



UConnectCare (formerly GCASA) is a progressive nonprofit organization located in WNY offering help to those impacted by substance use disorder through prevention, treatment, residential, detox, and recovery services for almost 50 years. UConnectCare has earned a local and regional reputation for excellence and was recognized as a Best Company to Work for in New York, 2018-2023.

## **JOB VACANCY**

### **HARM REDUCTION OPEN ACCESS COUNSELOR**

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The Counselor will perform evidence-based assessments and use evidenced-based practices (including but not limited to Motivational Interviewing) and therapeutic methods to support people with SUD who do not have an immediate goal of abstinence through connections to harm reduction and recovery support, additional levels of care as needed and wanted, and individual and group therapy that takes a harm reduction approach and validates the choices of people who use drugs while not minimizing risks and dangers. The Counselor will provide support in the community and will assist with expanded Open Access as well as with Syringe Exchange and other harm reduction program support. The aim of this position will be to motivate positive changes that reduce harm and increase wellness. Miscellaneous tasks may be assigned. Weekends and evenings required.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

Minimum BA Degree in Human Service related field. CASAC preferred, with two years full-time paid direct service experience in a recognized human service agency - with direct service experience in field of addiction and mental health or equivalent.

**Skills and Knowledge Required:** Motivational Interviewing, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, other evidence-based counseling practices and approaches; ability to write and commitment to provide high-quality client progress notes in a timely manner; commitment to complete grant data requirements in a timely manner.

**REPORTING RELATIONSHIP:** Under the supervision of the Harm Reduction Coordinator.

**Status:** Part time, 12 hours per week, grant-funded

**Pay Range:** \$18-\$22 per hour

**Location:** 5130 East Main Street, Batavia

**Valid NYS driver's license and method of transportation required. Must be addiction free, including tobacco. Pre-employment background check/post offer drug screening required. CARF and NHSC accredited. EOE**

#### **FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO APPLY:**

Apply online with a cover letter, writing sample, and resume to:

UConnectCare, Attn: Human Resources

430 East Main Street

Batavia, NY 14020

Phone: 585-815-1801

Email: [kcorcoran@uconnectcare.org](mailto:kcorcoran@uconnectcare.org)

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**DEADLINE:** ASAP

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