

Peer Advocate Coordinator

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 Peer Advocate Coordinator to work in our Rutland office.

Using a peer support approach, Peer Advocate Coordinators (1) 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; (2) oversee the peer outreach program in Rutland County focused on assisting individuals who are transitioning out of psychiatric-inpatient programs; and (3) supervise Peer Advocates and Outreach staff who work in locations across Vermont. 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 helping individuals identify and access community services and support networks; advocating on behalf of and with individuals regarding their expressed interests and preferences; documenting and collecting data to track outcomes and produce reports that describe outcomes; serving on local, regional and/or state boards and committees, as needed; supervising Peer Advocates and Outreach staff; and working closely with the Executive Director to develop and implement a consistent and high-quality peer advocacy model unique to Vermont Psychiatric Survivors. The Peer Advocate Coordinator will report to the Executive Director. A complete job description can be found at www.vermontpsychiatricsurvivors.org.

Supervisory experience, excellent interpersonal skills, ability to implement organization-wide activities; ability to inspire and mentor staff; strong leadership and organizational skills; strong oral and written communication skills; ability to manage schedule and tasks independently and reliably; computer literacy, including fluency with Microsoft Word and Excel; lived experience with societal discrimination and/or marginalization; lived experience thriving with mental/emotional challenges; willingness to acknowledge publicly and share personal experience; passion for social justice and knowledge of social and civil rights movements and deep personal commitment to their values. The position requires a valid driver's license, and a registered and insured vehicle. Experience with group facilitation, Intentional Peer Support and Wellness Recovery Action Planning is preferred but we will train the right candidate.

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Salary depends on experience; minimum is \$17.50/hour, plus health, dental and life insurance; personal, vacation and sick leave; and 14 paid holidays annually.

To apply, mail, fax or email cover letter and resume to:

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Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.