



APS Virtual Learning Community News | September 3, 2021



Welcome to **APS Community News**.
This monthly newsletter contains a listing of events, activities, and job openings for the peer support workforce.

For comments or questions, send email to:
academy.virtual.community@gmail.com

Contents

ACADEMY NEWS	1
COMMUNITY CALENDAR	2
NEW RESOURCES (Alphabetically)	11
GET INVOLVED	12
RESEARCH	13
JOB OPENINGS	15
ABOUT THE ACADEMY OF PEER SERVICES	19
ABOUT THE APS VIRTUAL COMMUNITY	19
APS USER SUPPORT	20



ACADEMY NEWS

Academy of Peer Services Term 3 Launches Today!

The APS launched the 3rd term of 2021 today. If you are working toward the New York Certified Peer Specialist (NYCPS or NPCSP-P) certification this term will remain open until November 29th. Course posttests and evaluations for Core and Elective courses must be completed prior to the end of the term. To learn about these and all of the 70+ APS course offerings, visit our [Course Catalog](#). If you are new to the Academy, view the Term 3 welcome letter by clicking [here](#).

Telehealth Peer Support (ThPS) Training through APS

APS has been working in partnership with Goodwill Community Foundation and also developing a brand-new educational series for peer specialists who provide services using Telehealth. Watch APS news for updates on when these courses will be available.

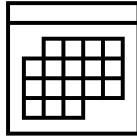
Community Collaborations – Highlighting the Center for Practice Innovations (CPI) Redesigned Site

APS recently launched a new webpage on the Virtual Community site for our [Community Collaborators](#).

APS Networking Meeting | New Link

Our weekly APS Virtual Networking Meeting now has a new Zoom registration process and access link. Register to join us on Tuesdays from 5:15 – 6:30 pm Eastern | [Register in advance](#)

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.

HALI APS Learning Collaborative (12 Weeks)

August 30-November 29, 2021 (Mondays from 3-4 pm)

Weekly Review of APS Courses

Hands Across Long Island

[Schedule](#) | [Learn More](#)

Words of Wellness (September Calendar)

September 1, 2021

Words of Wellness: Recovery Month

CSPNJ | [Learn More](#)

The Spirit, Principles, and Processes of Motivational Interviewing

September 1, 10:00 – 11:30 am ET

The Spirit, Principles, and Processes of Motivational Interviewing

The Center for Rehabilitation and Recovery/The Coalition for Behavioral Health

[Learn More](#)

NAMI Orange Peer to Peer (8 Weeks)

September 1, 7-9 pm ET

Peer to Peer Education Program

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

[Learn More](#)

Motivational Interviewing (MI) for Beginners: Core MI Skills

September 2, 10:00 – 11:30 am ET

Motivational Interviewing (MI) for Beginners: Core MI Skills

The Center for Rehabilitation and Recovery/The Coalition for Behavioral Health | [Learn More](#)

Compassion Fatigue

September 2, 10:00 – 11:30 am ET

Compassion Fatigue

CNY Peer Networking Group | Living and Recovery Series | [Learn More](#)

Peer Workers United

September 6, 6-7:30 pm ET

Peer Workers United Support Group

City Voices | [Learn More](#)

APS Networking Group

September 7, 5:15 – 6:30 pm ET

Every Tuesday Networking/Support Group

Academy of Peer Services | [Learn More](#)

Recovery Goals During Trying Times

September 8, 10:00 – 11:30 am ET

Recovery Goals During Trying Times

The Center for Rehabilitation and Recovery/The Coalition for Behavioral Health | [Learn More](#)

"Support for Supporters"

2nd Wed of each month ([Flyer](#))

September 8, from 5:00-6:00 PM

Careers in Recovery and Wellness Training Center's

Ongoing Employment Support & Education: Connect, Support, Network, and Vibe Keep Peer Support in Peer Services | [Learn More](#)

The Power of Nature

September 9, 10:00 – 11:30 am ET

The Power of Nature

CNY Peer Networking Group | Living and Recovery Series | [Learn More](#)

Cultural Humility: Unpacking Implicit Bias & Practicing with Self-Awareness

September 9, 10:00 – 11:30 am ET

Cultural Humility: Unpacking Implicit Bias & Practicing with Self-Awareness

The Center for Rehabilitation and Recovery/The Coalition for Behavioral Health | [Learn More](#)

NYC Racial Justice Public Input Session

September 9, 5 pm ET

Open Forum for NYC residents to testify

Hamilton-Madison House Community Center | [Learn More](#)

50th Anniversary of the Attica Uprising

September 9, 6-8:30 pm ET

Livestream Event: 50th Anniversary of the Attica Prison Rebellion

Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) | [Learn More](#)

Adapting Motivational Interviewing to Telehealth Modalities

September 10, 10:00 – 11:30 am ET

Adapting Motivational Interviewing to Telehealth Modalities

The Center for Rehabilitation and Recovery/The Coalition for Behavioral Health | [Learn More](#)

NAMI Orange Family to Family (8 Weeks)

September 11, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm ET

Family to Family Education Program

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

[Learn More](#)

Deadline to Apply/Schedule Interview

September 13, 2021

Peer Specialist Training (8-week training starts in October)

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

MHEP Peer Specialist Training (4 Weeks)

September 13, 1:00 – 4:00 pm (Monday-Thursday)

Peer Specialist Interactive Fall Training

Mental Health Empowerment Project (MHEP) | [Learn More](#)

Medicaid and Medicare Hearings

September 13, 2:30 – 3:00 pm

Congressional Proposals to Improve Medicare and Medicaid

National Council on Aging | [Learn More](#)

NAMI Orange Education Meeting

September 13, 7-8 pm ET

SSI, SSDI, & Representative Payee

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

[Learn More](#)

Tuning into Trauma within Psychiatric Rehabilitation

September 14, 10:00 – 11:30 am ET

Tuning into Trauma within Psychiatric Rehabilitation

The Center for Rehabilitation and Recovery/The Coalition for Behavioral Health

[Learn More](#)

The Peer Profession Progression

September 14, 12:00 – 1:30 pm am ET

The Peer Profession Progression

NYAPRS Webinar | [Learn More](#)

APS Networking Group

September 14, 5:15 – 6:30 pm ET

Every Tuesday Networking/Support Group

Academy of Peer Services | [Learn More](#)

Art as Therapy

September 16, 10:00 – 11:30 am ET

Art as Therapy

CNY Peer Networking Group | Living and Recovery Series | [Learn More](#)

Long Island Peer Networking Meeting

September 16, 10:00 – 11:30 am ET

The Sherpa Program

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

Moral Injury

September 16, 12-1:30 pm ET

Moral Injury as a Lesser-Known Risk Factor for Suicidal Behavior

Suicide Prevention Center | [Learn More](#)

Crisis Response for Rural Communities

September 16, 12-1:30 pm ET

Crisis Response for Rural Communities-Using Technology and Peer Support to Meet People in Crisis
Where they Are

SAMHSA GAINS Center | [Learn More](#)

Youth Leadership Series

September 16, 4:30 – 6:00 ET

Year One Lessons as a Youth Mental Health Non-Profit Leader at The Jed Foundation

National Empowerment Center | [Learn More](#)

Long Island Peer Networking Group

September 16, 3:30 – 5:00 pm

Meets on the 3rd Thursday of Each Month ([flyer](#))

This month's program: The Sherpa Program

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

Statewide OMH Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)

September 20, 8:30-12:30 pm ET

Presenter: NYS OMH Office of Prevention & Health Initiatives

(You must register prior to 8 am, Sept 20 to be able to access the meeting)

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

Talking with Intention / Purposeful Self-Disclosure

Sept. 20 & 22, 12 – 3:00 pm **(Online Training, 2 Days)**

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

The Copeland Center | [Learn More](#)

Motivational Interviewing for Families and Loved Ones

September 20, 4-5:30 pm ET

Motivational Interviewing for Families and Loved Ones

NAMI | [Learn More](#)

Peer Workers United

September 20, 6-7:30 pm ET

Peer Workers United Support Group

City Voices | [Learn More](#)

NYAPRS 39th Annual Conference (Day 1)

September 21, 10:45 – 6:30 pm ET

United in Hope, Together for Justice, Wellness for All

NYAPRS | [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](#)

How to be a Psychiatric Rehabilitation Practitioner

September 21, 10:00 – 11:30 am ET

How to be a Psychiatric Rehabilitation Practitioner

The Center for Rehabilitation and Recovery/The Coalition for Behavioral Health

[Learn More](#)

Pandemic-Related Disaster Assistance for SSI Recipients

September 21, 2:00 – 3:00 pm ET

Pandemic-Related Disaster Assistance for SSI Recipients

NCLER | [Learn More](#)

HALI / APS Learning Collaborative

Sept. 21, Mondays from 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Hands Across Long Island (HALI)
[Schedule of Classes](#) | [Learn More](#)

APS Networking Group

September 21, 5:15 – 6:30 pm ET
Every Tuesday Networking/Support Group
Academy of Peer Services
[Learn More](#)

Improving Language Access Summit OPWDD

September 22, 2021
Improving Language Access in Developmental Disability Services
NYS Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC)
[Learn More](#)

Forensic Peer Specialist Overview

September 22, 4:30 – 6:00 pm ET
Forensic Peer Specialist Overview
Peer Workforce Ongoing Education
MHAW
[Learn More](#)

Trauma Informed Care and Taking Care of You

September 23, 10:00 – 11:30 am ET
(Topic Change from Yoga and Laughter Therapy to Trauma Informed Care)
CNY Peer Networking Group | Living and Recovery Series
[Learn More](#)

Introduction to Trauma

September 23, 10:00 – 12:00 pm ET
Introduction to Trauma
The Coalition for Behavioral Health
[Learn More](#)

NYAPRS 39th Annual Conference (Day 2)

September 23, 10:15 – 9:30 pm ET
United in Hope, Together for Justice, Wellness for All
NYAPRS | [Learn More](#)

In Our Own Voice Presentation

September 23, 2-2:45 pm ET
In Our Own Voice: Gloria Keyloun
NAMI NYC | [Learn More – Send Email with a Request to Attend](#)

Suicide Prevention Forum

September 24, 9:30 – 12:00 noon

First Annual Suicide Prevention Forum

Ulster County Dept. of Health and Mental Health

Suicide Prevention Education Awareness and Knowledge (SPEAK) Coalition | [Learn More](#)

Advanced Substance Use Counseling During Trying Times

September 24, 10:00 – 11:30 pm ET

Advanced Substance Use Counseling During Trying Times

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

Fort Greene Park Conservancy – Fling

September 25th at 6pm, After party at 8:00 pm

Fort Green Park Conservancy | [LEARN MORE](#)

NYC Peers in Person (PIP) Concert in the Park

September 26, 1:30 pm ET

Free Concert in Washington Square Park NYC

City Voices | [Learn More](#)

The 11 Fundamentals of Community Inclusion, Part II

September 27, 10:00 – 11:30 am ET

The 11 Fundamentals of Community Inclusion, Part II

The Center for Rehabilitation and Recovery/The Coalition for Behavioral Health | [Learn More](#)

HALI / APS Learning Collaborative

Sept. 27, Mondays from 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Hands Across Long Island (HALI)

[Schedule of Classes](#) | [Learn More](#)

NYAPRS 39th Annual Conference (Day 3)

September 28, 10:15 – 9:30 pm ET

United in Hope, Together for Justice, Wellness for All

NYAPRS | [Learn More](#)

Ethical Considerations for Recovery Coaches

September 28, 29, and Oct 1, 9:00 – 3:00 am ET (All three days)

Ethical Considerations

Recovery Coach University

[Learn More](#)

Suicide Prevention Symposium (3 Day Event)

September 28, 29, and 30 – 8:30 am – 12:30 pm ET Each Day

OMH/Suicide Prevention Center of NY | [Learn More](#)

Prioritizing Equity for Limited English/Deaf Individuals

September 28, 10-11:30 am ET

Prioritizing Equity for Limited English Proficient and Deaf/HOH Individuals Receiving Services
Office of Mental Health, Office of Diversity and Inclusion | [Learn More](#)

Healing Youth Trauma

September 28, 10:00 – 12:00 pm ET

Introduction to Trauma

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

Virtual Engagement Training for YPA's

September 28, 12:30 – 2:00 pm ET

Virtual Engagement Training for YPA's

CTAC | [Learn More](#)

Communication at Work

September 28, 2-3 pm ET

Peer Specialist Webinar Series: Communication at Work that Promotes Growth and Wellness
Doors to Wellbeing | [Learn More](#)

Healing Connections Support Group

September 28, 3:30 – 4:30 pm ET

Healing Connections Peer Support Group

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

APS Networking Group

September 28, 5:15 – 6:30 pm ET

Every Tuesday Networking/Support Group

Academy of Peer Services | [Learn More](#)

Stakeholder Input Forum

September 28, 5:30-6:30 pm ET

Children's Waiver Renewal for HCBS

NYS DOH | [Learn More](#)

Why We Need Clean Slate: Panel Discussion

September 28, 6-7 pm ET

Women, Queer & Trans Folx Speak Out

Center for Community Alternatives (CCA) and Clean Slate NY

[Learn More](#)

Trying on Roles: Participating in Meaningful Community Roles

September 29, 10:00 – 11:30 am ET

Trying on Roles: Participating in Meaningful Community Roles
The Center for Rehabilitation and Recovery/The Coalition for Behavioral Health
[Learn More](#)

Stakeholder Input Forums

September 29, 10:00 – 11:00 am ET
Children’s Waiver Renewal for HCBS
NYS DOH | [Learn More](#)

Conversation about Collective Trauma

September 29, 10:00 – 11:00 am ET
We’ve All Been Affected: A Conversation About Collective Trauma
CTAC | [Learn More](#)

When Cultural Competency isn’t Enough

September 29, 3:00 – 4:30 pm ET
Through Rose-Colored Glasses: When Cultural Competency Isn’t Enough
NAADAC | [Learn More](#)

NYAPRS 39th Annual Conference (Day 4)

September 30, 10:15 – 5:00 pm ET
United in Hope, Together for Justice, Wellness for All
NYAPRS | [Learn More](#)

Nutrition and Mental Health

September 30, 10:00 – 11:30 am ET
Nutrition and Mental Health
CNY Peer Networking Group | Living and Recovery Series | [Learn More](#)

Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)

September 30, 11:00 – 12:00 pm ET
ERAP: Tools to Assist the People You Serve | MHTTC
[Learn More](#)

Supporting Adolescent Sex Trafficking Survivors

September 30, 12:00 – 1:30 pm ET
Supporting Adolescent Sex Trafficking Survivors
CTAC | [Learn More](#)

Celebration of Hispanic Heritage

September 30, 12:00 – 1:30 pm ET
Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Forum: Celebration of Hispanic Heritage
Crestwood Behavioral Health | [Learn More](#)

Addressing NY's Most Vulnerable Summit

September 30, 1:00 - 4:10 pm ET

Addressing NY's Most Vulnerable Summit

City & State New York | [Learn More](#)

How to Develop a Competitive Grant Application

September 30, 2:00 pm ET

How to Develop a Competitive Grant Application

SAMSHA Office of Financial Resources | [Learn More](#)

Welcome to the Virtual Learning Community

We Learn. We Share. We Thrive.

HOME - ABOUT - NEWS - CALENDAR - JOB BANK - WEBINARS - SUPPORT - RESOURCES - COMMUNITY COLLABORATORS - APS SITE



Announcements in this newsletter are current as of September 1, 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)

Computer Basics

Need to learn (or teach) basic computer skills?

The Goodwill Community Foundation (GCF Global) has high quality videos, tutorials, and other strategies for learning computer skills | [Learn More](#)

Crisis Response – Peer Leadership to Develop Community Solutions

(featuring Harvey Rosenthal and Steve Miccio)

[Recording and Presentation Materials](#)

Correct Crisis Intervention Today (CCIT-NYC)

New York Lawyers for the Public Interest (NYLPI) News | [Learn More](#)

Suicide Prevention is Everyone's Business:

A Basic Training for New Yorkers [Video 22:44 min.]

New York State Office of Mental Health | [View Video](#)

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](#)

Wellness Worksheet

- Here's a very handy personalized way to apply the 8 Dimensions of Wellness from its creator Dr. Peggy Swarbrick. For a new resource booklet created by the Wellness Institute at the Collaborative Support Programs of New Jersey (CSP-NJ), [click here](#).



To access the Wellness in Recovery (Win-R) inventory, [click here](#).

GET INVOLVED



Peer Workers United Co-Facilitator Wanted

Do you want experience in group co-facilitation? Can you access Zoom? Then Peer Workers United support group needs you! To learn more about becoming a co-facilitator for the bi-weekly group reply to CityVoices1995@gmail.com. To learn more, [click here](#).

Share Your Relapse Story: It Might Help Shape Policy

We're accepting Anonymous Relapse Stories in order to help others understand how we want to be treated by our loved ones, caregivers, and employers. Please reply to CityVoices1995@gmail.com with your story. To learn more, [click here](#).

Urban Justice is Seeking HARP Members

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](#). | If you are an Ally of people seeking services, [click here](#).

RESEARCH



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). [Take the Survey](#).

Adults who Smoke and also Vape

Dr. Elias Klemperer at University of Vermont (Elias.Klemperer@med.uvm.edu) is looking for some help recruiting participants in a research study. Please pass along the following details as appropriate:

- Researchers at the University of Vermont are recruiting **adults under the age of 30 who smoke cigarettes and also vape e-cigarettes** for a remote quit smoking study.
- Eligible participants will be provided with quit smoking treatments for 3 months and answer weekly online surveys.
- Participants who complete all of the study activities, will earn \$343 in online gift cards.
- Visit our website to learn more and find out if you are eligible: www.uvmquitsmokingstudy.org

Mental Health Needs of Latinx Adolescents

NYS OMH and the Suicide Prevention Center are seeking feedback on the mental health and wellness needs of Latina adolescents. Parents in **Monroe, Montgomery, Suffolk or Rockland County** are invited to participate in a research study and attend a virtual Focus Group session to provide feedback and input concerning the mental health needs of and barriers to care for Latina adolescents. Feedback will be used to identify needs and guide recommendations. Sessions are expected to last 90 minutes.

A \$15 Amazon e-gift card will be provided. **Participant Criteria:**

- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Parent of a Hispanic/Latina adolescent (between the ages of 13-18)
- Live / work in Monroe, Montgomery, Suffolk or Rockland County
- Speak English or Spanish

If you are interested in participating or have any questions, please contact: 518-402-1236

- [Click here](#) for more information in English
- [Click here](#) for more information in Spanish

Yale Study of COVID-19's Mental Health Impact Seeks Focus Group Participants with Physical and/or Mental Health Challenges

A study at Yale University led by people with lived experience is recruiting individuals who live with physical and/or mental health challenges to talk about how their lives have changed since the COVID-19 pandemic started. "The Wisdom project: exploring the impact of COVID-19 on the mental health of persons who experience adverse living conditions" is led by Larry Davidson, PhD, and Ana Florence, PhD. Ana is a Brazilian psychologist, activist, and postdoctoral associate, and Larry is Director of the Yale Program for Recovery and Community Health. If you live with mental and/or physical health challenges and would like to participate, you can email wisdomprojectyale@gmail.com or call 475-355-5393. "All focus groups will be held virtually, and a \$50 e-gift card will be provided to each participant," the researchers say. (Courtesy The Key Update)

Survey on Organizational Structure Seeks Input from Certified Peer Specialists

"Routine peer support has shown to increase individuals' hope, sense of personal control, ability to make positive changes, and decreased psychiatric symptoms," writes Dr. Karen Fortuna of the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth. "Despite these benefits, the organizational structure of peer support is not known. Dartmouth College is initiating a national survey of trained Certified Peer Specialists to help us understand the organizational structure of peer support services." For more information and/or to participate in the 15-minute survey, [click here](#). (Courtesy of The Key Update / Judene Shelley)

Survey Seeks Respondents Who Are in Administrative/Leadership Positions in the Mental Health Field

If you are in an administrative/leadership position in the mental health arena, "the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry (GAP) Committee on Psychiatric Administration and Leadership invites you to participate in the International Survey on Administrative Psychiatry. The survey has two purposes: 1. To identify the concerns and needs of mental health professionals/psychiatrists in administrative and leadership positions. 2. To determine training needs in administrative psychiatry. We ask you to complete this brief, [15- to 20-minute] questionnaire to help us in developing recommendations for action. We also want to let you know that, if you fill out this questionnaire, you permit the committee to use your anonymous data for scientific work." Peer providers are included. For the survey, [click here](#). (Courtesy of Oryx Cohen/The Key Update)

"Experiences with Hospitalization" Survey Seeks Participants

The purpose of this survey is to help us understand people's lived experience with voluntary and involuntary treatment because of suicidal thoughts. It was created by people with lived experience...We are planning to use this information to facilitate discussions with suicidologists and the suicide prevention community about the impact of the use of these interventions, particularly within marginalized populations. We feel the voice of people with lived experience with these interventions has not had adequate opportunity to be heard, and hope that by completing this survey anonymously, people who have been most impacted can find a safe way to share their experiences. Please note that this is not a research project. For more information and/or to participate, [click here](#). (Courtesy of Leah Harris/The Key Update)

International Survey on Antipsychotic Medication Withdrawal Seeks Respondents

“Have you taken antipsychotic medication (such as Zyprexa, Seroquel, Abilify, Risperdal, Haldol, Geodon, Stelazine, and others), for any condition or diagnosis, with or without other medications? And did you ever stop taking antipsychotics, or *try* to stop taking them? Are you 18 years or older? If yes, you can take this survey about antipsychotic withdrawal and attempts to withdraw, including if you stopped taking them completely or if you tried to come off and still take them. The survey aims to improve mental health services by better understanding medication withdrawal. Lead researcher is Will Hall, a therapist and Ph.D. student who has himself taken antipsychotics. Service users/survivors/consumers from around the world also gave input. The study is sponsored by Maastricht University in the Netherlands; co-sponsors include the International Institute for Psychiatric Drug Withdrawal. Questions? Please contact will.hall@maastrichtuniversity.nl.” For more information or to take the survey, click on www.antipsychoticwithdrawalsurvey.com

Peer Support in Higher Education Survey Seeks Respondents

“Peer support programs are growing on college campuses across the U.S. Mental Health America, Doors to Wellbeing, and the Temple University Collaborative on Community Inclusion want to better understand the availability of peer support in higher education as well as the experiences and needs of students accessing peer support programs...We hope to use this research to support the expansion of peer support in higher education, including developing a national database of peer support programs in higher education and documenting pressing issues in campus programs...You may also indicate if you are interested in having your school’s peer support program listed in a national database of peer support programs in higher education.” For more information and to complete the survey, [click here](#).

Many Research Studies Are Seeking Participants

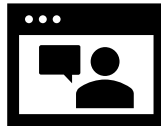
Mad in America recently posted an assortment of research studies that are looking for participants. The studies include International Online Survey of Members of Peer Support Groups About Their Experiences of Withdrawing From Antidepressants; Study on Psychosocial Disability Advocacy and Global Mental Health; University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine study: Experiences of inpatient psychiatric care among former patients; Dissertation research study: Spiritual/religious experience misdiagnosed as “mental disorder”; Have you had a diagnosis of Bipolar Disorder and decided to stop taking medication?; and others. For details and to participate, [click here](#).



Are You Recruiting Participants?

Are you a researcher or work for a research institute seeking participants for a study of peer support workers and/or supervisors of peer support workers? If so, send email to academy.virtual.community@gmail.com so we can add your research study to the list.

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.** (For [Youth and Family Peer Advocate](#) postings, check the listings on [Families Together in NYS](#).)

Job Opening Submitted in August 2021

Statewide

[Governor's Administration Positions](#)

Governor Kathy Hochul's Administration

NYC

[Peer Specialist](#)

Vibrant Emotional Health

Brooklyn

[Peer Specialist, Social Well-Being Team \(part time\)](#)

Fort Greene Park Conservancy

Multiple Positions / Many Locations

[Peer Bridger](#)

NYAPRS

New York City

[Peer Specialists](#)

Clubhouses (multiple openings)

Eastern Nassau or Western Suffolk County

[Peer Support Position, NY Recovery & Resiliency Team](#)

[Full Job Description](#)

United Healthcare

New Rochelle

[Peer Advocate, Case Management Team](#)

[Client Care Coordinator, Peer Self-Help Program](#)

Choice of NY

New York City

[Office of Consumer Affairs, Peer Support Workforce Coordinator](#)

New York City, Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene

New York City

[Queens Supervised Release Program, Peer Specialist](#)

New York Criminal Justice Agency

New York City

[Peer Specialist](#)

NYC Health+Hospitals

Visit our Job Bank

For the latest jobs submitted to the Academy of Peer Services, visit our [Job Bank](#).

This is updated regularly as employers submit openings.

There are many more openings available through temporary staffing companies and employment agencies like Indeed, Job Zone, Career Builder, and the Dept. of Labor (DOL). To do a search specific to the type of job that you are looking for, review the information below.

Search Help

If you want to manually search various employment agencies and staffing companies, use the search terms below that are most relevant to the position you are seeking and enter them with the employment agencies listed below:

Terms used in the Search	Employment Agencies to Search (starter list)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Advocate • Family Peer • Forensic Peer • Housing Peer • Justice Peer • Outreach Specialist • Peer Advocate • Peer Coordinator • Peer Coach • Peer Companion • Peer Counselor • Peer Educator • Peer Mentor • Peer Navigator • Peer Specialist • Peer Support • Peer Supervisor • Recovery Peer • Respite Care • Respite Specialist • Respite Worker • Supportive Housing Specialist • Youth Peer Advocate 	<p> https://dol.ny.gov/find-job-0 https://www.careerarc.com https://www.careerbuilder.com https://www.dejobs.org https://www.glassdoor.com https://www.indeed.com https://www.jobzone.ny.gov/views/jobzone/guest.jsf https://www.monster.com/ https://www.simplyhired.com https://www.usajobs.gov/ https://www.workforcenow.adp.com https://www.ziprecruiter.com nyc.gov/jobs </p> <p> LinkedIn Basics (video): https://edu.gcfglobal.org/en/linkedin/searching-for-jobs-on-linkedin/1 </p>



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

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

For an Analysis of the NYC Peer and Community Health Worker Workforce:

[Report: 2019-2021](#)

For the latest jobs that have been submitted to the Academy of Peer Services, visit our [Job Bank](#).

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

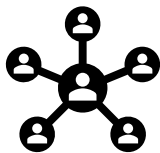


The Virtual Learning Community is a companion to the Academy of Peer Services that is intended to help create a bridge from online learning to real world practice. Our Virtual Learning Community website is: <https://aps-community.org>
The site News, Calendar, Job Bank, Support, Resources, and other pages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



Join us on Tuesdays from 5:15 – 6:30 pm Eastern

We provide peer support for peer support workers and share our struggles and successes. We also have special topics that are announced on our email list.

(pre-registration required)

[Register in advance](#)

When you register, watch for an email from Zoom with the link to join the meeting. If you don't receive it be sure to check your Junk folder!

Watch for more announcements in upcoming newsletters from our Network of Community Training and Support Collaborators!

VIRTUAL COMMUNITY BLOG SITE

In addition to the Networking Meeting, APS also hosts a Blog Site. Here are the latest articles by guest writers and other articles of interest that have been reposted to our Blog Site:

- [A Mystery Duo, Wrapped in a Mystery](#) by Howard Diamond
- [Outside on an August Afternoon](#) by Howard Diamond
- [March Ahead Again, Yes I Know It's Summer](#) by **Howard Diamond**
- [Hope and Faith](#) by Howard Diamond

If you have article or news to share, let us know. We're always looking for more guest bloggers or contributions of interest to the peer support workforce. Send email to academy.virtual.community@gmail.com.

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