



## **MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK CITY, INC.**

**DEPARTMENT / PROGRAM:** Department of Children and Family / Family Resource Centers in Southern Manhattan

**TITLE OF POSITION:** Part-Time Youth Advocate (17.5 hours)

### **Job Description:**

The Youth Advocate will be responsible for engaging youth and their families in order to assist them in identifying their needs as well as achieving their goals. The Youth Advocate will be an integral part of the Family Resource Center staff and will participate in supportive, recreational and educational activities offered to youth and families.

### **Responsibilities include:**

- Work in collaboration with all FRC Family Advocates and Senior Family Advocate in engaging youth in planning their own care and having their voice heard.
- Engage and support youth connected to the Family Resource Center.
- Share personal knowledge and experiences about the youth serving system and resources available to youth.
- Provide support to youth at community meetings and other meetings as needed.
- Provide public education about youth mental health issues.
- Assist in the organization of social, recreational and educational activities for youth.
- Represent the interests of youth with emotional and behavioral challenges in a variety of public forums and advisory groups.
- Enter all services on a daily/weekly basis into a data entry system and maintain records up to date.
- Other duties as assigned.

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

The Youth Advocate will be a young adult who has had emotional and / or behavioral challenges and experience receiving services from the children's mental health or other child-serving systems. Has completed / is currently completing a High School or a G.E.D program - some college preferred. Youth Advocate will receive basic training in empowerment, peer support, self-help, peer advocacy and systems advocacy along with other mandatory trainings. Bilingual and bicultural candidates are encouraged to apply. Due to contracting requirements, this position must be filled by a candidate aged 18-30.

Please submit your resume via email to:

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All qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status.