

ABOUT US: - *We believe that everyone deserves a home!*

Breaking Ground is a nonprofit social services organization in New York City. Our goal is to create high-quality permanent and transitional housing for the homeless.

Since 1990, we have been providing permanent affordable housing for individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Beginning with a single building, we are now New York City's largest provider of supportive housing. We own and/or operate 19 properties with a total of 3,530 transitional and permanent apartments in New York City and beyond. We also run the City's around-the-clock street outreach efforts in all of Brooklyn and Queens, along with nearly one-third of Manhattan.

Our work has enabled more than 13,000 people to overcome or avoid homelessness since 1990, and we increase that number every single day. As of 2017, we have more than 1,500 units of housing in various stages of development in the Bronx, Brooklyn and Queens, and are expanding our outreach and transitional housing programs so that we can offer help to every single homeless person we meet.

Outreach Housing Advocate in Brooklyn/Queens

The Outreach Housing Advocate works with street homeless individuals living in Brooklyn and Queens. Specifically, s/he will conduct street outreach with the objective of engaging individuals to determine their eligibility for Street to Home services and to help secure appropriate housing solutions for all people who are street homeless. If chronic, Outreach Advocate will build a relationship with client utilizing motivational interviewing to encourage client to work towards permanent housing. If not chronic, Outreach Advocate will utilize available resources to secure other housing placements.

Outreach Advocate will work with a partner at all times and will spend the majority of the shift in an automobile conducting street outreach. The incumbent will respond to 311 calls and community concerns; participate in Code Blue and Code Red alerts; identify new hotspots/encampments and work to eradicate existing hot spots/encampments; conduct a bi-annual vulnerability index on all clients in their catchment area; and enter all required data into outreach database(s).

ESSENTIAL DUTIES:

- Engage all persons on the street who appear homeless
- Create and maintain active registry of chronic homeless clients; non-chronic included in registry
- Conduct vulnerability assessment
- Attend clinical supervision and training
- Develop and maintain recordkeeping files and databases, completion of necessary reports and data entry
- Collaborate with Parks Dept., NYPD, DSNY, MTA, and other agencies
- Respond to 311 calls
- Participate in Code Blue/Red
- Monitor encampments
- Performs other related duties as assigned

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Two years related work experience.
- Knowledge of local benefit agencies (Public Assistance). Familiarity with substance abuse, mental health and employment issues. Strong oral and written communication skills.
- Valid driver's license with a driving record that is in good standing. Maintaining a good driving record (as defined by the organization) is a condition of employment.
- Undergraduate degree strongly preferred or equivalent experience
- Microsoft Office Suite and electronic record keeping
- Bi-lingual (English/Spanish) preferred

To Apply: www.breakingground.org/careers

EOE/M/F/Vet/Disabled