

## Warren and Hamilton County Care Navigator

The Research Foundation for SUNY Plattsburgh is pleased to announce the County Care Navigator position, serving both Warren and Hamilton Counties, to provide caregiver navigation and intervention services for Governor Cuomo's Alzheimer's Disease Caregiver Support Initiative.

The goal of this initiative is to expand the safety net for caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's and other dementia, by recognizing and addressing the need for supports and stress reduction. The long term objectives include: development and sustainability of an innovative array of support services; improved coordination of and access to new and existing support services; expansion and enhancement of and access to respite services; improved health and well-being of caregivers and individuals with Alzheimer's and other dementias; and continued community residence and delayed institutionalization of individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer's and other dementia.

The Navigator will work as an ambassador in Warren and Hamilton Counties, to promote the services offered by the Initiative and will report to the Project Directors of this Initiative. The Navigator will provide or link informal caregivers of people with dementia to a full range of services to include intake/screening, individual care consultations, family consultations, support groups, caregiver training and education, a voucher respite program, and Project Lifesaver – a program for tracking and locating people with dementia who are at risk for elopement and wandering.

**Duties & Responsibilities:** Implement active and passive strategies to promote the services of this initiative, complete intakes and risk appraisals for informal caregivers, care consultations, family consultations, enroll participants into the voucher respite program, enroll participants into Project Lifesaver, track daily program activity data via performance management software, travel around Warren and Hamilton Counties to promote and provide services, attend quarterly team meetings at the State University of New York College at Plattsburgh Center for Neurobehavioral Health, other duties as assigned by the Project Directors.

**Minimum Qualifications:** A minimum of a Bachelor's degree in Social Work, Psychology, Human Services Delivery, or comparable field of study and a minimum of two years of experience working with families, older people and/or people with dementia are required. Reliable transportation is required and mileage will be reimbursed. The applicant must demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary to provide appropriate care, interventions, and services to the aging population and their informal caregivers. There must be demonstrated knowledge of principles and practices of crisis intervention; interviewing techniques; psychosocial problems; principles, practices and techniques of counseling and case management documentation process. There must be demonstrated ability to interact with people who are experiencing physical and/or emotional stress, and demonstrated ability to deal tactfully with others. Demonstrated interpersonal, critical thinking and communication skills are a must, as is the ability to use basic office equipment, basic office software, and basic data / performance tracking software.

**Closing Date:** Open until filled.

Please submit a letter of interest and a resume that includes three references to:

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