



# Now Recruiting: New York City Peer Corps Members



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<b>Program/Initiative:</b>	AmeriCorps - New York City Peer Corps
<b>Sponsor:</b>	New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYC DOHMH)
<b>Location:</b>	Citywide placement within selected Peer Corps Host Sites (DHS Homeless Shelters   Adolescent Skill Centers)
<b>Program Duration:</b>	Monday, January 24, 2022 -- Monday, December 5, 2022
<b>Stipend:</b>	\$16,000.00 Living Allowance for 45 weeks of service (1,200 hours) – before taxes
<b>Educational Award:</b>	\$4,546.50 Segal AmeriCorps Education Award (maximum) upon completion of the program
<b>Program Background:</b>	<p>In 2019, NYC overdose deaths totaled 1,463—the second highest number on record since the Health Department (DOHMH) started tracking overdose deaths. DOHMH developed the Peer Corps initiative in response to the rising number of overdose deaths. The COVID-19 pandemic has only worsened overdose in the city. Peer Corps recruits and mobilizes community members with lived experience in substance use and recovery, bringing life-saving services to marginalized populations throughout NYC.</p>
<b>Scope of Service:</b>	<p>Peer Corps aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Promote community trainings in the use of Naloxone, an opioid overdose-reversing medication</li><li>- Educate community members on harm reduction and early recovery and connecting clients to resources</li><li>- Participate in high-impact service projects led by city agencies and local nonprofit organizations which use civic engagement as a vehicle to addressing critical community issues</li><li>- Facilitate the successful navigation of mental health and social service systems for members of vulnerable populations in NYC</li></ul>
<b>Organizational Relationship:</b>	Peer Corps members report to their designated host site supervisor.
<b>Member Responsibilities:</b>	<p>Peer Corps members will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Attend host site meetings/functions and become familiar with host site organizational structure, culture, and needs</li><li>- Outreach to host site constituents who report having experienced or witness an overdose to offer support and risk reduction education</li><li>- Connect constituents to harm reduction services, if appropriate</li><li>- Provide opioid overdose prevention education and dispense Naloxone, an overdose reversing medication, to host site staff, constituents, and community stakeholders through comprehensive member-led trainings</li><li>- Engage host site constituents who report current substance use and express a desire to begin recovery around early recovery goals</li><li>- Co-facilitate groups with designated host site staff on a range of early recovery topics, including but not limited to: harm reduction strategies, medication for addiction treatment, and the building of recovery capital</li><li>- Broker appropriate resources to host site constituents</li><li>- Assist in navigating systems to gain services (this may include accompaniments and referrals)</li><li>- Submit computer-based Peer Corps program metrics in a timely manner</li></ul>

**Requirements:**

Eligibility for the Peer Corps program will be based on:

- High school diploma or equivalent by January 24, 2022
- Direct or indirect lived experience with:
  - Substance use, homelessness and/or the New York City shelter system
  - Mental health service and treatment systems
- Basic knowledge and familiarity of Google applications (i.e. - G-Suite) and Microsoft Office
- Moderate written and verbal communication skills
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Bilingual Spanish/English preferred (not required)
- CRPA or CARC preferred (not required)

**Peer Corps Benefits:**

All members are provided the following:

- Basic medical plan will be available at no cost to Peer Corps members (optional)
- Student loan forbearance or deferment on eligible loans while in service, if eligible
- Monthly professional development as well as periodic career coaching activities
- Unlimited monthly MetroCard
- Experience working in city government and with NYC nonprofit organizations
- Various professional networking opportunities
- Valuable resume-building experience
- President's Volunteer Service Award, if eligible
- Service hours are applicable to peer credentialing (i.e. – CRPA-P practice hours)

**Apply for the 2021 -2022 Peer Corps Service Year through the online application link provided:**

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