

St. Lawrence County Government
Position Advertisement Form

St. Lawrence County Community Services Department is in search of:

Peer Advocate

Salary: \$44,020 with excellent benefits as described below

Benefits: Generous vacation and sick time allowance, Public Service Loan Forgiveness eligibility and the option to enroll in the St. Lawrence County's health insurance or opt out of the insurance and receive a buyout in the amount of \$2,000 for single coverage or \$4,000 for family.

This position is responsible for coordinating the activities related to the development and implementation of Peer Support Services. The Peer Advocate provides support and advocacy to children and adults with substance use disorders, serious emotional disturbances and their families. The incumbent correlates service needs between home, school and other providers as appropriate. General supervision is received from the Addiction Services Program Director and/or Mental Health Program Director in the Community Services Department. The incumbent performs related work as required.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Either:

- (A) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a Bachelor's degree in social work, counseling, psychology, human services or closely related field **AND** one (1) year of experience in providing direct, professional services to at-risk-youth or adults and their families; **OR**
- (B) An Associate's Degree in social work, counseling, psychology, human services or closely related field **AND** three (3) years of experience in providing direct, professional services to at-risk-youth or adults and their families; **OR**
- (C) Graduation from high school, possession of a high school equivalency diploma or possession of an Individual Education Plan Diploma **AND** five (5) years of experience in providing direct, professional services to at-risk-youth or adults and their families.

Special Requirements:

- 1. Candidate must be eligible to obtain and maintain Youth and/or Family Peer Advocate Certification or Certified Recovery Peer Advocate as required by the regulatory agency (OMH and/or OASAS).
- 2. A valid NYS Driver's License

Note: To meet certification requirements Youth/Family/Peer Advocates must be personally in recovery and have been a past recipient of mental health services; Youth/Family/Peer Advocates must have lived-experience being a primary care giver of a special needs child.

Additional Employment Information: This is a provisional appointment. The successful applicant will need to take a civil service exam and score within the top three interested candidates in order to be permanently appointed.

Applications accepted until the position is filled.

You can apply online at <https://stlaw-portal.mycivilservice.com>.

Applications can also be obtained from the St. Lawrence County's website, <https://stlawco.gov/Departments/HumanResources> or by contacting Human Resources

(315)379-2210.

Send application to:

St. Lawrence County Human Resources Office

48 Court Street

Canton, NY 13617

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