



ADVOCACY UNLIMITED, INC.
Recovery Support Services
Community Bridger

POSITION DESCRIPTION: The Community Bridger program is operated by Advocacy Unlimited, Inc. (AU). AU is a Connecticut-based nonprofit that offers education, advocacy, and support related to individual growth, human rights, and systems transformation in the areas of mental health and addiction. The position of Community Bridger operates out of the AU New Britain Office, and is expected to travel statewide to offer support to people aged eighteen or older who are currently involved or at risk for being involved in the criminal justice or probate court system. Those working in the Bridger role strive to build trusting relationships, support people from the perspective of personal experience with a psychiatric diagnosis and/or substance use, and facilitate connection to community opportunities. Peer Bridgers are not expected to be members of a treatment team nor take on the role of case management or crisis workers. Bridgers offer genuine support that is not limited to any particular setting or length of time. Important skills and attributes applicants should bring to this position are cross-cultural competence, situational awareness, open-mindedness, extraversion/social intelligence, high level communication skills, a sense of humor, and unlimited patience.

POSITION: Non-exempt, full-time position, with competitive benefits. Rate of pay is \$24/hour and 37.5 hours per week. Reports to the Bridger Program Manager.

ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES:

- Offer a positive example of a person with lived experience of devastating personal circumstances who leads a fulfilling life.
- Offer a positive supportive relationship that helps promote hope, choice, independence, self-responsibility and community involvement.
- Support each person in identifying what is important to them and support access to desired resources.
- Provide support during incarceration and/or hospitalization, maintaining connection following discharge.
- Develop relationships with community resources and supports, and facilitate meeting some logistical needs.
- Maintain up to date accurate records of all work related activities.
- Other duties as assigned.

EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

- Recovery Support Specialist preferred
- History of direct personal involvement receiving mental health and/or addiction services.
- Experience working in mental health/recovery field preferred.

REQUIRED SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

- Willingness to meet with people in all manner of life circumstances.
- Ability to listen authentically and be a conscientious and contributing member of a team.
- Basic proficiency with Microsoft Office software suite

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Bilingual fluency in English and Spanish or English and American Sign Language, preferred.
- [We are seeking a candidate who identifies as male because of legal requirements in place with the population we are contracted to serve.](#)
- Must have a clean driving record, up to date Motor Vehicle Insurance and Driver's License.
- Access to a reliable and clean vehicle for statewide travel.

TO APPLY: Email your resume and cover letter to Annette Medero, AMedero@AdvocacyUnlimited.org, by September 3, 2021.