

## **Part Time Wellness Advocate**

**Minimum 24 hours per week required. See work schedule below**

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### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

Part of *HealingNYC*, **Relay** is a new hospital-based support system for nonfatal opioid overdoses. This new initiative funds trained peers, called Wellness Advocates, to provide 24/7 support to individuals transported to hospital emergency departments (EDs) following an overdose. Relay will launch in June at three participating emergency departments with plans to expand to a total of ten emergency departments across the city by 2019.

### **POSITION OVERVIEW**

The part time Wellness Advocate, reporting to the Wellness Advocate Supervisor in the Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Use Care, Prevention and Treatment, will visit patients in the ED to provide immediate support and overdose prevention training following an overdose event and link patients with team members for ongoing support and linkage to care.

**There is potential for this position to transition to DOHMH and therefore candidates must meet DOHMH eligibility requirement including NYC residency.**

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

The part time Wellness Advocates will be responsible for the following activities, including but not limited to:

- During contracted hours, be on-call to respond to alerts that a patient has been transported to a hospital ED following a non-fatal overdose and has agreed to be contacted.
- Using her/his lived experience with substance use to provide support to patients in the ED following a non-fatal overdose, introduce the program to patients and obtain consent for follow up services.
- Conduct overdose prevention trainings with patients and their social networks including naloxone distribution.
- Work collaboratively with ED staff.
- Maintain detailed records of patient contacts.
- Collect, report and review program data to assess program performance.
- Attend bi-weekly supervision meetings.

- Work collaboratively with other NORS team members and perform other duties as assigned.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Certified Peer Recovery Advocate (CRPA) or commensurate experience of at least two years in the human service field
- Familiarity and openness to the principles of harm reduction
- Familiarity and openness to a range of drug treatment modalities including medication assisted treatment
- Willingness to travel within the five boroughs
- Ability to work effectively as part of a team
- Strong communication and organization skills
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively with culturally diverse populations
- Basic computer skills
- Experience working with clients in human service field
- High-School Diploma or equivalent required

### **SALARY AND BENEFITS**

Compensation for this position is as follows:

\$13/hr when On-Call, anywhere within one hour of the assigned hospital ED

\$30/hr when responding to an ED Call, including travel time to and from ED

Must be available for one of the shifts below

#### **Work Schedule:**

There are three available shifts:

1. Weekday overnights 7pm-7am  
(alternating each week M/W/F to T/TH)
2. Saturdays and Sundays 7am-7pm
3. Saturdays and Sundays 7pm-7am

Must also be available for program training and supervision.

### **TO APPLY**

To apply, send Resume, with Cover Letter, including current address, which shift you are interested in and how your experience relates to this position, to

[publichealthjobs@fphnyc.org](mailto:publichealthjobs@fphnyc.org) indicating “**Part Time Wellness Advocate\_ your name**” in subject line.

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