



Position Description for Story Development Coach



Corporation for Supportive Housing is a national nonprofit that is dedicated to advance housing solutions by improving the lives of the most vulnerable people, maximizing public resources, and building strong, healthy communities. CSH is launching a six-month training program, Speak Up IL, for previously homeless people to become advocates for supportive housing. Speak Up IL will train participants in topics such as social policy, advocacy, public speaking, and more.

Purpose: Trainees will be coached in putting their lived experiences into a compelling story they can use when advocating. The Story Development Coach will mentor his/her partnered participant in this process.

Activities:

- Attend training sessions with participants when available, but not mandatory (these take place once a month during a weekday for about 3.5 hours)
- Meet one-on-one with partner (outside of training sessions) to enhance storytelling skills by brainstorming and practicing
- Identify partner's storytelling strengths and opportunities for growth
- For the first half of the program, mentor partner in creating a story that is 5-8 minutes long
- For the second half of the program, coach partner in shortening story that is 2-3 minutes long and just as effective

Qualifications: Minimum-intermediate skills in public speaking, storytelling, and/or story development. Ability to mentor and work collaboratively.

Timeframe: The training program will be held from March – September, 2018, and coaches are to devote a minimum of 5 hours a month. Time spent for one-on-one mentoring depends on availability, needs, and flexibility of the partners.

Site: CSH Office, 205 W. Randolph, Chicago, IL 60606, 23rd FL

Supervision: There will be opportunities for coaches to discuss (with each other and facilitators) any progress updates, challenges, questions, and/or concerns. This is also a collaborative opportunity for coaches to contribute program-improvement ideas or mentoring techniques.

Benefits: Coaches will gain/enhance mentoring, teaching, and leadership skills; learn about the training topics that will be provided such as advocacy, supportive housing, and public policy; network with fellow coaches and experts in these fields who will be guest speakers; have the opportunity to contribute to an individual's personal and professional growth during the mentoring process.

To Apply:

All interested applicants should submit their resume and cover letter to Johnna Lowe at johnna.lowe@csb.org