



Position: Veteran Peer Mentor, Fordham Village and Kingsbridge Terrace
Location: Bronx, NY
Reports to: Program Directors, Fordham Village and Kingsbridge Terrace
Hours: Full-time/40 hour per week, some evenings/weekends required

About Jericho Project

Jericho Project is a nationally-acclaimed nonprofit ending homelessness at its roots by enabling homeless individuals and families to attain quality housing, employment, and mental and physical health services. The 36-year-old nonprofit serves over 2,500 individuals, including 700 veterans, annually. Jericho has been a key partner in New York City's initiative to end veterans' homelessness, and is leading bold, innovative strategies to do the same for families and young adults.

Our programs touch four cornerstones of a person's life: housing, employment, wellness, and family stability. We create a culture of "moving on" through a foundation of housing and supportive services provided by expert program specialists and case managers.

We have over 550 units of supportive housing including 9 residences in the Bronx and Harlem, as well as scatter-site apartments throughout NYC.

About the Position

The Veteran Peer Mentor will be responsible for engaging with all Veterans at both Fordham Village and Kingsbridge Terrace. The Veteran Peer Mentor will provide support and guidance related to supportive services. The Veteran Peer Mentor will assist with, escorting Veterans to appointments, identifying local resources, organize recreational and social events.

Responsibilities:

- Working with the clinical and workforce development staff to identify areas of need that the veteran may have and support and assist program participants in addressing the need.
- Accompany veterans to Housing Court, Section-8 briefing appointments, HRA office, VA medical centers or Vet centers, Social Security Office, housing inspections, and other relevant appointments.
- Work with the Veterans in regards to VA/military related issues as they arise and assist them in navigating those systems.
- Support resident efforts in community building initiatives.
- Participate in groups and events held at the building or offsite and encourage and support Veterans in their involvement in those activities – run one bi-weekly group.
- Collaborate with Program Directors, Case Managers and Career Counselors for the continued development, motivation, and mentorship of program participants.
- Develop and maintain the community linkages necessary to facilitate referrals – This will assist in the maintenance of a resource binder which such resources.
- Familiarize self with Jericho's Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program and maintain strong working relationships with their team.
- Maintain an effective working relationship with external community partners
- Maintain steady communication and rapport with the program staff.
- Participate in staff meetings and trainings.
- Actively assist and participate in all program activities and special events as needed
- Carry out other duties as assigned by program leadership.

Requirements:

- Must be a United States Veteran.
- High School diploma required. Associate or Bachelor's degree preferred but will consider extensive experience in lieu of education.
- CASAC credentials preferred
- Experience working in homelessness, substance abuse, mental health and/or trauma settings preferred.
- An understanding of VA and other veteran organizations as well as knowledge of supportive housing is a plus.
- Candidates must be a self-starter with the skills and energy to work with high-need veterans in the community.
- Must possess strong organizational, writing and computer skills.
- Must have strong engagement and interpersonal skills.
- Bilingual a plus

Compensation:

Salary is commensurate with experience. Jericho Project offers a comprehensive benefits package.

How to Apply:

Interested applicants must submit a resume and cover letter with salary requirements to:

Human Resources Department

Jericho Project

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