



APS Virtual Learning Community News Update October 18, 2021

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Welcome to **APS Community News Update**. This shortened version of our newsletter provides announcements, highlights new calendar entries, and job openings since the last newsletter

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

7th Annual Global Peer Support Celebration Day!

This Thursday, October 21, is the 7th Annual Peer Support Celebration. How will you celebrate the day? Who will you celebrate with? To learn more, download a copy of the [GPSCD Toolkit](#) for ideas.

The National Association of Peer Supporters (N.A.P.S.) National Conference is on October 21 and 22 this year and they are holding an online (zoom) celebration from 6-7:30 pm Eastern on October 21 as part of the conference. To learn more about how to join that celebration, [click here](#).

Our APS Virtual Learning Community will pick up from the end of the N.A.P.S. celebration and hold an Open Mic Night from 7:30 – 8:30 pm Eastern on zoom on October 21. Share your talent or just come to enjoy the show! For a flyer, [click here](#).

Want to share how you celebrated the day with others? Send some photos of your celebration for the next newsletter! academy.virtual.community@gmail.com

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Please Note:

Events in our **Community Calendar, Newsletter, and News Updates** 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.

Activities from October 18 through November 1

Announcements in this newsletter are current as of October 18, 2021. New announcements are added to our Community Calendar frequently. Visit our [Community Calendar](#) for the latest additions. (Highlighted entries are new or have new information, like registration links, since the last newsletter)

Recovery Coach Training (30-hour training)

October 18 -22, 9:00 – 4:00 pm each day
Recoveries R Us, LLC | [Learn More](#)

Peer Workforce Readiness Basics

October 18 (Mondays - 10:00 – 11:30 pm ET)
Peer Workforce Readiness Series | [Description](#)
Association for Mental Health and Wellness (AMHW) | [Learn More](#)

HALI / APS Learning Collaborative

October 18, Mondays from 3:00 - 4:00 pm
Hands Across Long Island (HALI)
[Schedule of Classes](#) | [Learn More](#)

Peer Workers United

October 18, (1st and 3rd Mondays) 6:00 – 7:30 pm
[Learn More](#)

Peer Workforce Group (Rockland County)

October 19, 12:00-1:00 pm ET
Every Tuesday
Mental Health Association of Rockland County | [Learn More](#)

The Millennial Problem: Bridging the Gap

October 19, 12:00-1:30 pm ET (Part 2)
The Millennial Problem: Bridging the Gap (Part 1 was broadcast on October 5)
NYAPRS | [Learn More](#)

CASRA Fall Conference

October 19, 26, and Nov 2, 12:00 – 3:30 pm ET
(9 am – 12:30 pm Pacific Time)

Virtual Conference Theme: Making Connections

California Association of Social Rehabilitation Agencies | [Learn More](#)

APS Networking Group

October 19, 5:15 – 6:30 pm ET

Every Tuesday Networking/Support Group

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

Deadline: October 20 Comments Due**SAMHSA ISMISCC Public Hearing**

Interdepartmental Serious Mental Illness Coordinating Committee (ISMISCC) Public Hearing

[Description of the ISMISCC](#) (Comments Due, October 20; Hearing Date: October 27, 1:00 – 5:00 pm ET)

SAMHSA | [Learn More](#)

46th Annual NARMH Conference (Day 3)

October 20, 27, 2021

Emerging from COVID 19: Lessons Learned and Future Direction for Rural Mental Health

National Association of Rural Mental Health (NARMH) | [Learn More](#)

Taking the Call: Innovative Community Responder Models

October 20-21, 2021

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Dept. of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance and CSG Justice Center

[Learn More](#)

Credible Messenger Justice Center Virtual Conference

October 20, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Fall Virtual Conference | [Registration Link](#)

CMJC | [Learn More](#)

Identifying as an Anti-Racist Organization

October 21, 12:30 – 1:00 pm

Identifying as an Anti-Racist Organization: Aligning Motivations with Transformative Action

CCSI | [Learn More](#)

Virtual Job Fair

Date: October 21, 10:00 - 12:00 pm and 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Bring your resume and cover letter to Baltic Street AEH, 25 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11217

Learn more about Baltic Street, visit www.balticstreet.org

[Flyer](#)

National Dialogues on Behavioral Health (Conference Day 2)

October 21, 28, and Nov 4 (all sessions 2:00 – 4:30 pm ET)

Behavioral Health in the 21st Century: Fast Forward After the Pandemic Age

NACBHDD, WICHE, NASMHPD | [Learn More](#)

N.A.P.S. Annual Conference

October 21-22, 2021

Virtual Conference Theme: Uniting the Peer Workforce

National Association of Peer Supporters (N.A.P.S.) | [Learn More](#)

Global Peer Support Celebration Day

Thursday, October 21 (3rd Thursday in October)

N.A.P.S. Toolkit

[Learn More](#)

Copeland Center Presentations at the N.A.P.S. Annual Conference

October 21-22, 2021

Virtual Conference Theme: Uniting the Peer Workforce

The Copeland Center | [Learn More](#)

Transcending Institutionalization with Voice and Choice

October 21, 10-11:30 am ET

Transcending Institutionalization with Voice and Choice

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

[Learn More](#)

Long Island Peer Networking Group

October 21, 3:30 – 5:00 pm ET

Meets on the 3rd Thursday of Each Month

This Month: Getting involved in policy advocacy | [Flyer](#)

AMHW | [Learn More](#)

Global Peer Support Celebration Day – Open Mic Night

October 21 (7:30 – 8:30 pm)

APS Open Mic Night for Global Peer Support Celebration Day

[Learn More](#)

NAMI-NYS Education Conference

October 22-23, 2021

Virtual Conference: Recovering Together-Achieving Mental Wellness

NAMI NYS | [Learn More](#)

Bi-County Empowerment Conference (Day 1)

October 22, 9:30 – 1:00 pm

Virtual Conference: Recovering Together-Achieving Mental Wellness

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

CCAR Recovery Coach Academy (30-hour)

October 23-Nov 20 (Five Saturdays 9-5 pm)

For CARC or CRPA certification

[See Training Flyer](#)

Free for Manhattan Community District 9 Residents | [Learn More](#)

International Peer Respite/Soteria Summit (Day 4)

October 24 & 31 (12-3:00 pm all five Sundays)

Creating Compassionate Alternatives for People in Crisis and Distress

Rethinking Psychiatry and MindFreedom, International | [Learn More](#)

Peer Workforce Readiness Basics

October 25 (Mondays - 10:00 – 11:30 pm ET)

Peer Workforce Readiness Series | [Description](#)

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

Award Ceremony: Championing Disability Rights

October 25, 7:00 pm ET

Bazelon Award Ceremony: Championing Disability Rights for 49 Years

Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law | [Learn More](#)

Implementing Harm Reduction Strategies during COVID-19

October 26, 10-11:30 am ET

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The Season for Self-Care

October 26, 2:00 – 3:00 pm ET

Peer Specialist Webinar Series: The Season for Self-Care

Doors to Wellbeing | [Learn More](#)

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SAMHSA | [Learn More](#)

Continuing Education for Peer Workers

October 27, 4th Wed of each month from 4:30 - 6:00 PM
Careers in Recovery and Wellness Training Center | [Learn More](#)

Building Resilience

October 28, 10-11:00 am ET
Building Resilience: The Essential Skill Throughout Our Lifetime

Updated Registration Link:

<https://welllifeforum.zoom.us/j/84451220603>
WellLife Network | [Learn More](#)

Advancing Equity for Older Adults Part 1

October 28, 10-11:00 am ET
An Introduction to Advancing Equity in Legal and Aging Services
NCLER | [Learn More](#)

NYC Health Justice Network

October 28, 1-2 pm ET
Public Health Talk
Fund for Public Health in NYC
[Learn More](#)

OMH Statewide Virtual Town Hall

October 28, 2:00 – 4:00 pm ET
Featuring Commissioner Ann Sullivan
NYS Office of Mental Health
[Learn More](#)

How to Develop a Competitive Grant Application

October 28, 2:00 pm ET
How to Develop a Competitive Grant Application
SAMSHA Office of Financial Resources | [Learn More](#)

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Virtual Conference: Recovering Together-Achieving Mental Wellness
Bi-County Empowerment Conference Committee | [Learn More](#)

From Barriers to Inspiration: Psychiatric Rehabilitation Goals

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Deadline to Apply: November 1

Trainer Training for the Trauma Responsive and Resilience Informed Care Training

New York State Trauma-Informed Network

[Learn More](#)

Deadline: November 1

NYC DOHMH Survey of the Impact of COVID

Survey of the NYC Peer Workforce

[Learn More](#)

Peer Workforce Readiness Basics

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

NEW RESOURCES (Alphabetically)

Doors to Wellbeing Quarterly Newsletter, Vol. 4. October 2021

The newsletter for the Doors to Wellbeing SAMHSA Consumer Technical Assistance Center.

[Learn More](#)

Long Island Peer Specialist Community of Practice Newsletter. October 2021

The newsletter for the Long Island CoP

[Learn More](#)

NAMI New York State Newsletter, October 2021

National Alliance on Mental illness

[Learn More](#)

GET INVOLVED

New York City, DOHMH Consumer Advisory Board

The mission of the CAB is to review and make recommendations for existing and future DOHMH policies, programs, services and issues that impact individuals with mental health needs. The CAB will strive to educate, protect human rights and dignity, and further cultural competency for individuals with mental health needs. For the application, [click here](#).

Youth Peer Services Advisory Council.

The Youth Peer Services Advisory Council is made up of youth, young adults, Youth Peer Advocates, and adult allies across the state who have personal experience as a young person with a disability, emotional and/or behavioral health challenge, or experience in New York State systems such as mental health, special education, juvenile justice, foster care, addiction recovery, health care, etc. Our Mission: To utilize our personal lived experience and training to promote voice and choice for young people to be actively engaged in their own services and the service delivery system. We do this by ensuring the integrity of training and credentialing for Youth Peer Advocate (YPA) services. For more information, [click here](#).

BLOG SITE

The Academy of Peer Services Virtual Community hosts a Blog Site, which is another way you can get involved. Here are some of the latest articles contributed by guest writers or articles of interest that have been reposted from other sites:

10/18/21: [In Honor and Memory of Jacki McKinney](#)

10/15/21: [Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Awareness Month](#)

10/14/21: [In Memory of Darby Penney](#)

RESEARCH

Subject: Impact of COVID-19 on the Peer Support Workforce of NYC

(Deadline: November 1, 2021)

Dear Peer Support Worker Community,

The NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's (DOHMH) Office of Consumer Affairs is requesting your participation in a survey on the impact of COVID-19 on the NYC Peer Support Workforce. Eligible participants must have been employed in a peer support worker title in New York City both before and during the pandemic.

Peer Support worker titles include but are not limited to peer specialist, peer advocate, youth peer, family peer, peer navigator, peer counselor, etc. who worked as a peer in order to complete the survey. If you agree to participate, you will be asked to complete an online survey. Your responses will help us improve policies and programming to better support the NYC Peer Support Workforce. This voluntary and confidential survey should take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

Please click here to access the survey: <https://nycdohmh.surveymonkey.com/r/MHpeers>

Upon completion, you can enter a drawing for a \$100 gift card by selecting to participate. The winners will be randomly selected and notified by email.

Please share this survey with your NYC peer networks. If you have any questions regarding this survey, please contact us by email at oca@health.nyc.gov. If you have previously received an invitation to complete this survey, please only complete once.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to contribute to this important survey.

Sincerely,

The Office of Consumer Affairs, NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene

Mental Health/Cancer/Peer Support Study Seeking Participants

Have you experienced a **cancer** diagnosis, or supported someone through their cancer diagnosis and treatment as a **peer supporter**? If so, you might be someone we'd like to hear from.

I'm working with some colleagues to learn about how people who've been involved in the **behavioral health system are treated by medical providers**, how they get useful information about cancer, and how they get emotional support. The project has been approved by the Institutional Review Board which is responsible for human subjects research at The University of Arizona, **and the actual survey is completely anonymous**. To see if you meet the criteria for this project and then answer some questions about your experience, click here: <https://redcap.link/PEERS4CANCER>. There will first be a single pre-screening survey question to detect if you are a real person or a computer bot. Seriously. You can also contact us by email at PEERS4CANCER@email.arizona.edu.

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.

Recent Openings

For the latest jobs that have been submitted to the Academy of Peer Services, visit the [Job Seekers page](#) on our website. This page lists positions submitted directly to us by employers looking for qualified peer support and supervision candidates. (For [Youth and Family Peer Advocate](#) postings, check the listings on [Families Together in NYS](#).)

Openings are listed in order of submission. Most recent jobs are listed at the top.

These are current as of October 18, 2021 but check back. They are updated regularly.

New York City

Training Manager
Health+Hospitals Peer Academy

[Learn More](#)

Virtual Job Fair

Date: October 20, 4:30 – 6:30 pm

Ronkonkoma

Family Residences and Essential Enterprises (FREE)

Sign up in Advance

[Learn More](#)

Virtual Job Fair

Date: October 21, 10:00 - 12:00 pm and 1:00 - 4:00 pm

New York City

Meet the Baltic Street Management Team

Interview for the largest peer workforce in New York State

Bring your resume and cover letter

Baltic Street AEH, 25 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11217

Learn more about Baltic Street, visit www.balticstreet.org

[Flyer](#)

New York City

Coordinator for DOHMH Office of Consumer Affairs

(part time position) NYC Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene

New York City

Family Advisor

Families Together in NYS

Long Island

Peer Bridger

CCHBC Program

Federation of Organizations

SAMHSA (National)

Various Positions

Center for Mental Health Services

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA)

New York City

Peer Specialist & Workshop Co- Facilitator

Brooklyn Community Services (BCS)

Syracuse

Peer Specialist

US Veterans Health Administration

East Syracuse

Crisis Line Worker | (Position Description)

Contact Community Services, Inc.

New York City

Wellness Advocate (part time and full time)

New York City Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)

Long Island (Nassau and Suffolk)

Peer Support Specialist (remote)

Req #937440

United Healthcare

Long Island (Suffolk)

Peer Support Specialist (remote)

Req #2016707

United Healthcare

Visit our Job Bank

For the latest jobs that have been submitted to the Academy of Peer Services, visit the [Job Seekers page](#) on our website. These are updated regularly. If you are an employer with a peer support (or related) opening to share, let us know. Visit the [Welcome Employers](#) page on our website for instructions on submitting job openings.

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.

ACADEMY NEWS - Fall Session (Term 3) – Update Telehealth Peer Support (ThPS) training series is in progress

We are in the midst of recording a 7-session Telehealth Peer Support training series in the coming weeks. The first three courses in the series have been recorded posted to the APS CE (continuing education) category of courses for you to view and take for credit.

- ThPS-00 Overview of Telehealth Peer Support and the APS Training Series
- ThPS-01 Competencies of Telehealth Peer Support
- ThPS-02 Outreach and Engagement

As new courses are launched they will appear in the [Course Catalog](#).

Basic Computer Skills

Do you need to learn computer skills or get a refresher? Or are you working with people who are just getting started with computer skills? Free tutorials and videos are available through [Goodwill Community Foundation Global \(GCF Global\)](#).

Starting on Monday, October 25, APS Interns Dan Victor and Lisa Spencer will offer lunchtime skill building sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays (with a review session on Fridays), based on the Goodwill Community Foundation (GCF) Global courses. To sign up for one or more of these lunchtime sessions, click [here](#).

Can't make one of the lunchtime sessions but still need a refresher or tools you can use to teach basic computer skills to others? Celia Brown, Rita Cronise, and Maryam Husamudeen recorded a video overview about setting up an account and taking GCF Global courses, printing a certificate, and submitting a Request for Credit on the APS website that is valid for continuing education toward NYCPS and NYCPS-P renewal. To view the video, click [here](#).

More about the GCF Global courses on Computer Basics can be found in the Term 3 APS [Course Catalog](#), including how to receive a certificate of completion and submit a Request for Credit through APS.

Talking About Tobacco Webinar Series

The first three recorded webinars in the Talking About Tobacco series are available in the APS CE (continuing education) category for credit. If you attended these webinar, you can log in, pass the quiz, and complete the course evaluation for attending these earlier webinars to receive continuing education credit.

The final two webinars in the series have been scheduled. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about becoming a champion for this potentially lifesaving cause of talking with the people you support about their tobacco use. Attend 'live' to participate with the presenters. Register now!

- **Talking About Tobacco: CHOICES and Peer Support**
October 25, 1:30 – 3:00 pm | [Learn More](#)
- **Talking About Tobacco: Sharing Strategies and Treatments**
December 9, 2:30 – 4:00 pm | [Learn More](#)

APS Networking Meeting | New Link

Don't miss our weekly APS Virtual Networking Meeting. We use a Zoom registration process and access link. Register each week to join us on Tuesdays from 5:15 – 6:30 pm Eastern | [Register in advance](#)

APS Term 3

Term 3 will end at 5:00 pm on November 29, 2021. The start of Term 1 will be on January 7, 2022.

APS Calendar for 2022

- Term 1 Open 1/7/22 Close 4/1/22
- Term 2 Open 5/2/22 Close 7/22/22
- Term 3 Open 8/29/22 Close 11/18/22

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.

If you have questions or anything else to add to our website or newsletter, send email to academy.virtual.community@gmail.com.

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 (Peer Support for Peer Supporters)

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!

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

Are we Missing Anything?

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