal commitment to their values are required. The position requires a valid driver's license, and a registered and insured vehicle. Experience with Intentional Peer Support and Wellness Recovery Action Planning is preferred but we will train the right candidate.

Salary depends on experience; minimum is \$15.50/hour, plus health, dental and life insurance; personal, vacation and sick leave; and 14 paid holidays annually.

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Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.