

## **AdvocacyWorx Mission Statement**

*The mission of AdvocacyWorx is to help people who use or have used behavioral health services by providing advocacy which promotes recovery through choice, empowerment, and self-determination, in collaboration with all community members.*

**AdvocacyWorx  
is a program of  
HopeWorx, Inc.**

### **AdvocacyWorx Values:**

***Respect and Dignity  
Diversity  
CSP Values  
Advocacy  
Recovery  
Relationships***

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**Know your rights!**

## **AdvocacyWorx**

**(formerly Community Advocates  
of Montgomery County)**



**Helping people help themselves!**

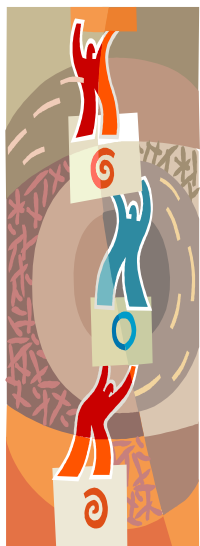
**A peer advocacy team working  
together to help individuals  
using behavioral health  
services to:**

- Resolve problems
- Learn self-advocacy
- Effect systems change

**It's your voice.  
Be heard!**

## It's your voice. Be heard!

### Who we are:



We are an advocacy team of individuals who use or have used behavioral health services, working together to help adults resolve problems and improve relationships within the systems they encounter, to provide self-advocacy education, and to effect systems change.

We are funded by the Montgomery County Office of Behavioral Health, grants and donations. We are supported by the HopeWorx Board of Directors.

AdvocacyWorx is linked with other local, regional, and statewide advocacy organizations and utilizes these resources to advocate collectively on important behavioral health issues.

### What we do:

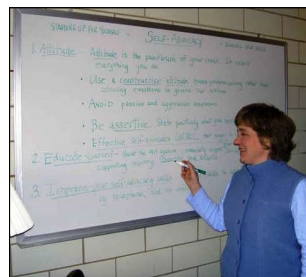
Advocates assist people in resolving problems, facilitate workshops on self-advocacy, and participate on relevant committees and boards. We use a team approach to advocacy resolution in order to develop the best outcomes for the problems we address, and to provide learning opportunities and mutual support for advocacy staff. We work with individuals and groups to teach skills that will enhance a person's ability to speak for himself or herself in a way that fosters self-determination.

### Self-Advocacy Trainings

Speaking up for yourself is a very important part of the recovery journey. Having the right attitude, learning how to be assertive so you can make your own choices about your life, educating yourself, and developing the negotiation skills to achieve your goals, are all components of self-advocacy.

If you want to learn more about being your own advocate, AdvocacyWorx provides self-advocacy workshops. Please call the AdvocacyWorx office at 610-270-0375 or visit our website at

[www.hopeworxinc.org](http://www.hopeworxinc.org).



### Individual Advocacy

Individuals call, write or stop in to the AdvocacyWorx office asking for help to resolve a situation. Advocates provide support with all issues of community living, including problems with service providers, landlords, roommates, utility companies, etc. Advocates also provide resources to help individuals self-advocate to resolve issues.

Advocates will also assist families in resolving issues relevant to an individual family member. Advocates promote self-advocacy, choice, and self-determination in all interactions with individuals and family members. By working together, advocates help individuals gain the skills to be successful self-advocates.



### Forensic Peer Services

In 2010, AdvocacyWorx expanded services to include forensic advocacy and peer support. Advocates with lived experience assist individuals who are involved in both the behavioral health and criminal justice systems. Advocacy and education classes, called F.Y.I., are held at the Montgomery County Correctional Facility and also in the community.