



LENOX HILL  
NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

### **Part-Time Peer Advocate**

#### **Women's Mental Health Shelter at the Park Avenue Armory**

Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, widely recognized as one of New York's premier human services providers, is a 125-year-old settlement house that provides an extensive array of effective and integrated services—social, educational, legal, health, housing, mental health, nutritional and fitness—which significantly improve the lives of 15,000 people in need each year, ages 3 to 103, on the East Side of Manhattan. Our constituents include older adults, homeless and formerly homeless adults, children and families, recent immigrants, people with disabilities, adult learners and thousands more. Our programs--staffed by social workers, educators, public interest lawyers, advocates and many, many others--include, in addition to the Legal Advocacy Department, an Early Childhood Center, RealArts After School Program and Summer Camp, Women's Mental Health Shelter, permanent supportive housing residence, two Senior Centers, arts-based day program for adults living with dementia, Geriatric Care Management program for frail seniors, Food Services, Health and Wellness, Fitness & Aquatics, Adult Education and more. For more information on Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, please visit our website at [www.lenoxhill.org](http://www.lenoxhill.org).

Our Women's Mental Health Shelter at the Park Avenue Armory is now seeking a **Part Time Peer Advocate (8 hours/week)** to join our terrific team. Our renovated Women's Mental Health Shelter, located on the fourth floor of the historic Park Avenue Armory between 66<sup>th</sup> and 67<sup>th</sup> Streets, works with women ages 45 and over. The majority of our clients are between 45 and 60. We have a maximum daily capacity of 80 clients and assist over 200 women each year. Our clients, in addition to being homeless, have multiple physical and behavioral health challenges and, frequently, substance abuse issues.

Our experienced, multidisciplinary staff (social workers, nurses, case managers, housing specialists and more) provide an array of holistic services including health, psychiatric, social, recreational, fitness, counseling, legal and other supportive services that help homeless women leave our shelter, most generally for supportive housing. We provide farm-to-table food every day for our clients which we prepare in-house.

**Responsibilities:** Working as part of an interdisciplinary team, the **Peer Advocate** will be responsible for the following:

- Escorting residents to housing placement interviews, housing visits, and other appointments;
- Facilitating one-on-one and group Peer Support;
- Linking residents to appropriate services and referrals;
- Providing information to residents about health and wellness, wellness self-management, substance abuse and recovery, and smoking cessation;
- Assisting clients with activities of daily living as needed;



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- Maintaining accurate and timely client and activity records; and
- Working collaboratively with all Shelter team members to ensure quality service provision, appropriate client-centered care and the achievement of housing, recovery and stability related goals.

**Qualifications:** The successful applicant must possess excellent interpersonal and relationship building skills, organizational and computer skills, and the ability to communicate clearly both in writing and verbally. High school diploma or GED required. A minimum of one year of relevant experience in the field of homelessness, mental health, substance abuse or residential support is preferred. **Applicants must be able to serve as a role model of personal recovery and have direct, personal experience with overcoming the challenges of mental illness and a personal understanding of the homeless system.** Preference may be given to applicants who are currently certified or eligible for certification as a New York State Peer Specialist.

**To apply:** Interested applicants should send a cover letter, resume and list of references to: [peeradvocate@lenoxhill.org](mailto:peeradvocate@lenoxhill.org). Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the position is filled.