



# Community News

## April 5, 2021



Welcome to Community News, a newsletter of upcoming events, activities you can participate in, and job openings for the peer support workforce.

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## ACADEMY NEWS

### Spring Session

Dear Academy Learners,

The Core and Elective courses are currently closed for scheduled maintenance. However, several continuing education courses remain open and available for you to take for credit. The catalog of Spring Session courses, [click here](#).

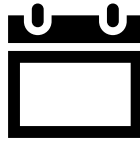
The latest CE course that is now available is Talking About Tobacco: A New Conversation About Tobacco Use and Peer Support. This is the first webinar in a series that is being offered through the Virtual Learning Community.

The next webinar in the series, Talking About Tobacco: An Orientation to the Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP®) will be available for the start of Term 2 on May 3, 2021.

### Virtual Tele-Peer Support Survey

If you haven't already done so, learn about and take our survey of [Virtual Tele-Peer Support](#).

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR



## Words of Wellness

Each month we feature the Words of Wellness Calendar by Peggy Swarbrick. | [Learn More](#)

## Upcoming Events

Visit the [Community Calendar](#) for the latest additions. These are current as of April 5, 2021.

### Trauma-Informed Coalition Meeting

April 5, 2:00 pm

Guest Speaker: Shawna Vaughan, CEO Silent Cry

NYS Trauma-Informed Coalition

[Learn More](#)

### Peer Workers United

April 5, 6-7:30 pm ET

Support for Peer Support Workers

[Learn More](#)

### Pop Up Vaccination Clinic

April 6, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

COVID-19 Vaccination Program

Hosted by the Association for Mental Health and Wellness

[Learn More](#)

### Webinar

April 6, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

When Grief Becomes Complicated

MHTTC

[Learn More](#)

### Webinar

April 6, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Designing Skills-Focused Group Curriculum in 7 Steps

Center for Rehabilitation and Recovery

The Coalition for Behavioral Health | [Learn More](#)

**Webinar**

April 6, 3:00-3:30 pm (Eastern)

[Introduction to the Accreditation Process](#)

Council on Accreditation | [Learn More](#)

**APS Networking Meeting**

April 6, 5:15 pm ET

Every Tuesday, 5:15 – 6:30 pm

Meeting ID: 889 0219 9174, Passcode: 702960

**Survey Deadline: April 7**

Participate in Jail Diversion Research

Take the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/diversioncenter>

**Nomination Deadline: April 7**

Nominations for MHA annual awards | [Learn More](#)

**Webinar**

April 7, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Psychiatric Rehabilitation's Choose Stage: Virtual Goal Development

Center for Rehabilitation and Recovery

The Coalition for Behavioral Health | [Learn More](#)

**Online Training**

April 7, 1-5 pm ET

Alternatives to Suicide Overview

Wildflower Alliance | [Learn More](#)

**Webinar**

April 7, 3:00 – 4:00 pm ET

Using the Tobacco Integration Self-Evaluation Tool (TiSE) as a Measure for Quality Improvement

NYC TCTTAC | [Learn More](#)

**OMH Training**

April 7, 3:30 – 5:00 pm ET

Vaccine Education for OMH & OASAS Service Recipients and Providers

OMH | [Learn More](#)

**CNY Peer Networking Group**

April 8, 10 - 12 pm ET

The Vet Center

CNY PNG | [Learn More](#)

**Webinar (Forensic Peer Support)**

April 8, 12-1 pm ET

Forensic Mental Health Practice and Training

MHTTC | [Learn More](#)

**Webinar**

April 8, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Trauma and Oppression

Center for Rehabilitation and Recovery

The Coalition for Behavioral Health | [Learn More](#)

**Training (ACT Team Members Only)**

April 9, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

ACT Core Principles Virtual Training

Center for Practice Innovations | [Learn More](#)

**Live Town Hall**

April 9, 12:00 pm ET

The HOPEnDialog project

HOPEnDialog, MIA, Open Excellence | [Learn More](#)

**Regional Peer Worker Support Circle**

April 9, 4:00 – 5:00 pm

(Every other Friday)

Northeast and Caribbean Mental Health Technology Transfer Center | [Learn More](#)

**Virtual Film Festival**

April 9, 6-8 pm

Changing Minds, Young Filmmaker Festival

Community Access | [Learn More](#)

**Comedy Show**

April 9, 10:00 pm ET (evening)

Winter Class Debut Show (Vancouver – 7:00 pm Pacific)

Stand Up for Mental Health Comedy Society

SMH | [Learn More](#)

**Webinar**

April 10, 2:00-3:30 pm

Creating Our Mental Health

East Side Institute | [Learn More](#)

**Deadline: April 12**

Grant Application: Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET)  
Program for Paraprofessionals, HRSA Health Workforce | [Learn More](#)

**Webinar**

April 12, 9:30 am ET  
Returning to Work  
Coordinated Behavioral Care | [Learn more](#)

**Support Group**

April 12, 12:00 – 1:00 pm ET  
Mutual Support Call for Mental Health Providers  
MHTTC | [Learn More](#)

**Webinar**

April 12, 1:00 – 2:15 pm ET  
Mindful Supervision: Toward Workforce Effectiveness and Resilience  
NYAPRS | [Learn More](#)

**Webinar**

April 12, 5-6 pm ET  
It Takes a Village: Psychiatric Services at the Lummi Nation  
MHTTC | [Learn More](#)

**Webinar**

April 13, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm  
Alleviating Moral Suffering  
MHTTC | [Learn More](#)

**Webinar**

April 13, 2:00 pm  
Why and How Peer Services Improve Health and Wellness of People with Mental Illness  
National Council, Center of Excellence for Integrated Health Solutions | [Learn More](#)

**APS Networking Meeting**

April 13, 5:15 pm ET  
Every Tuesday, 5:15 – 6:30 pm  
Meeting ID: 889 0219 9174, Passcode: 702960

**Webinar**

April 14, 12-1:00 pm ET  
Individual and Family Support  
NYS Justice Center | [Learn More](#)

**Webinar**

April 14, 12-1:30 pm ET

Part Two: Applying MI as a Therapeutic Approach to Support LGBTQIA+ Adjustment

CTAC | [Learn More](#)

**Webinar**

April 14, 2:30 – 3:45 pm ET

Facilitating Recovery & Post Traumatic Growth

MHTTC | [Learn More](#)

**OMH Training**

April 14, 5:30 – 7:00 pm ET

Vaccine Education for OMH & OASAS Service Recipients and Providers

OMH | [Learn More](#)

**Training**

April 15-16, 9:00 am- 4:00 pm ET (Both Days)

Peer Supervisor Training

Recovery Coach University | [Learn more](#)

**Webinar**

April 15, 9:30 am ET

Trauma

Coordinated Behavioral Care | [Learn more](#)

**Webinar (Forensic Peer Support)**

April 15, 12-1 pm ET

Your Role in Advancing Evidence-Informed Behavioral Health Policy

MHTTC | [Learn More](#)

**Webinar**

April 15, 2:00-2:30 pm (Eastern)

[Introduction to the Accreditation Process](#)

Council on Accreditation | [Learn More](#)

**Networking Meeting**

April 15, 3:30 – 5:00 (Eastern)

[Long Island Peer Networking Meeting](#)

Association for Mental Health and Wellness | [Learn More](#)

**Podcast**

April 15, 4:00 – 5:00 pm (Eastern)

[Free to Be “Live”](#)

Families Together in NYS / AMPLIFY-NY | [Learn More](#)

**Webinar**

April 16, 10:00 – 11:30 am ET  
Recovery Goals During Trying Times  
Center for Rehabilitation and Recovery  
The Coalition for Behavioral Health | [Learn More](#)

**Webinar**

April 16, 1:00-4:30 pm (Eastern)  
Performance and Quality Improvement (PQI)  
Council on Accreditation | [Learn More](#)

**Webinar**

April 17, 12-1:00 pm ET  
Individual and Family Support  
NYS Justice Center | [Learn More](#)

**Canadian Peer Specialist Training (2 Weeks)**

April 19-30, 2021  
Mon-Fri, 10:00 am-12:00 pm, 2:00 pm–4:00 pm Eastern Each Day  
(Robyn Priest) | [Learn More](#)

**Live Training**

April 19-23, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm ET  
Recovery Coach/Peer Advocate Training  
Recoveries R Us, LLC | [Learn More](#)

**Webinar**

April 19, 9:30 am ET  
Preventing Burnout and Building Resilience  
Coordinated Behavioral Care | [Learn more](#)

**Webinar**

April 19, 10:00 – 11:30 am ET  
Loss, Grief & Resilience: Attending to Our Own Coping Behaviors as Providers  
Center for Rehabilitation and Recovery  
The Coalition for Behavioral Health | [Learn More](#)

**Webinar**

April 19, 2:00 pm ET  
Conversations on Grief, Trauma and Healing During a Pandemic  
CCSI | [Learn More](#)

**Deadline to Apply: April 20**

Mobile Access Program (iPads to Help Residents in Crisis)  
Institute for Police, Mental Health & Community Collaboration  
[Presentation Slides](#) | [Application](#)  
CCSI | [Learn More](#)

**17<sup>th</sup> Annual Executive Seminar (Day 1)**

April 20, 22, 28, 2021  
Leadership 2021 | Moving Forward: Taking Charge of Our Future  
Keynotes: Linda Rosenberg, Lenore Reid-Rose, Lonnetta Albright  
NYAPRS | [Learn More](#) | [Register](#)

**OMH Training**

April 20, 9:00 am – 10:30 am ET  
Vaccine Education for OMH & OASAS Service Recipients and Providers  
OMH | [Learn More](#)

**Webinar**

April 20, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm  
Understanding Moral Injury Legacies in Cultural-Historical Contexts and Strategies for Healing and Social Justice  
MHTTC  
[Learn More](#)

**Canadian Peer Specialist Training (10 Week/20 Sessions)**

April 20, 22, 27, 29; May 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27;  
June 1, 3, 8, 10, 15; and July 1, 22, 24  
2-4 pm Eastern (2 hour per day)  
Peer Specialist Training (Robyn Priest) | [Learn More](#)

**APS Networking Meeting**

April 20, 5:15 pm ET  
Every Tuesday, 5:15 – 6:30 pm  
Meeting ID: 889 0219 9174  
Passcode: 702960

**Virtual Conference**

April 21-22, 2021  
Dismantling Systemic Racism - The How is Now: From Theory to Practice: Moving Individuals, Organizations, and Community  
CCSI | [Learn More](#)



**Support Group**

April 21, 9:00 – 10:00 am ET

Bi-Monthly Implementation Support - Focus on Integrated Treatment (FIT)

Center for Practice Innovation | [Learn More](#)

**Webinar**

April 21, 3:00-3:30 pm (Eastern)

[Introduction to the Accreditation Process](#)

Council on Accreditation | [Learn More](#)

**Town Hall**

April 21, 3 pm ET

COVID Town Hall #4

Coordinated Behavioral Care | [Learn more](#)

**Peer Learning Collaborative / Support Group**

April 21, 4:30 – 6:00 pm

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

Peer Learning Collaborative

Recovery Coach University | [Learn More](#)

**17<sup>th</sup> Annual Executive Seminar (Day 2)**

April 22, 2021

Leadership 2021 | Moving Forward: Taking Charge of Our Future

Keynotes: Linda Rosenberg, Lenore Reid-Rose, Lonnetta Albright

NYAPRS | [Learn More](#) | [Register](#)

**Webinar**

April 22, 9:30 am ET

Grief and Loss

Coordinated Behavioral Care | [Learn more](#)

**Webinar (Forensic Peer Support)**

April 22, 12-1 pm ET

Cognitive Behavioral Therapies in High Security Settings

MHTTC | [Learn More](#)

**Deadline: April 23**

Call for Proposals – Alternatives 2021

(Conference Dates: July 8, 10, 15 and 17)

Organized by the National Coalition for Mental Health Recovery (NCMHR)

[Learn More](#)

**Regional Peer Worker Support Circle**

April 23, 4:00 – 5:00 pm

(Every other Friday)

Northeast and Caribbean Mental Health Technology Transfer Center | [Learn More](#)

**Event**

April 26-30, 2021

Reentry Week

National Reentry Resource Center

NRRC | [Learn More](#)

**COVID Self-Care Training Series**

April 26, 9:30 am ET

Emotional Health in Times of Uncertainty

Coordinated Behavioral Care | [Learn More](#)

**Recovery Coach Training**

April 27, 28, 30, May 4, and 5

9:00 am – 4:00 pm each day

Approved for initial CRPA or CARC Certification

Recovery Coach University | [Learn More](#)

**Training**

April 27, 10:00 – 1:00 pm ET

Regional Orientation for New Staff

NYAPRS | [Learn More](#)

**Webinar**

April 27, 1:00-1:30 pm (Eastern)

[Introduction to the Accreditation Process](#)

Council on Accreditation | [Learn More](#)

**APS Networking Meeting**

April 27, 5:15 pm ET

Every Tuesday, 5:15 – 6:30 pm

Meeting ID: 889 0219 9174, Passcode: 702960

**17<sup>th</sup> Annual Executive Seminar (Day 3)**

April 28, 2021

Leadership 2021 | Moving Forward: Taking Charge of Our Future

Keynotes: Linda Rosenberg, Lenore Reid-Rose, Lonnetta Albright

NYAPRS | [Learn More](#) | [Register](#)

**Webinar**

April 28, 12-1:00 pm ET  
Individual and Family Support  
NYS Justice Center | [Learn More](#)

**Webinar**

April 29, 9:30 am ET  
Professional Boundaries for Pandemic Times and Beyond  
Coordinated Behavioral Care | [Learn more](#)

**Webinar**

April 29, 12-1 pm ET  
Making Space at Work: Exploring Secondary Trauma  
CTAC | [Learn more](#)

**Webinar**

April 30, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm ET  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Trauma-Informed Virtual Rally  
NYC Trauma-Informed Coalition | [Learn more](#)

**Art Exhibit: Outside/Outsider**

May 1-30, 2021  
Fountain House Gallery and Studio | [Learn More](#)

**Virtual Conference (3 Days)**

May 3-5, 2021  
NatCon21 – Forward Together  
National Council on Behavioral Health | [Learn More](#)

**Webinar**

May 3, 10:00 am ET  
Supporting Older Adults Remotely  
Digital Peer Support | [Learn More](#)

**Virtual Conference (4 Days)**

May 3-6, 12-5:30  
Peerpocalypse  
MHAO | [Learn More](#)

**Peer Support Group Facilitator Training (2 Weeks)**

May 3-14, 5-7 pm Eastern  
Facilitator Training (Robyn Priest) | [Learn More](#)

### **Families Together Virtual Conference (2 Days)**

May 4-5, 2021

Annual Conference: Building Strong Roots

(Pre-conference May 4, conference May 5)

Families Together in New York State | [Learn More](#)

### **Training (2 Days)**

May 4-5, 12:00 – 3:00 pm (Eastern)

Peer Support Values in Action

Copeland Center | [Learn More](#)

### **APS Networking Meeting**

May 4, 5:15 pm ET

Every Tuesday, 5:15 – 6:30 pm

Meeting ID: 889 0219 9174, Passcode: 702960

### **OMH Training**

May 5, 9:30 am – 11:00 am ET

Vaccine Education for OMH & OASAS Service Recipients and Providers

OMH | [Learn More](#)

### **Older Adult Symposium**

May 6, 2021

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Older Adult Mental Health Awareness Day

SAMHSA | [Learn More](#)

### **Support Group**

May 6, 3:00 – 4:00 pm ET

Bi-Monthly Implementation Support - Focus on Integrated Treatment (FIT)

Center for Practice Innovation | [Learn More](#)

### **Deadline: May 7**

Call for Proposals

28<sup>th</sup> Annual Bi-County Empowerment Conference: My Life, My Voice, My Choice

Peace for Now, Hope for Tomorrow

Bi-County Conference Steering Committee | [Learn More](#)

### **Webinar**

May 7, 1:00-4:30 pm (Eastern)

Performance and Quality Improvement (PQI)

Council on Accreditation | [Learn More](#)

**Regional Peer Worker Support Circle**

May 7, 4:00 – 5:00 pm

(Every other Friday)

Northeast and Caribbean Mental Health Technology Transfer Center | [Learn More](#)

**Free Virtual Training (5 Days)**

May 10-14, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm (30 hrs)

Recovery Coach Academy

Peer Training Institute / Alliance for Positive Change | [Learn More](#)

**OMH Training**

May 10, 9:30 am – 11:00 am ET

Vaccine Education for OMH & OASAS Service Recipients and Providers

OMH | [Learn More](#)

**Support Group**

May 10, 12:00 – 1:00 pm ET

Mutual Support Call for Mental Health Providers

MHTTC | [Learn More](#)

**Webinar**

May 10, 1:00-4:30 pm (Eastern)

[Intensive Accreditation Training \(IAT\)](#)

Council on Accreditation | [Learn More](#)

**APS Networking Meeting**

May 11, 5:15 pm ET

Every Tuesday, 5:15 – 6:30 pm

Meeting ID: 889 0219 9174, Passcode: 702960

**Training**

May 13, 2021

Ethics Workshop

Recovery Coach University | [Learn More](#)

**Training**

May 17, 9 am – 4 pm ET

Family Supported Recovery

Recovery Coach University | [Learn More](#)

**Free Virtual Training**

May 17-19, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm (16 hrs)

Ethical Considerations

Peer Training Institute / Alliance for Positive Change | [Learn More](#)

**APS Networking Meeting**

May 18, 5:15 pm ET

Every Tuesday, 5:15 – 6:30 pm

Meeting ID: 889 0219 9174, Passcode: 702960

**Support Group**

May 19, 9:00 – 10:00 am ET

Bi-Monthly Implementation Support - Focus on Integrated Treatment (FIT)

Center for Practice Innovation | [Learn More](#)

**Support Group**

May 19, 4:30 – 6:00 pm

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

Peer Learning Collaborative

Recovery Coach University | [Learn More](#)

**OMH Training**

May 19, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm ET

Vaccine Education for OMH & OASAS Service Recipients and Providers

OMH | [Learn More](#)

**Regional Peer Worker Support Circle**

May 21, 4:00 – 5:00 pm

(Every other Friday)

Northeast and Caribbean Mental Health Technology Transfer Center | [Learn More](#)

**APS Networking Meeting**

May 25, 5:15 pm ET

Every Tuesday, 5:15 – 6:30 pm

Meeting ID: 889 0219 9174, Passcode: 702960

**APS Networking Meeting**

June 1, 5:15 pm ET

Every Tuesday, 5:15 – 6:30 pm

Meeting ID: 889 0219 9174, Passcode: 702960

**Support Group**

June 3, 3:00 – 4:00 pm ET

Bi-Monthly Implementation Support - Focus on Integrated Treatment (FIT)

Center for Practice Innovation | [Learn More](#)

**Regional Peer Worker Support Circle**

June 4, 4:00 – 5:00 pm

(Every other Friday)

Northeast and Caribbean Mental Health Technology Transfer Center | [Learn More](#)

**APS Networking Meeting**

June 8, 5:15 pm ET  
Every Tuesday, 5:15 – 6:30 pm  
Meeting ID: 889 0219 9174, Passcode: 702960

**Recovery Coach Training**

June 11, 9 am – 4 pm ET  
A Coach Approach  
Recovery Coach University | [Learn More](#)

**Support Group**

June 14, 12:00 – 1:00 pm ET  
Mutual Support Call for Mental Health Providers  
MHTTC | [Learn More](#)

**Webinar**

June 15, 1:00-4:30 pm (Eastern)  
[Intensive Accreditation Training \(IAT\)](#)  
Council on Accreditation | [Learn More](#)

**APS Networking Meeting**

June 15, 5:15 pm ET  
Every Tuesday, 5:15 – 6:30 pm  
Meeting ID: 889 0219 9174, Passcode: 702960

**Support Group**

June 16, 9:00 – 10:00 am ET  
Bi-Monthly Implementation Support - Focus on Integrated Treatment (FIT)  
Center for Practice Innovation | [Learn More](#)

**Peer Learning Collaborative / Support Group**

June 16, 4:30 – 6:00 pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday  
Peer Learning Collaborative  
Recovery Coach University | [Learn More](#)

**Regional Peer Worker Support Circle**

June 18, 4:00 – 5:00 pm  
(Every other Friday)  
Northeast and Caribbean Mental Health Technology Transfer Center | [Learn More](#)

**APS Networking Meeting**

June 22, 5:15 pm ET  
Every Tuesday, 5:15 – 6:30 pm  
Meeting ID: 889 0219 9174, Passcode: 702960

**Virtual University of Youth Power (2 Days)**

June 24 & 25, 2021

Youth Power Still Standing: Strong, Safe, and Steady

Families Together in NYS | [Learn More](#)

**APS Networking Meeting**

June 29, 5:15 pm ET

Every Tuesday, 5:15 – 6:30 pm

Meeting ID: 889 0219 9174, Passcode: 702960

**Support Group**

July 1, 3:00 – 4:00 pm ET

Bi-Monthly Implementation Support - Focus on Integrated Treatment (FIT)

(No Groups in August)

Center for Practice Innovation | [Learn More](#)

**Alternatives 2021 Virtual Conference (4 Days)**

July 8, 10, 15, and 17

National Coalition for Mental Health Recovery (NCMRC) | [Learn More](#)

**APS Networking Meeting**

July 13, 5:15 pm ET

Every Tuesday, 5:15 – 6:30 pm

Meeting ID: 889 0219 9174, Passcode: 702960

**15<sup>th</sup> NYC Conference for Working Peer Specialists**

July 15, 2021

NYU Kimmel Center (details coming soon)

**APS Networking Meeting**

July 20, 5:15 pm ET

Every Tuesday, 5:15 – 6:30 pm

Meeting ID: 889 0219 9174, Passcode: 702960

**Support Group**

July 21, 9:00 – 10 am ET

Bi-Monthly Implementation Support - Focus on Integrated Treatment (FIT)

(No Groups in August)

Center for Practice Innovation | [Learn More](#)

**Support Group**

July 21, 4:30 – 6:00 pm

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

Peer Learning Collaborative

Recovery Coach University | [Learn More](#)



### **Conference**

July 27-28, 2021

NAMIcon (Virtual Convention)

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) | [Learn More](#)

### **APS Networking Meeting**

July 27, 5:15 pm ET

Every Tuesday, 5:15 – 6:30 pm

Meeting ID: 889 0219 9174, Passcode: 702960

### **Virtual Conference (2 Days)**

August 18-19, 2021

“Peering into the Future”

6<sup>th</sup> Annual Peer Pathways Conference, Tacoma, WA | [Learn More](#)

### **Peer-Run Organization Learning Collaborative**

September 21, 2021 (Start)

Leading with Lived Experience: Building Capacity for Peer-Run Organizations

C4 Innovations | [Learn More](#)

### **Virtual Conference**

October 3-6, 2021

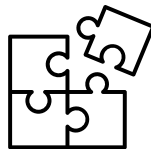
20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Faces and Voices of Recovery | [Learn More](#)



For weekly or ongoing meetings visit our [Support](#) page on the Virtual Community Site.

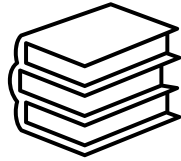
### **Is Anything Missing?**



Are we missing anything in the Calendar or Support pages?

Contact us at [academy.virtual.community@gmail.com](mailto:academy.virtual.community@gmail.com)

## INFORMATIVE RESOURCES



Pat Deegan's: Using Meds to Help Me Get the Life I Want - From a recent webinar hosted by the Center for Practice Innovations (CPI). See the resources and a recording of her live session

<https://practiceinnovations.org/CPI-Resources/Using-Meds-to-Help-Me-Get-The-Life-I-Want>

The Key Update – National Mental Health Consumers' Self-Help Clearinghouse special interest newsletter for the peer community.

[Learn More](#)

The Wildflower Alliance Newsletter (formerly the Western Mass Recovery Learning Community)

See their tribute to Mary Ann and George Ebert

[Learn More](#)

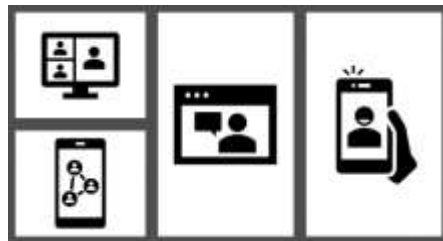
Mindfulness Guide: A Young Adult's Guide to Meditation by NYAPRS' Ruth Colón-Wagner

[Access the Guide](#)

## PARTICIPATE/GET INVOLVED



**Tell us about your Virtual/Digital/Tele-Peer Support Experience and Technology Needs:  
A survey for Peer Support Specialists and Supervisors/Managers of Peer Support Services**



## Virtual/Digital/Tele-Peer Support Experience Survey (continued)

We know how hard Peer Support Specialists have been working during the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting stay-at-home orders. Your efforts to provide peer tele-support, or supervise those supports, have ensured people remain connected and able to access the critical services and supports they need and desire. Please tell us how it is going and what resources you might continue to need.

Your feedback is important, and your answers are anonymous. We do not ask for your name.

- If you are a peer support specialist, complete this survey  
- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7FBLW22>.
- If you are a supervisor or manager of peer support services, complete this survey  
- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D3SZZ5F>.

### *Need a Different Format?*

If you or someone you know would like to take this survey in written/pencil-paper form, email [academyofpeerservicesnyomh@gmail.com](mailto:academyofpeerservicesnyomh@gmail.com) and include yours or the person's name and the address it should be sent to. Let us know whether you want a peer support specialist or supervisor/manager version and we will provide a paper version of the survey with a postage paid envelope for return.

If you are a program director or coordinator and would like multiple copies of the paper version of the survey mailed to your location, please send an email with the number and type of survey to: [academyofpeerservicesnyomh@gmail.com](mailto:academyofpeerservicesnyomh@gmail.com)

Thank you for your help in completing and distributing,  
Academy of Peer Services & Virtual Learning Community Team  
For more information, send email to [academyofpeerservicesnyomh@gmail.com](mailto:academyofpeerservicesnyomh@gmail.com)

## More Ways to Get Involved

### Friendship Project Seeks Volunteers

**([For a flyer, click here](#))**

- Are you a person with lived experience in mental health or substance abuse systems?
- Do you have a compassionate heart that has the desire to connect with others?
- Would you like to build a lasting friendship with a peer who may be having a hard time due to isolation and other struggles?
- Can you make at least a one-hour per week commitment to your friend plus a biweekly meeting with Friendship Project manager(s), all via zoom, telephone or chat?

If you answered yes, apply to be a **Friendship Project** volunteer. Email Dan Frey at [CityVoices1995@gmail.com](mailto:CityVoices1995@gmail.com) and we will schedule an interview via telephone or zoom.

## Youth Peers and Supervisors

Families Together in NYS holds regular regional meetings for youth peers and peer supervisors. [Get Involved!](#)

- [Learn about youth peer meetings \(YPM\)](#)
- [Learn about peer supervisor meetings \(PSM\)](#)

## WRAP and Crisis Support Survey

The Copeland Center for Wellness and Recovery invites you to fill out a survey on WRAP and Crisis Support. We are seeking community members who have supported someone - including yourself - through a crisis in the past year to share experiences. | [Take the Survey](#)

## RESEARCH



### Talking about Suicide

Suicide attempt survivors often struggle with how to talk about their suicide attempt or about their thoughts of suicide. A team led by Lindsay Sheehan (Illinois Institute of Technology) are conducting a study on interventions to help people talk about their experiences. In this study, adults ages 18 and over who have a mood disorder and have attempted suicide will participate in 6 one-hour sessions of a peer-led group, held weekly online. **Participants will receive up to \$100 in gift cards for completing online surveys (\$20 for first survey, \$30 for second, \$40 at follow-up).** | [Learn More](#)

### Veteran Peer Support Specialists

#### Veteran Peer Support Specialists Needed



Participants will be entered into a drawing for a \$50.00 Visa gift card

### **Veteran Peer Support Specialists (continued)**

Participants needed for a study about the impact on military veteran providers of providing peer support, and the impact on their own recovery.

**SUMMARY:** You will be asked to participate in one anonymous zoom interview, lasting approximately 1 1/2 hours. During the interview, you will be asked about your experiences with recovery and providing peer support services.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Must be a United States military veteran that has at least 6 months experience providing peer support services.

To participate please contact:

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### **Jail Diversion Research | NYS Assessment of Jail Diversion**

In 2020, the NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) established The Center for Diversion within the Division of Forensic Services, with the mission of supporting jurisdictions in the development, implementation, and evaluation of initiatives to reduce the arrest and incarceration of adults with serious mental illness (SMI). The Center is seeking to establish a baseline understanding of the use and application of diversion for individuals age 18 years and older with SMI throughout NYS. Diversion is a collaborative and cooperative effort, and we are seeking your support in completing this survey, which we hope will allow the creation of a meaningful overview of the current diversion landscape across New York state.

The information collected from this survey will be used to guide the development of training, technical assistance, and research initiatives through which The Center can support diversion efforts throughout NYS. We ask that this survey be completed by the individual within your agency who will most likely be able to respond to questions regarding diversion efforts, particularly involving your SMI populations.

**This survey should take approximately 15-30 minutes to complete, depending on with the degree to which your agency is currently involved in diversion work.** Even if you do not believe your agency provides diversion services, we ask you to complete the survey to assist in identifying needs and gaps. In this case, the survey should take no longer than 5-10 minutes to complete.

**All responses will be combined with responses from other agencies, and data will only be presented in an anonymous aggregated form.** We will not identify which person or agency gave which responses. We will also keep strictly confidential any personal identifying information such as names and personal contact information.

**We are asking participants to complete the survey no later than April 7, 2021.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Diversion Center via email at [Dfs\\_JailDiversion@omh.ny.gov](mailto:Dfs_JailDiversion@omh.ny.gov). Take the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/diversioncenter>

## Trade or Technical Career Graduates

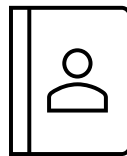
Study seeking Individuals with mental health conditions who have graduated from trade or technical programs and are pursuing careers in technical fields. Also seeking input from family members and others who involved in career services, supported employment, supported education and vocational rehabilitation. -- [Flyer](#) -- [Learn More](#)

## People who Smoke and Have a Mental Health Condition

Rutgers-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Department of Psychiatry in New Brunswick is conducting an [online survey](#) to evaluate tobacco quitting barriers in smokers with mental health conditions. Eligibility Requirements: Volunteers must be smokers who are 18 years or older. Compensation: You will be compensated for your time (\$20 gift card). Visit [www.tinyurl.com/RUTBS](http://www.tinyurl.com/RUTBS) to complete the survey

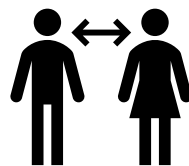
## JOB OPENINGS

### Open Jobs Report



Visit our [Open Jobs report page](#) for the March/April listings of openings in the state as reported to multiple employment agencies. The reports are sorted by location, job title, and employer to allow you to quickly find openings that are most relevant to your search. Starting this month (April) the Open Jobs report will now be provided every other week by Curtis Dann-Messier, Director of the New York City Peer and Community Health Worker Workforce Consortium.

## Job Bank



The Virtual Community Job Bank lists positions that have been submitted directly to us by employers who are looking for qualified peer candidates. These are updated regularly, so visit the [Job Seekers page](#) to see the most up to date listings.

**Albany (Capital District)**

**[Executive Director](#)**

Mohawk Opportunities

**Various Counties in NYS**

**[Peer Bridger](#)**

NYAPRS

**New York City**

**[Peer Specialist](#)**

Intensive Mobile Treatment Team  
Center for Urban Community Services (CUCS)

**New York City**

**[Director of the Health and Justice Epi-Centre](#)**

(Search under Job ID: 433518)

NYC DOHMH

**New York City**

**[Peer Counselor Level 3](#)**

(Mobile Crisis Team - Search under "peer counselor")

NYC Health+Hospitals

**New York City**

**[Peer Counselor Level 3](#)**

(Extended Care Unit - Search under "peer counselor")

NYC Health+Hospitals

**New York City**

**[Peer Counselor Level 1](#)**

(Search under "peer counselor")

NYC Health+Hospitals

**New York City**

**[Peer Specialist – per diem](#)**

(Mobile Crisis - Search under "peer" on the career site)

Visiting Nurse Service of New York

**New York City**

**[Peer Counselor](#)**

NYC Health+Hospitals

**Brooklyn and Queens (Nassau County)**

Peer Support Specialist - 2 Open Positions

Visit the [United Healthcare Careers Website](#)

(Search under New York Requisition #'s:

- Brooklyn area – **918066**
- Queens, Nassau County area – **917912**)

**Cortland County**

[Peer Specialist](#)

Catholic Charities of Cortland County

**Kingston, NY – Ulster County**

[Wellness/HCBS Coordinator – Peer Certified](#)

Mental Health Association in Ulster County, Inc

**Long Island**

[Long Island Regional Youth Partner](#)

Families Together in NYS

**New York City**

[Youth Peer Advocate \(seeking new member organizations\)](#)

NYC Youth Peer Advocate Coalition

**Staten Island**

[Peer Specialist](#)

St. Vincent's Hospital Westchester

**Morrisonville**

[Peer Support Specialist](#) (HCBS)

Behavioral Health Services North

**Mount Vernon**

[Certified Peer Specialist](#)

The Guidance Center

**New York State**

[Peer Specialist](#) – Crisis Stabilization

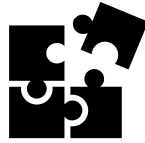
Citizen Advocates

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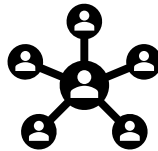
## Are We Missing Anything?



If you have an opening to share or find these new reports helpful, let us know.  
If you can think of anything else to add, send email to [academy.virtual.community@gmail.com](mailto:academy.virtual.community@gmail.com).

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## APS NETWORKING MEETING



**Join us on Tuesday Evenings for our APS Networking Meeting**

Every Tuesday, 5:15 – 6:30 pm

Meeting ID: 889 0219 9174 | Passcode: 702960