

## Be the change that you wish to see in the world!

We have an exciting leadership opportunity as we launch a new venture in Southeastern Pennsylvania, The Ferns Peer Respite. As Peer Respite Director, you will provide operational management and guidance, and ensure the values of Peer Respite and Trauma-Informed Practice are embedded in every aspect of our endeavor. You will take on important roles in establishing peer respite in our region, working with our Executive Director and The Ferns Peer Respite Council.



### The Ferns Peer Respite

a community for learning, healing and growing,  
recognizing that distress is a common human experience

To ensure success as a Peer Respite Director, you will have significant experience with and understanding of advocacy, group facilitation, peer support and peer supervision, and will be familiar with Intentional Peer Support, Trauma-Informed Practices, and related values and principles. This is a peer role, requiring lived experience. You will be someone who has personally experienced crisis, trauma, and / or extreme distress.

To see the full job description or apply, please go to: <https://tinyurl.com/2p9h5a67>



### Who We Are

HopeWorx, Inc. is a 501(c)3, established in 1994, and located in Norristown, PA. The mission of HopeWorx is to promote the continued development of a community environment which supports and believes in the expertise and passion of individuals to create and direct their own paths to health and recovery. HopeWorx is the parent company of the Community Satisfaction Team, AdvocacyWorx, CommunityWorx, the Family Satisfaction Team, FamilyWorx, and The Ferns Peer Respite. HopeWorx is the fiduciary for the Montgomery County and Southeast Regional CSP committees. For more information about HopeWorx, please visit our website at <https://www.hopeworxinc.org/>

The Ferns Peer Respite Council is a grass-roots organization evaluating the need for and seeking to establish peer respite in our region. Our members are individuals with lived experience who have experienced crisis, family members of individuals with these experiences, services providers, and community members.

*“Change will not come if we wait for some other person, or if we wait for some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.”*

— **Barack Obama**

### What is Peer Respite?

Peer respite provides a welcoming space for people who feel overwhelmed, to have time, space and relationships that support their self-determination, healing, and growth. We recognize that people are the experts on themselves. Guests stay for one to seven days in a home-like environment. Peer respite staff have learned new responses from our own crises and are ready to compassionately engage as equals with guests, as the guests consider how they want their lives to be different. We offer honest, caring, mutually responsible relationships.

Peer respite is different from hospitalization or crisis residential services, and provides an alternative where distress is viewed through the lens of being a common human experience instead of pathology; guests find meaning and growth in the experience.