

## **JOB OPENING FOR YOUTH**

MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK CITY, INC.

**DEPARTMENT / PROGRAM:** Department of Children and Family / Family Resource Center

**TITLE OF POSITION:** Youth Advocate

### **PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:**

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 the 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.
- Complete all required paperwork in a timely manner.
- 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 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 101 and 102 through YOUTH POWER's "Getting Started – Introductory Advocacy Trainings for Youth and Young People."

Please forward your resume and cover letter via email, fax or mail to:

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