



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 RECOVERY PEER ADVOCATE**

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The Recovery Peer Advocate assists in the development and monitoring of the recovery systems of UConnectCare. They will demonstrate relevant, competent knowledge and skills in the area of providing one-on-one recovery services and support to individuals. In addition, they will provide linkage with other service providers in the community.

1. Must be accepting of all harm reduction measures including MOUD and providing safe use supplies
2. Willing/able to teach community how to use NARCAN.
3. Comfortable working with people in active use.
4. Willing/able to work some evenings and some weekends.
5. Develop collaborative relationships and provide liaison services between individuals, UConnectCare, and other necessary services in the community.
6. Work within the framework of UConnectCare's recovery services to help individuals develop recovery plans, learn and practice new skills, and self-monitor their progress.
7. Assist individuals with navigation through various systems (i.e. legal, medical, mental health, SUD), attend court and other system meetings as a support and assist in advocating for effective services.
8. Model effective coping skills.
9. Coordinates program activities that are recovery oriented and research based.
10. Collect and report data regarding individuals receiving recovery services. Keep up to date records to ensure appropriate service delivery and reimbursement when applicable.
11. Contribute to the knowledge base of the agency and the profession by attending ongoing and up to date relevant trainings associated with recovery services minimally one time per year. Provide consultation and training to UConnectCare staff and other providers.
12. Will be required to participate in supplemental supervision meetings and/or professional development opportunities led by the supervisor, other leaders, other staff, and/or vendors.
13. This position requires (or may require) participation in Peer on-call.
14. Willing and able to achieve the Peer competencies as determined by SAMHSA, OASAS, and the NYS Certification Board.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

Must have a minimum of a high school diploma or jurisdictionally certified high school equivalency. Must have or be willing to obtain within the first six months of employment the Certified Recovery Peer Advocate (CRPA). Must have or be willing to obtain within the first six months of employment a knowledgebase of

psychostimulant recovery, treatment, and prevention best-practices. Preferred knowledge of community-based recovery services, chemical dependency counseling, Motivational Interviewing, and family systems. Ability to work independently and as part of a team. Compassion, patience, and a non-judgmental attitude. Scheduled work hours will be flexible to provide maximum coverage as needed and may vary accordingly to include weekdays, weekends, and/or evenings.

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

**Status:** Full time, hourly, non-exempt

**Pay Range:** \$15-\$16 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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