


# Community News Update

## April 16, 2021



Academy of Peer Services  
**Virtual Learning Community**

Welcome to Community News Update.  
This is an abbreviated listing of  
upcoming events, activities, and job  
openings for the peer support  
workforce.

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## ACADEMY NEWS

### Spring Session – News Update

Dear Academy Learners,

During the break between terms, the Core and Elective courses remain closed for scheduled maintenance. However, our continuing education (CE) courses remain open for you to take for credit.

The newest APS CE courses (launched this week) are An Introduction to the Peer Model Part 1: Peer Support Values and Practices; and Part 2: The Power of Peer Support. These new CE courses provide a basic introduction to Peer Support services and practices, which, as a peer support specialist you can use to reflect on what you've learned so far and you can also share these courses with your supervisor, colleagues, and others who are curious and want to learn more about what peer support is about. The course video was recorded in a class for providers on March 5, 2021.

Other recently launched continuing education courses include:

- Becoming an Anti-Racist Organization
- Introduction to Behavioral Health Equity
- Justice Peers in NYC: A Community Meeting
- LGBTQIA+ Community and Intersectionality
- Racism: A Public Mental Health Crisis; and Racism in Mental Health in NYC

- The Role Organizational Self-Assessment Plays in Reducing Disparities
- Talking About Tobacco Part 1: A New Conversation About Tobacco Use and Peer Support

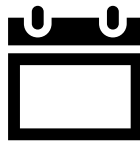
Talking About Tobacco Part 2: An Orientation to the Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP®) will be available soon after the start of Term 2. For an updated catalog of Spring Session CE courses, [click here](#).

The full Course Catalog of over 70 core, elective, and continuing education courses will be available at the start of Term 2 at noon 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



**Please note:** Events in our Community Calendar and Newsletters are provided as a public service for our learners and the peer community.

For information about whether an event is eligible for continuing education credit for a specific professional association, certification, or certification board, please ask the event organizer directly.

# Words of Wellness



April 2021

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### Words of Wellness

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

# Welcome to the Virtual Learning Community.

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## Upcoming Events

Visit our [Community Calendar](#) for the latest additions. These are current as of April 16, 2021.

### 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](#)

### Event

April 16, 1:00-2:00 pm (Eastern)  
National Healthcare Decisions Day | NHDD | [Learn More](#)

### Webinar

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

### Support Group

April 17, 5-6 pm ET  
Reframing Crisis | [Learn More](#)

### Deadline to Pre-Register: April 19

Youth Peer Advocate (YPA) 4-Day Virtual Training  
(Training Orientation: May 10, 1-2 pm Eastern)  
(4-Day Training: May 13-14 and May 17-18, 12-4 pm each day)  
Families Together in NYS | [Learn More](#)

### 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](#)

**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](#)

**Webinar**

April 19, 2:00 pm ET

Conversations on Grief, Trauma and Healing During a Pandemic

CCSI | [Learn More](#)

**OMH/CMHS Block Grant Regional Feedback Session**

April 19, 2:00 – 4:00 pm ET

HR Regional Feedback Session

OMH | [Learn More](#)

**Peer Workers United**

April 19, 6:00 – 7:30 pm ET

First and Third Mondays

PWU | [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](#)

**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](#)

**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](#)

**OMH/CMHS Block Grant Regional Feedback Session**

April 20, 12:00 – 2:00 pm ET

LI Regional Feedback Session

OMH | [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](#)

**Pop Up Vaccination Clinic / Long Island**

April 23, 9-2 pm ET

(Must make appoint by April 22, 2 pm)

AMHW | [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](#)

**Support Group**

April 24, 5-6 pm ET

Reframing Crisis | [Learn More](#)

**Event**

April 26-30, 2021

Reentry Week

National Reentry Resource Center

NRRC | [Learn More](#)

**OMH/CMHS Block Grant Regional Feedback Session**

April 26, 12:00 – 2:00 pm ET

NYC Regional Feedback Session

OMH | [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](#)

**Webinar**

April 27, 2-3 pm Eastern

Wellness Maintenance for Transition Age Youth (TAY)

Peer Specialist Webinar Series - Doors to Wellbeing | [Learn More](#)

**Training**

April 27, 3:00 – 4:00 pm ET

APS Study Group / Every Tuesday

(Orientation)

HALI | [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

**Deadline to Apply: April 28**

Peer Specialist Training Starts May 18 (8 weeks)

(Tues, Wed, Fri – 9:30 -11:30 am and 12:30 – 2:30 pm)

AMHW | [Learn More](#)

**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 28, 2-3:30 pm ET

Recovery Through Personal Care Services

NASMHPD / NCMHR | [Learn More](#)

**Ongoing Employment Support and Education Meeting**

April 28, 4:30 – 6:00 pm ET

Forensic Peer Specialist Overview (MHEP)

AHMW | [Learn More](#)

**Support Circle**

April 28, 6-8 pm ET

NYC Peer Workforce Coalition | NYC PWC | [Learn More](#)

**Youth MOVE Summit (2 Days)**

April 29, 9-3:30 pm / April 30, 9-1:30 pm

Motivating Others through the Voice of Experience

Youth MOVE and MHTTC | [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](#)

**OMH/CMHS Block Grant Regional Feedback Session**

April 29, 2:00 – 4:00 pm ET  
Regional Feedback Session  
WNY | [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](#)

**OMH/CMHS Block Grant Regional Feedback Session**

April 30, 12:00 – 2:00 pm ET  
Regional Feedback Session  
CNY | [Learn More](#)

**Webinar**

April 30, 1:00 – 2:00 pm ET  
Recovery-Oriented Tobacco Interventions in Addiction Services  
UCSF Smoking Cessation Leadership Center | [Learn more](#)

**Webinar**

April 30, 1-3 pm ET  
Implementing Harm Reduction Strategies During COVID-19  
The Coalition for Behavioral Health | [Learn More](#)

**Virtual Event**

April 30, 7 pm Eastern  
Mental Health Awareness Month Kickoff Party  
NAMI | [Learn More](#)

**Art Exhibit: Outside/Outsider**

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

**Support Group**

May 1, 5-6 pm ET

Reframing Crisis | [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](#)

**Panel Discussion**

May 4, 2:00 – 3:15 pm ET

(At the Families Together conference)

Panel Discussion with Mayor Lovely Warren on Police Reform Efforts in Rochester

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

**Training**

May 4, 3:00 – 4:00 pm ET

APS Study Group / Every Tuesday

HALI | [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](#)

**Wellness Wednesday Discussion**

May 5, 4:00 pm ET

Youth Mental Health (Discussion)

NAMI | [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](#)

**Bi-County Empowerment Conference**

May 6, 3:30 – 5:00 pm ET

What's Changed, What's the Same, Where Do We Go From Here?

Darby Penney and Lucy Winer

Creative Connections, Emily Vaianella

Bi-County Conference Steering Committee | [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, 12:00 pm (Eastern)

Ask Me Anything About Employment: The Cost of Benefits

Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation | [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](#)

**Support Group**

May 8, 5-6 pm ET

Reframing Crisis | [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](#)

**Training**

May 11, 3:00 – 4:00 pm ET

APS Study Group / Every Tuesday

HALI | [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

**Wellness Wednesday Discussion**

May 12, 4 pm ET

Mental Health in the Workplace

NAMI | [Learn More](#)

**Training**

May 13, 2021

Ethics Workshop

Recovery Coach University | [Learn More](#)

**Support Group**

May 15, 5-6 pm ET

Reframing Crisis | [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](#)

**Training**

May 18, 3:00 – 4:00 pm ET

APS Study Group / Every Tuesday

HALI | [Learn More](#)

**Peer Specialist Training (Session 2)**

Starts Tuesday, May 18, 2021

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 9:30 am – 11:30 am, and 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm

AMWH | [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](#)

**Wellness Wednesday Discussion**

May 19, 4 pm ET

Transforming Crisis Response

NAMI | [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](#)

**Fundraiser**

May 22, (Times vary by location)

NAMI Walks Your Way (Rochester, NYC, Westchester)

NAMI | [Learn More](#)

**Support Group**

May 22, 5-6 pm ET

Reframing Crisis | [Learn More](#)

**Training**

May 25, 3:00 – 4:00 pm ET

APS Study Group / Every Tuesday

HALI | [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

**Training**

May 26 and 27, 12:00 – 3:00 pm ET (2 Days)

Talking with Intention: Effective Communication and Purposeful Self-Disclosure

The Copeland Center | [Learn More](#)

**Wellness Wednesday Discussion**

May 26, 4 pm ET

Multicultural Mental Health | NAMI | [Learn More](#)

**NAMI Cafe**

May 27, 7 pm Eastern

Creative Talents / Café | NAMI | [Learn More](#)

**Support Group**

May 29, 5-6 pm ET

Reframing Crisis | [Learn More](#)

**Training**

June 1, 3:00 – 4:00 pm ET

APS Study Group / Every Tuesday

HALI | [Learn More](#)

**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](#)

**Support Group**

June 5, 5-6 pm ET

Reframing Crisis | [Learn More](#)

**Training**

June 8, 3:00 – 4:00 pm ET

APS Study Group / Every Tuesday

HALI | [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

**Training (2 Days)**

June 8 and 9, 9 am – 4 pm ET

Motivational Interviewing

Recovery Coach University | [Learn More](#)

**Training**

June 11, 9 am – 4 pm ET

A Coach Approach

Recovery Coach University | [Learn More](#)

**Support Group**

June 12, 5-6 pm ET

Reframing Crisis | [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](#)

**Training**

June 15, 3:00 – 4:00 pm ET

APS Study Group / Every Tuesday

HALI | [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](#)

**Support Group**

June 19, 5-6 pm ET

Reframing Crisis | [Learn More](#)

**Training**

June 22, 3:00 – 4:00 pm ET

APS Study Group / Every Tuesday

HALI | [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](#)

**Support Group**

June 26, 5-6 pm ET

Reframing Crisis | [Learn More](#)

**Training**

June 29, 3:00 – 4:00 pm ET

APS Study Group / Every Tuesday

HALI | [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](#)

**Support Group**

July 3, 5-6 pm ET

Reframing Crisis | [Learn More](#)

**Training**

July 6, 3:00 – 4:00 pm ET

APS Study Group / Every Tuesday

HALI | [Learn More](#)

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

July 8, 10, 15, and 17

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

**Support Group**

July 10, 5-6 pm ET

Reframing Crisis | [Learn More](#)

**Training**

July 13, 3:00 – 4:00 pm ET

APS Study Group / Every Tuesday

HALI | [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)

**Support Group**

July 17, 5-6 pm ET

Reframing Crisis | [Learn More](#)

**Training**

July 20, 3:00 – 4:00 pm ET

APS Study Group / Every Tuesday

HALI | [Learn More](#)

**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](#)

**Support Group**

July 24, 5-6 pm ET

Reframing Crisis | [Learn More](#)

**Conference**

July 27-28, 2021

NAMIcon (Virtual Convention)

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

**Training**

July 27, 3:00 – 4:00 pm ET

APS Study Group / Every Tuesday

HALI | [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

**Support Group**

July 31, 5-6 pm ET

Reframing Crisis | [Learn More](#)

**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](#)

## **ONGOING SUPPORT**



The following is a short list of ongoing support and classes. For more groups and classes, check the Support pages on our site. If your organization is not listed (or if the information is out of date), please let us know so we can share it with the whole community.

If you would like your groups and classes to be featured in the monthly Community News or the bi-weekly News Update, send email with your announcement or schedule to [academy.virtual.community@gmail.com](mailto:academy.virtual.community@gmail.com).

### **NYC Peer Workforce Support Line**

Wednesdays and Thursdays | 6:00 – 8:30 pm Eastern

Confidential and staffed by peer volunteers

929-254-4422

### **WCNY-IPA (members throughout the state)**

Wellness Collaborative of New York – Independent Practice Association

<https://www.wcnyipa.net/affiliates/>

(View the peer-run organizations and affiliates. Visit each of their sites for more information.)

### **Long Island**

Association for Mental Health and Wellness (AMHW)

[Healing Connections](#) - At this time our Peer Support Group is temporarily suspended as we are planning, restructuring and scheduling. For one-to-one telephone mutual support:

PEER SUPPORT LINE, Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm

631-471-7242 ext. 1217

If you reach our voicemail, please leave us a message and we will return your call. Otherwise you can send us email: [healingconnections@mhaw.org](mailto:healingconnections@mhaw.org)

### Long Island

Hands Across Long Island (HALI)

<https://hali88.org/about/>

HALI Warmline: 631-234-1925 x 1

For a calendar of classes and activities, [click here](#).

### Rochester

Creative Wellness Opportunities

<https://www.mharochester.org/services/creative-wellness-opportunities/>

## Welcome to the Virtual Learning Community.

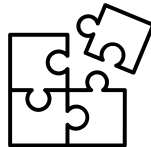
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For weekly or ongoing meetings visit our [Support](#) page on the Virtual Community Site.

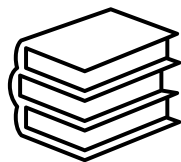
### Is Anything Missing?



Are we missing anything in the Calendar or Support pages?

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

## RESOURCES



**NY Project Hope** is New York's COVID-19 Emotional Support Helpline.

**Emotional Support Helpline: 1-844-863-9314** | [Learn More](#)

Learn to Cope with Hope. View the animated videos: <https://nyprojecthope.org/understand/>

### **CREATE – Computer Recycling for Education and Technology Enhancement**

The Computer Recycling for Education and Technology Enhancement Act (CREATE) was passed to promote computer literacy in order to produce a competitive workforce. This page provides information regarding the process to be used to receive surplus computer equipment, owned by the State, that may be of use in the educational system. | [Learn more](#)

**The Voice of Families and Youth** – April 2021 Newsletter | Families Together in New York State

[Learn More](#)

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

[Learn More](#)

**The Wildflower Alliance** (formerly the Western Mass Recovery Learning Community) newsletter.

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](#)

**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>

An Announcement from Pat Deegan: [Personal Medicine – A Disruptive Innovation](#)



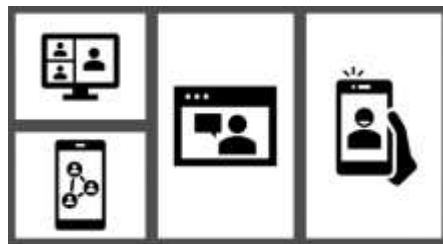
## PARTICIPATE/GET INVOLVED



**Last Chance: Deadline Extended to Today – April 16, 2021**

**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



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)

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Academy of Peer Services & Virtual Learning Community Team  
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## More Ways to Get Involved

### Access to Recovery Coalition

Access to Recovery (A2R) is seeking people with lived experience to help shape HARP services. HARP is a Medicaid Plan that provides extra services (like peer support) to individuals. A2R is a coalition of people who are directly impacted by these services to advise OMH on policies and practices around HARP. To learn more and apply, [click here](#).

### Friendship Project Seeks Volunteers

- 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. [Learn more](#).

### 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](#)

### PEER SPECIALIST TRAINING

#### Interviews are now open! 8-week [Peer Specialist Training](#)

We are now scheduling interviews for our 8-week training offered live online through Zoom. Please share with anyone who may be interested. | [Learn More](#)

Email [crwtrainingcenter@mhaw.org](mailto:crwtrainingcenter@mhaw.org) with interest and to schedule an interview.

**Interviews must be scheduled prior to Wednesday, April 28, 2021.**

Seats are limited and our training fills up quickly.

psst...Ask us about our **NEW!** Peer Workforce Readiness Basics offering.



## 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](#)

### 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

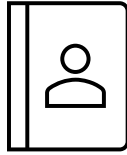
Rutgers-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Department of Psychiatry in New Brunswick is conducting an [online survey](#) to evaluate tobacco quitting barriers in smokers with mental health conditions. Eligibility Requirements: Volunteers must be smokers who are 18 years or older. Compensation: You will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

## JOB OPENINGS



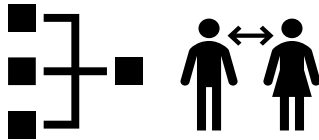
**Please note:** Job Openings and Open Jobs Reports are provided as a public service for our learners and the peer community. For more information about a specific job, please contact the employer directly.

## 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. **Jobs in the Job Bank are listed in order of submission. Most recent jobs are listed at the top.**

### Albany

#### [Associate Commissioner MH](#)

New York State Office of Mental Health  
(Application Deadline 4/26/21)

### Brooklyn

[Peer Specialist](#) | The Wellness Works Clinic  
Services for the UnderServed (SUS)

### Westchester, Rockland, Dutchess

#### [Job Fair / April 28, 1:00 – 5:00 pm](#)

(Resume deadline April 22)  
Lexington Center for Recovery

### New York City

#### [Peer Counselor Level 2](#)

NYC Health+Hospitals

**New York City**

**[Outreach Associate](#)**

NYC Criminal Justice Agency

**New York City**

**[Senior Peer Mentor](#)**

Community Health Action of Staten Island

**New York City**

**[Recovery Coach/Peer Advocate intern](#)**

Community Health Action of Staten Island

**New York City**

**[Peer Mentor](#)** (Alternatives to Incarceration)

Community Health Action of Staten Island

**New York City**

**[Peer Support Specialist](#)**

**[Vibrant Emotional Health](#)**

**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)**

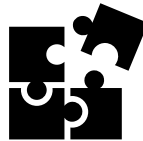
Behavioral Health Services North

**Mount Vernon****[Certified Peer Specialist](#)**

The Guidance Center

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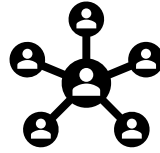
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If you can think of anything else to add, send email to [academy.virtual.community@gmail.com](mailto:academy.virtual.community@gmail.com).

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**APS USER SUPPORT**

If you have questions related to the Academy of Peer Services online courses, contact our User Support Specialist, Maryam:  
[academyofpeerservicesnyomh@gmail.com](mailto:academyofpeerservicesnyomh@gmail.com)

## 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

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