

APS Virtual Learning Community News Update | July 13, 2021



Welcome to **APS News Update**.
This is a brief report of current events, activities,
and job openings for the peer support workforce.

For comments or questions, send email to:
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ACADEMY NEWS

Two Weeks Left in Term 2

Dear Academy Learners,

Two weeks remain in Term 2, which ends Monday, July 26, at noon. If you are working toward the New York Certified Peer Specialist (NYCPS or NPCSP-P) certification posttests and evaluations for open courses in the Core and Elective tracks must be completed prior to the end of the term.

We will continue to release new CE (continuing education) courses based on webinars and workshops of our network of community partner organizations. These short (typically 1 to 1.5 hour) courses are a way to learn from some of the leading practitioners in the field, stay up to date with the latest developments, and earn NYPSCB approved credit at the same time. To learn more about these CE courses and all of our course offerings, visit our [Course Catalog](#).

APS Networking Meeting | Pre-Registration Now Required

Register to join us on Tuesdays from 5:15 – 6:30 pm Eastern.

Click here to [Register in advance](#)

DEADLINES

The following activities have deadlines, as follow:

Deadline: July 14, 2021 | Apply for the Summer Organizing Institute, Center for Community Alternatives, Inc. (Institute dates are Tuesday evenings from July 27-Sept 7 on Zoom. | [Learn More](#)

Deadline: July 25, 2021 | OMH Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) (Must register in advance) | Meeting Date: July 26, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. | [Register](#)

Deadline: July 28, 2021 | Howie the Harp Peer Training Bootcamp | [Learn More](#)
(Limit 40 applicants)

SAVE THE DATES

ALTERNATIVES Conference Continues | July 15 & 17, 2021
Keynote presenters include New York advocate Tiara Springer-Love!



Tiara Springer-Love

Thursday, July 15 - Selected Sessions (New York Connection)

July 15, 10:30 am	Yoga/Meditation – Robbie Lettieri
July 15, 11:00 am	KEYNOTE: Tiara Springer-Love Finding Our Voices by Changing the Narrative of Youth Engagement
July 15, 12:00 pm	Hope from Behind the Walls and Serving a Life Sentence – Lee Horton, Dennis Horton and Mary Ellen Copeland
July 15, 4:15 pm	Peer Support Unites the Mental & Physical Disability Movements – David Oaks
July 15, 5:15 pm	Creative Connections Campaign – Emily Vaianella and Melissa Wettengel
July 15, 5:15 pm	Youth Peer Generation – Ryan Tempesco and Amey Dettmer
July 15, 7:00 pm	Interactive Art Activity with Cynthia Christensen
July 15, 7:00 pm	“CrazyWise” Film Screening with Q&A Session

Saturday, July 17 - Selected Sessions (New York Connection)

July 17, 3:15 pm	The History of the Consumer/Survivor Movement – Gayle Bluebird and Sally Zinman
July 17, 3:15 pm	Disruption, Discovery, and Balance – Greg Parnell
July 17, 4:15 pm	“With All I’ve Been Through, I Could Write a Book”: A Workshop on Writing and Publishing Your Story – Sara Elisabeth Brown and Lexi Mohney
July 15, 7:00 pm	Interactive Art Activity with Cynthia Christensen
July 15, 7:00 pm	“CrazyWise” Film Screening with Q&A Session

View the Alternatives 2021 [Conference site](#)

Access to keynote presentations and workshops: [Schedule](#)

Sign up Now for the 15th Annual NYC Conference for Working Peer Specialists

July 22 and July 29, 2021 | [Registration open now!](#)



SAVE THE DATES

TWO-DAY ONLINE CONFERENCE

FREE of CHARGE

Thursday, July 22, 2021

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Thursday, July 29, 2021

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

A program with workshop titles and descriptions will be available by the end of June.

REGISTER NOW

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



*Wellness for Peer Support Specialists:
Self-Care and Social Justice*

Peggy Swarbrick, PhD, FAOTIA
Wellness Institute Director, Collaborative Support Programs of New Jersey
Research Professor and Associate Director of Center of Alcohol and Substance Use Studies, Rutgers University

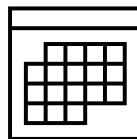


*Advancing Peer Support
Through an Anti-Racist Lens*

Jeffrey McQueen, MBA, LCDC
Executive Director, Mental Health Association of Nassau County

For a “Welcome to the Conference” by Celia Brown and step-by-step instructions for pre-registering through Eventbrite, [view video](#).

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Please Note:

Events in our **Community Calendar** and **Newsletter** are provided as a public service to our peer support and supervision community.

To find out whether an event is eligible for continuing education for a specific professional association, certification, or program, ask the event organizer directly.

Webinar

July 13, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Decision Aids for Shared Decision-Making

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

Webinar

July 13 & 15, 12 – 3:00 pm

Talking with Intention / Purposeful Self-Disclosure (Online Training, 2 Days)

The Copeland Center | [Learn More](#)

Training

July 13, 3:00 – 4:00 pm ET

APS Study Group / Every Tuesday

HALI | [Learn More](#)

APS Networking Meeting

July 13, 5:15-6:30 pm ET

Every Tuesday (pre-registration required) | [Register in advance](#)

Webinar

July 14, 10-11:30 am

Transition Aged Youth & Trauma

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

Webinar

July 14, 11-12 pm ET

Responding to the Crisis of Black Youth Suicide: Clinical Implications

CTAC | [Learn More](#)

OMH COVID FAQ

July 14, 1-2:00 pm ET

Frequently Asked Questions About COVID-19

NYS OMH | ACCESS TBD

Webinar

July 14, 2-3:30 pm ET

Technology, Working with Law Enforcement, and Remaining Innovative to Challenges

National Council | [Learn More](#)

Alternatives 2021 Virtual Conference (Day 3)

July 15, 2021

[View Keynote Presenters!](#)

National Coalition for Mental Health Recovery (NCMRC)

[Preliminary Program](#) | [Learn More](#)

Support Group

July 15, 7:00 pm ET

Making All Stops on the Talent Express
Meetup | [Learn More](#)

Long Island Peer Networking Group

July 15, 3:30 – 5:00 pm ET
Meets on the 3rd Thursday of Each Month
AMHW | [Learn More](#)

Regional Support Circle

July 16, 4-5:00 pm ET
Regional Peer Worker Support Circle
MHTTC | [Learn More](#)

Alternatives 2021 Virtual Conference (Day 4)

July 17, 2021
[View Keynote Presenters!](#)
National Coalition for Mental Health Recovery (NCMRC)
[Preliminary Program](#) | [Learn More](#)

Discussion Group

July 17, 11:30 – 1:00 pm ET
Spirituality and Spiritual Practice to Stay Sane in an Insane World
City Voices | [Learn More](#)

Vaccination Clinic

July 19, 9-2 pm ET
COVID-19 On-Site Vaccinations, Mental Health Association of Rochester/Monroe | [Learn More](#)

Webinar

July 19, 10 -11:30 am
Recovery Goals During Trying Times
[The Coalition for Behavioral Health](#) | [Learn More](#)

Training

July 19, 10:00 – 11:30 am ET
Careers in Recovery and Wellness: Peer Workforce Readiness
AMHW | [Learn More](#)

Webinar

July 20, 10 – 11:30 am ET
Practicing Conversation Skills for Shared Decision-Making
[The Coalition for Behavioral Health](#) | [Learn More](#)

Training

July 20, 3:00 – 4:00 pm ET
APS Study Group / Every Tuesday
HALI | [Learn More](#)

APS Networking Meeting

July 20, 5:15-6:30 pm ET
Every Tuesday (pre-registration required)
[Register in advance](#)

Support Group

July 21, 9:00 – 10:00 am ET
Bi-Monthly Implementation Support – Focus on Integrated Treatment (FIT)
Center for Practice Innovation
[Learn more](#)

OMH COVID FAQ

July 21, 1-2:00 pm ET
Frequently Asked Questions About COVID-19
NYS OMH | ACCESS TBD

Peer Learning Collaborative / Support Group

July 21, 4:30 – 6:00 pm | 3rd Wednesday
Peer Learning Collaborative, Recovery Coach University | [Learn More](#)

15th NYC Conference for Working Peer Specialists (Day 1)

July 22 and 29, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Eastern
Brave New Worlds: Advancing Peer Support Through Technology
Virtual Conference | [Learn More](#)

Regional Support Circle

July 23, 4-5:00 pm ET
Regional Peer Worker Support Circle
MHTTC | [Learn More](#)

Discussion Group

July 24, 11:30 – 1:00 pm ET
Spirituality and Spiritual Practice to Stay Sane in an Insane World
City Voices | [Learn More](#)

Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)

July 26, 8:30 – 12:30 pm ET
Pre-registration is required
Office of Mental Health, Office of Consumer Affairs | [Register](#)

Webinar:

July 26, 10– 11:30 am ET
Advanced Substance Use Counseling During Trying Times
[The Coalition for Behavioral Health | Learn More](#)

Conference

July 27-28, 2021
NAMIcon (Virtual Convention),
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) | [Learn More](#)

Webinar

July 27, 2:30 – 3:15 pm ET
It Starts with You: A Conversation on Race, Racism, and Clinical Practice
CTAC | [Learn More](#)

Training

July 27, 3:00 – 4:00 pm ET
APS Study Group / Every Tuesday | HALI | [Learn More](#)

Healing Connections Support Group

July 27, 3:30 – 4:30 pm ET (4th Tuesdays)
AMHW | [Learn More](#)

APS Networking Meeting

July 27, 5:15-6:30 pm ET
Every Tuesday (pre-registration required)
[Register in advance](#)

Deadline: July 28, 2021

Howie the Harp Peer Training Bootcamp
(Limit 40 applicants)
[Learn More](#)

NAMIcon (Day 2)

July 28, 2021
NAMIcon (Virtual Convention)
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) | [Learn More](#)

Webinar

July 28th, 9-10:30 am ET
Vaccine Education for OMH & OASAS Service Recipients and Providers
OMH | [Learn More](#)

OMH COVID FAQ

July 28, 1-2:00 pm ET
Frequently Asked Questions About COVID-19
NYS OMH | ACCESS TBD

Support Circles

July 28, 6-8:00 pm ET
4th Wednesdays ([see monthly agenda](#))
New York City Peer Workforce Coalition | NYC PWC | [Learn More](#)

15th NYC Conference for Working Peer Specialists (Day 2)

July 29, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Eastern
Brave New Worlds: Advancing Peer Support Through Technology
Virtual Conference | [Learn More](#)

Webinar

July 29 & 30, 11 am – 2:00 pm
Workplace Wellness (Online Training, 2 Days)
The Copeland Center | [Learn More](#)

Webinar

July 29, 12:00 – 1:15 pm
Advocacy is Essential! Strategies that Work.
NYAPRS | [Learn More](#)

Regional Support Circle

July 30, 4-5:00 pm ET
Regional Peer Worker Support Circle
MHTTC | [Learn More](#)

Discussion Group

July 31, 11:30 – 1:00 pm ET
Spirituality and Spiritual Practice to Stay Sane in an Insane World
City Voices | [Learn More](#)

APS Networking Meeting

August 3, 5:15-6:30 pm ET
Every Tuesday (pre-registration required)
[Register in advance](#)

Webinar

August 4, 11:00 – 12:30 pm ET
The World's On Fire; Can We Still Talk About Wellness?
The Copeland Center (Members Only) | [Learn More](#)

Regional Support Circle

August 6, 4-5:00 pm ET
Regional Peer Worker Support Circle
MHTTC | [Learn More](#)

Discussion Group

August 7, 11:30 – 1:00 pm ET
Spirituality and Spiritual Practice to Stay Sane in an Insane World
City Voices | [Learn More](#)

APS Networking Meeting

August 10, 5:15-6:30 pm ET
Every Tuesday (pre-registration required)
[Register in advance](#)

Regional Support Circle

August 13, 4-5:00 pm ET
Regional Peer Worker Support Circle
MHTTC | [Learn More](#)

Discussion Group

August 14, 11:30 – 1:00 pm ET
Spirituality and Spiritual Practice to Stay Sane in an Insane World
City Voices | [Learn More](#)

APS Networking Meeting

August 17, 5:15-6:30 pm ET
Every Tuesday (pre-registration required)
[Register in advance](#)

Virtual Conference (2 Days)

August 18-19, 2021
“Peering into the Future” 6th Annual Peer Pathways Conference, Tacoma, WA | [Learn More](#)

Long Island Peer Networking Group

August 19, 3:30 – 5:00 pm ET
Meets on the 3rd Thursday of Each Month
AMHW | [Learn More](#)

Regional Support Circle

August 20, 4-5:00 pm ET
Regional Peer Worker Support Circle
MHTTC | [Learn More](#)

Discussion Group

August 21, 11:30 – 1:00 pm ET

Spirituality and Spiritual Practice to Stay Sane in an Insane World

City Voices | [Learn More](#)

APS Networking Meeting

August 24, 5:15-6:30 pm ET

Every Tuesday (pre-registration required)

[Register in advance](#)

Support Circles

August 25, 6-8:00 pm ET

4th Wednesdays ([see monthly agenda](#))

New York City Peer Workforce Coalition

NYC PWC | [Learn More](#)

Training

August 27, 9 – 4:00 pm Eastern

Taking a Coach Approach

Recovery Coach University | [Learn More](#)

Regional Support Circle

August 27, 4-5:00 pm ET

Regional Peer Worker Support Circle

MHTTC | [Learn More](#)

Discussion Group

August 28, 11:30 – 1:00 pm ET

Spirituality and Spiritual Practice to Stay Sane in an Insane World

City Voices | [Learn More](#)

APS Networking Meeting

August 31, 5:15-6:30 pm ET

Every Tuesday (pre-registration required)

[Register in advance](#)

Virtual Conference

September 1-3, 2021

12th Annual Hearing Voices Congress, Hearing Voices Network

Intervoice Congress | [Learn More](#)

APS Networking Meeting

Sept 7, (No Meeting/Labor Day)

Come back next week!

APS Networking Meeting

Sept 14, 5:15-6:30 pm ET

Every Tuesday (pre-registration required)

[Register in advance](#)

Training

September 10, 9:00 – 1:00 pm ET

MAT/Medication Supported Recovery

Recovery Coach University | [Learn More](#)

Webinar

September 14, 1-2 pm ET

Learning to Love Groups – Lessons Learned | CTAC – Log in to register | [Learn More](#)

Long Island Peer Networking Group

September 17, 3:30 – 5:00 pm ET

Meets on the 3rd Thursday of Each Month

AMHW | [Learn More](#)

Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)

September 20, 8:30 – 12:30

Pre-registration is required

Office of Mental Health, Office of Consumer Affairs | [Register](#)

Webinar

Sept. 20 & 22, 12 – 3:00 pm

Talking with Intention / Purposeful Self-Disclosure (Online Training, 2 Days)

The Copeland Center | [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](#)

APS Networking Meeting

Sept 21, 5:15-6:30 pm ET

Every Tuesday (pre-registration required)

[Register in advance](#)

APS Networking Meeting

Sept 28, 5:15-6:30 pm ET

Every Tuesday (pre-registration required)

[Register in advance](#)

Welcome to the Virtual Learning Community.

We Learn. We Share. We Thrive.

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Announcements in this newsletter are current as of July 13, 2021.
New announcements are added to our Community Calendar frequently.
Visit our [Community Calendar](#) for the latest additions.

Are we missing anything?

Send announcements and updates to academy.virtual.community@gmail.com

NEW RESOURCES (Alphabetically)

Crisis Response – Peer Leadership to Develop Community Solutions

(featuring Harvey Rosenthal and Steve Miccio)

[Recording and Presentation Materials](#)

HRSA Loan Forgiveness Program

Please see the HRSA email below for loan forgiveness and other workforce information. Staff and sites not previously eligible for HRSA's Loan Forgiveness Program may be eligible now, **the program has been expanded**. Please see the attached Fact Sheet and Stakeholder Kit, for the Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Loan Repayment Program. Eligible Practitioners have been expanded to include Community Behavioral Health Paraprofessionals including:

Community Health Workers

Peer Recovery Specialists

Case Managers

Health Navigators

[FACT SHEET](#) | [Learn More](#)

Racial Equity in Recovery

C4 | [Learn More](#)

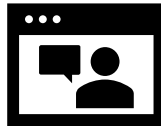
Telehealth for the Treatment of Serious Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorders

An Evidence-Based Resource Guide by SAMHSA | [Learn More](#)

The Key Update –

This is the National Mental Health Consumers' Self-Help Clearinghouse newsletter with announcements of interest to the peer support community. | [Learn More](#)

JOB OPENINGS

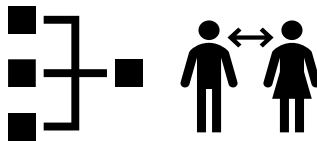


Please note:

Job Openings and Open Jobs Reports are provided as a public service for our learners, our alumni, and the larger community of peer support workers, supervisors, and colleagues of those who provide peer support services.

For more information about a specific job, please contact the employer directly.

Job Bank Updates



The Job Bank lists positions that have been submitted directly to us by employers who are looking for qualified peer support and supervision candidates. These are updated regularly, so visit the [Job Seekers page](#) on our website 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.**

Long Island

[Peer Specialist Interns](#)

[\(Frequently Asked Questions\)](#)

Hands Across Long Island (HALI)

Long Island

[Senior Forensic Specialist](#)

Hands Across Long Island (HALI)

Statewide

[Jails Justice Organizer](#)

Jails Justice Network

Rochester

[Co-Executive Director, Strategy and Operations](#)

Partners in Restorative Initiatives

Multiple Positions / **Many Locations**

[Peer Bridger](#)

NYAPRS

New York City

[Peer Specialists](#)

Clubhouses (multiple openings)

For tips to customize your job search, visit our [Open Jobs](#) page.



If you have an opening or volunteer opportunity to share, let us know.

If you can think of anything else to add, send email to academy.virtual.community@gmail.com.

ABOUT THE ACADEMY OF PEER SERVICES

Through the generous support of the New York State Office of Mental Health, APS offers over 70 online self-paced courses, 13 of which are approved for the initial application to attain a New York Certified Peer Specialist (NY-CPS) certification. All of our courses are approved by the New York Peer Specialist Certification Board (NYPSCB) for continuing education on current topics related to peer support services and supervision. APS is free of charge and open to anyone who has an interest in learning about peer support services. To learn more about APS, including the Terms of Use, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), and User Guide, [click here](#).

- APS can be accessed on the main website: <https://www.academyofpeerservices.org>
- The Virtual Learning Community is a companion site: <https://aps-community.org>

ABOUT THE APS VIRTUAL COMMUNITY



The Virtual Learning Community is a companion to the Academy of Peer Services that is intended to help create a bridge from online learning to real world practice. Visit and explore our Virtual Learning Community website: <https://aps-community.org>
Our News, Calendar, Job Bank, Support, Resources, and other pages are updated regularly.

To receive updates, join our free Virtual Learning Community mailing list. If you are not already a member of the Virtual Learning Community, sign up for our free mailing list.
To sign up, [click here](#).

APS VLC NETWORKING MEETINGS



Join us on Tuesdays from 5:15 – 6:30 pm Eastern
(pre-registration required) - [Register in advance](#)

Watch for announcements in upcoming newsletters from our Network of Community Collaborators!

APS USER SUPPORT



If you have questions related to the Academy of Peer Services online courses, contact our User Support Specialist, Maryam:
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