

## **Position: Social Worker, MSW/Bilingual with BFL Apartments**



**Barrier Free Living** is seeking applicants for Full Time Social Worker, MSW/Bilingual position with BFL Apartment Program.

**How to Apply:** To learn more about programs and to submit your cover letter with current resume by visiting our website and the link here in below: <https://www.bflnyc.org/about-us/employment/social-worker-msw-bfl-spanish-apartments/>

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**Position: Social Worker Full Time Exempt (5 open positions)**

**Salary: \$52,000.00 + Benefits Package** (Medical, dental and vision, Paid vacation, sick personal and holiday time, Life insurance, Retirement Plan and Professional Work environment

**Hours: 35 hours per week, Monday through Friday**

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BFL Apartments (BFLA) is a supportive housing program. BFLA offers services to vulnerable and needy populations with disabilities *who are survivors of domestic violence*, specifically, homeless disabled adults and disabled veterans and for families who have a head of household with a disabling medical condition. BFLA program is physically designed and equipped to serve people with physical disabilities. This program's facility is located in the South Bronx. There are two buildings: a 70-unit studio apartment building for adult singles and a 50-unit apartment building for families. BFLA's supportive housing program is located on Cypress Avenue and East 138<sup>th</sup>-139<sup>th</sup> Streets. Social workers report to the Director of Social Services.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Social worker will hold a case load of 10-15 SPMI/MICA tenants
- Complete program Intake/Assessment of new tenants
- Develop, monitor and update service plans that are mutually developed with each tenant
- Follow up meetings with tenant including home visits to discuss related service plan goals and benchmarks
- Provide individual supportive counseling with tenants to assist in developing skills to stabilize their medical, psychosocial and behavioral health status
- Provide crisis intervention and other services to assist tenants to develop better coping skills
- Collaborate with interdisciplinary team to obtain strategies to assist tenants in achieving identified goals to maintain stability
- Accompany tenants to Family/Criminal/Housing Court hearings and advocate for tenant as needed
- Provide referrals for legal assistance and any other service provider within the community as needed
- Assist tenant with any ACS or Prevention services requirements
- Complete ongoing apartment inspections, tobacco assessment, and vocational assessments as required by DOHMH contract
- Monitor tenants ability to pay rent and utility bills to ensure housing stability
- Participate in staff/case conference meetings, supervision and required trainings
- Ensuring timely and accurate entry of progress notes in AWARDS
- Comply with all agency and program policies and procedures

### **Qualifications:**

- MSW with experience in supportive counseling, harm reduction stages of change model, motivational interviewing, and trauma informed care.
- Experience working with mental illness, substance users, domestic violence and familiarity with disability issues a must
- Excellent computer skills (PC)
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Ability to work in fast-paced, NY/NY III supportive housing environment a must.
- Excellent language skills in American Sign Language or bilingual English/Spanish desired.
- Valid NYS drivers license a plus.

### **Barrier Free Living Mission and Vision:**

#### **Mission**

Barrier Free Living empowers individuals with disabilities to live independent, dignified lives free of abuse.

#### **Vision**

Barrier Free Living is our vision. We strive for a world free from abuse and bias, where people with disabilities live in a supportive environment. In this world, society values all its members and individuals with disabilities are free of any barriers preventing them from reaching their fullest potential.

**Barrier Free Living (BFL)** is dedicated to helping New Yorkers with disabilities live independently in the community. Through its various programs, BFL provides a broad range of residential and non-residential services to disabled survivors of domestic violence, transitional shelter to the disabled homeless, and outreach to physically disabled individuals with mental health and/or chemical addiction issues. Services include case management; housing placements; independent living skills training; occupational therapy; short- and long-term individual counseling; advocacy within the medical, mental health, child welfare, law enforcement, and criminal justice systems; and referrals to outside services. The safety of our residents, clients and staff is of great importance to BFL and an important component of every employee's job description and responsibility.