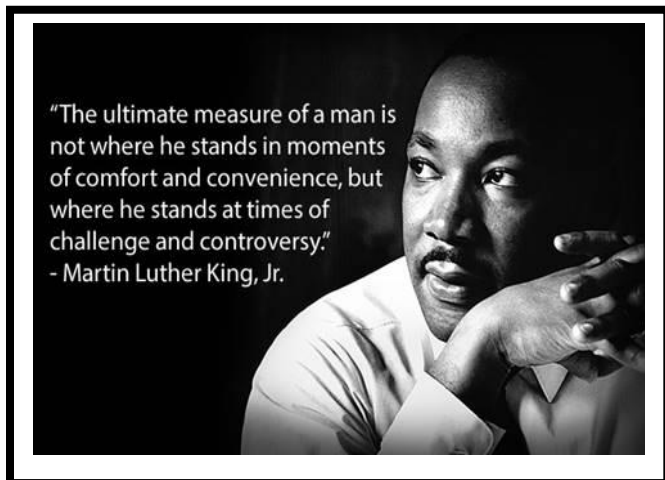




APS Virtual Learning Community

Community News | January 17, 2022



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Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Our blog entry for this week is a letter from Matt Canuteson, Diversity and Inclusion Officer, New York State Office of Mental Health. Following is a short excerpt.

"One of our nation's most influential and inspiring leaders, Dr. King advocated for equality and human rights for African Americans and all individuals facing injustices. His unwavering commitment and approach with nonviolent and peaceful protests led to some of the nation's most progressive legislation, including the Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act. OMH is committed to upholding Dr. King's legacy and continues to increase attention and focus on promoting racial justice.

This Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, OMH is collaborating with other NY State agencies and is participating in several events including a food drive, volunteer fair, and career fair. More information about these upcoming events can be found [here](#)."

To read the full Blog on our Virtual Learning Community site, [click here](#).

The New York Times

New York Times: [7 Ways to Remember Martin Luther King in New York](#)



Academy News

The Academy of Peer Services (APS) is in the second week of Term 1, 2022 (January 7 through April 1). All of the APS courses are free of charge, online and on-demand (available 24x7) during the open term. If you are new to the Academy of Peer Services, you learn more by reading our [Term 1 Welcome Letter](#).

Our Core, Elective, and Supervision Track courses are open for three terms each year, with a break for scheduled updates and maintenance of the courses between terms. Our CE (continuing education) courses are open year-round for credit toward renewal of the NYCPS-P and NYCPS certification.

APS Calendar Year 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

What is New in Term 1?

Three core courses were revised in collaboration with Disability Activist and Consultant Allilsa Fernandez, and Fountain House Advocacy Advisor Christina Sparrock. We are grateful for their guidance in creating greater awareness of intersectionality and inclusivity regarding race, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, and trauma and for more contemporary examples of the need for peer specialists to develop and use advocacy skills and strategies. If you have already completed these core courses, it is worthwhile to revisit the revised courses learn this new content.

- Introduction to Person-Centered Principles
- The Historical Roots of Peer Support Services
- The Importance of Advocacy

Telehealth Peer Support (ThPS) Series

These courses were developed following a research study on the most important, frequent, and critical competencies identified by peer specialists and supervisors in providing peer support during the COVID shut down and restricted access to in-person peer support. Training was developed by thirteen experienced peer specialists and supervisors to guide others in best practices in peer support delivered in this new environment.

Learn about the research study and training development in a free SHARE Peer Conference Presentation at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 – [Bridging Research and Practice](#)

Do you need to learn or teach computer basics? There is also the option to request CE Credit (toward the renewal of the NYCPS-P/NYCPS) through five courses in the Goodwill Community Foundations (GCF) Global Learn program. For information on how to access these courses for credit visit the [Telehealth Peer Support Series Summary Sheet](#).

Talking About Tobacco Series

Another program we have developed over the past year has been an ongoing webinar series to encourage those providing peer support services to engage people in conversations about tobacco use. These conversations can be especially effective if the peer supporter has also had experience with using tobacco and has engaged in a process of reducing or eliminating tobacco as a part of their own wellness strategies. It is not essential for a peer support provider to have stopped using tobacco completely, but the conversation and planning around healthier approaches can be lifesaving. These webinars are now available for CE (continuing education credit toward NYCPS-P/NYCPS renewal). To learn more, visit the [Talking About Tobacco Series Summary Sheet](#).

Peer Specialist Training Opportunities

Several organizations are providing peer specialist training based (at least in part) on the APS training. Many of these training programs provide the opportunity to learn in a group environment and to help you to be better prepared to take the tests in the Academy of Peer Services.

HALI / APS Learning Collaborative

Hands Across Long Island

(Mondays: Jan 3-March 28, 3:00 - 4:00 pm)

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

Mental Health Peer Specialist Training Program

LaGuardia Community College

Cohort 1 Training February 1 - April 30

Internship May-July

Cohort 2 begins in June

[Apply Now!](#)

Deadline to schedule an Interview: January 18

Peer Workforce Readiness Basics and Peer Specialist Training

Careers in Recovery and Wellness Training Center

8-week training offered live online through Zoom

AMHW | [Learn More](#)

Deadline to apply: February 23, 2022

MHA Rochester Peer Academy

One month sessions (every other month), Monday-Friday, 10:00 - 2:00 pm

Goals: Professional Development, Work Readiness and Individual Wellness

Orientation and start of next session, March 7

[Apply Now!](#)

Canada Peer Specialist and Peer Staff Supervision Training (Virtual)

(Fees for all training below apply)

80 Hour Peer Specialist Training: February 14-25 (Monday-Friday)

Introduction Peer Staff Supervision Training: February 1 and 3 (6 Hours)

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80 Hour Peer Specialist Training: March 22-May 26 (Monday-Friday)

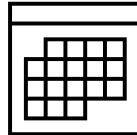
Introduction Peer Staff Supervision Training: March 1 and 3 (6 Hours)

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Understanding Homelessness (1 day): April 13 (2 Hours)

[Learn More](#)

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.

Announcements in this newsletter are current as of January 15, 2022.

New announcements are added to our Community Calendar frequently.

Visit our Community Calendar for the latest additions.

Upcoming Events

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AMHW | [Learn More](#)

Deadline to Apply: January 18

WISE Learning Collaborative

(Well-Being Information and Strategies for Educators)

Northeast and Caribbean MHTTC Podcast

[Learn More](#)

Make it Manageable: Breaking Down a Skill into Steps

January 18, 10:00 - 11:30 am ET

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

HALI / APS Learning Collaborative

Hands Across Long Island

(January 18, 3:00 - 4:00 pm)

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

APS Networking Group

January 18, 5:15 – 6:30 pm ET

Every Tuesday Networking/Support Group

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

CommunitiesNotCages (Virtual Advocacy Event)

January 19, 2022

Center for Community Alternatives

[Learn More](#)

The Golden Thread of Documentation

January 19, 10:00 - 11:30 am ET

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

ACHIEVE

January 19, 12:00 pm

(The DOHMH African-American/Black Employee Resource Group)

Career Development Bootcamp

[Session 1: Leadership Development](#) | [Learn More](#)

Free Peer Workforce Conference: Bridging Practice & Research

January 19, 12:00 pm - 9:00 pm Eastern

(9-6 pm Pacific)

Hosted by SHARE and Society for Community Research and Action (SCRA)

[Learn More](#)

Patching the Safety Net (Older Adults)

January 19, 1:00-2:00 pm

Patching the Safety Net: Survivor's Benefits for LGBTQ Older Adults

NCLER | [Learn More](#)

CORE: Community Oriented Recovery and Empowerment

([New York City Town Hall](#))

January 19, 1:30 - 3:00 pm Eastern

Hosted by Access to Recovery Coalition (A2R)

[Learn More](#)

NARCAN Training

January 19, 3:00 - 4:00 pm ET

Central Region Addiction Resource Center | [Learn More](#)

Manhattan Adult ADD Support Group

January 20, 8 pm Eastern

MAADD | [Learn More](#)

Introduction to Trauma

January 20, 10:00 - 1:00 pm ET

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

CORE: Community Oriented Recovery and Empowerment

([Hudson/Long Island Town Hall](#))

January 21, 1:30 - 3:00 pm Eastern

Hosted by Access to Recovery Coalition (A2R) | [Learn More](#)

LEAD Listening Session (LGBTQI+)

January 22, 3:30 - 5:30 Eastern

(12:30 - 2:30 Pacific)

Lived Experience Advocacy Diversity (LEAD)

A program of CamhPro (California) | [Learn More](#)

Motivational Interviewing via Teletherapy & Other Remote Methods

January 24, 10:00 - 12:00 pm ET

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

HALI / APS Learning Collaborative

Hands Across Long Island

(January 24, 3:00 - 4:00 pm)

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

OMH Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting

January 24, 2022 8:30 – 12:30 pm

Statewide Meeting

OMH Office of Consumer Affairs | [Learn More](#)

Health and Complex Trauma

January 25, 10:00 - 11:30 am ET

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

ONA Webinar: Human Trafficking's Impact on New American Community

January 25, 12:00 - 1:30 pm ET

NYS Office for New Americans | [Learn More](#)

Peer Support for Older Adults

January 25, 2:00 - 3:00 pm ET

Doors to Wellbeing | [Learn More](#)

APS Networking Group

January 25, 5:15 – 6:30 pm ET

Every Tuesday Networking/Support Group

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

Deadline to Apply: January 25, 2022

NNEDLearn 2022 (3-Day Intensive Training, April 26-28, 2022)

National Network to Eliminate Disparities in Behavioral Health (NNED) | [Learn More](#)

Introduction to Race and Racism: Frameworks and History

January 26, 10:00 - 12:00 pm ET

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

Mitigating Institutionalization's Impact on Leadership

January 26, 10:00 - 11:30 am ET

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

NARCAN Training

January 26, 11:00 - 12:00 pm ET

Central Region Addiction Resource Center | [Learn More](#)

ACHIEVE

January 26, 2022, 12:00 pm

(The DOHMH African-American/Black Employee Resource Group)

Career Development Bootcamp

Session 2: Personal Branding | [Learn More](#)

Peer Workforce Ongoing Education

January 26, 4:30 - 6:00 pm ET
4th Wednesday of each month
AMHW | [Learn More](#)

NYC PWC Support Circle Schedule

January 26, 6:00 PM Eastern
Last Wednesday of each month
Meeting ID: 947 9771 4425
New York City Peer Workforce Coalition | [Learn More](#)

Coach Approach

January 27, 9:00 - 4:00 pm ET
(For CCAR initial certification and CRPA renewal)
Recovery Coach University | [Learn More](#)

Winter Success & Wellness Webinar

January 27, 12:00 - 1:00 pm ET
NYAPRS | [Learn More](#)

Deadline: January 28, 2022

OMH's COVID-19 Impact Survey for Recipients of Mental Health Services
[English Survey](#) | [Spanish Survey](#) | [Learn More](#)

Deadline to Apply: January 28, 2022

Criminal Justice Learning Collaboratives
SAMHSA GAINS Center | [Learn More](#)

Intermediate Motivational Interviewing: Exploring and Resolving Ambivalence

January 28, 10:00 - 11:30 am ET
The Coalition for Behavioral Health | [Learn More](#)

CORE: Community Oriented Recovery and Empowerment

([Central/Western Region Town Hall](#))
January 28, 1:30 - 3:00 pm Eastern
Hosted by Access to Recovery Coalition (A2R)
[Learn More](#)

LEAD Listening Session (Women of Color)

January 29, 3:30 - 5:30 Eastern
(12:30 - 2:30 Pacific)
Lived Experience Advocacy Diversity (LEAD)
A program of CamhPro (California)
[Learn More](#)

Proposals Due: January 31, 2022
Anti-Stigma Funding (Grant Announcement)

Office of Mental Health

Deadline to Submit: January 31, 2022

NAMI National Convention (NAMIcon) Call for Proposals

NAMI | [Learn More](#)

HALI / APS Learning Collaborative

Hands Across Long Island

(January 31, 3:00 - 4:00 pm)

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Advanced Trauma

February 1, 10:00 - 1:00 pm ET

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

APS Networking Group

Feb 1, 5:15 – 6:30 pm ET

Every Tuesday Networking/Support Group

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

I've Learned the Skills! Now What? Applying Skills in the Community

February 2, 10:00 - 1:00 pm ET

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

Welcome Home: Facilitating Successful Reentry from Jails and Prisons

February 2, 10:00 - 1:00 pm ET

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

ACHIEVE

February 2, 2022, 12:00 pm

(The DOHMH African-American/Black Employee Resource Group)

Career Development Bootcamp

[Session 3: Networking](#) | [Learn More](#)

Ethics Workshop

February 3, 9:00 - 1:00 pm ET

(For renewal of CRPA/CCAR or supervision)

Recovery Coach University | [Learn More](#)

Assessments in Person-Centered Recovery Planning

February 3, 10:00 - 11:30 am ET

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

Motivation Interviewing with Older Adults

February 3, 10:00 - 12:00 pm ET

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

Helping Individuals Who Are Experiencing Homelessness Obtain Identification Documents

February 3, 2:00 - 3:00 pm ET

SAMHSA | [Learn More](#)

Deadline Extended: February 4, 2022

Funding to Expand Certified Peer Capacity

Eligible employers can apply for one-time, targeted workforce retention or recruitment investment of \$3,000 for full time employees in Peer positions and \$1,500 for part time employees in Peer positions.

Office of Mental Health

[Original Announcement](#) | [Extended Deadline](#)

Intermediate Motivational Interviewing: MI Traps & Pitfalls to Avoid

February 4, 10:00 - 11:30 pm ET

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

LEAD Listening Session (Parents/Caretakers)

February 5, 3:30 - 5:30 Eastern

(12:30 - 2:30 Pacific)

Lived Experience Advocacy Diversity (LEAD)

A program of CamhPro (California) | [Learn More](#)

Ethical Considerations for Recovery Coaches

February 7, 8, 10, 2022 9:00 – 3:00 am ET (All three days)

Recovery Coach University | [Learn More](#)

HALI / APS Learning Collaborative

Hands Across Long Island

(February 7, 3:00 - 4:00 pm)

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

Creating a Path Forward: Team Building and Team Dynamics

February 8, 10:00 - 11:30 am ET

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

Session 4: Healthy Positivity

February 8 | 2:00-3:00 pm ET

SAMHSA MHTTC | [Learn More](#)

APS Networking Group

February 8, 5:15 – 6:30 pm ET

Every Tuesday Networking/Support Group

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

ACHIEVE

February 9, 2022, 12:00 pm

(The DOHMH African-American/Black Employee Resource Group)

Career Development Bootcamp

[Session 4: The Art of Negotiation](#) | [Learn More](#)

Support for Peer Workers

February 9, 5:00 - 6:00 pm ET **(New Time)**

Connect, Support, Network, and Vibe - Keeping Peer Support in Peer Services

2nd Wednesday of each month ([flyer](#))

AMHW | [Learn More](#)

Oppression, Racism, and Health

February 10, 10:00 - 11:30 am ET

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

LEAD Listening Session (Latinx)

February 12, 3:30 - 5:30 Eastern

(12:30 - 2:30 Pacific)

Lived Experience Advocacy Diversity (LEAD)

A program of CamhPro (California) | [Learn More](#)

HALI / APS Learning Collaborative

Hands Across Long Island

(February 14, 3:00 - 4:00 pm)

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

APS Networking Group

February 15, 5:15 – 6:30 pm ET

Every Tuesday Networking/Support Group

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

Introduction to Managing SSI

February 16, 10:00 - 11:30 am ET

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

Deadline for Nominations: February 18

Nominations for six categories for “What’s Great in our State”
Families Together in NYS | [Learn More](#)

LEAD Listening Session (Asia/Pacific Islander)

February 19, 3:30 - 5:30 Eastern
(12:30 - 2:30 Pacific)
Lived Experience Advocacy Diversity (LEAD)
A program of CamhPro (California) | [Learn More](#)

HALI / APS Learning Collaborative

Hands Across Long Island
(February 22, 3:00 - 4:00 pm)
[Learn More](#) | [Schedule](#)

APS Networking Group

February 22, 5:15 – 6:30 pm ET
Every Tuesday Networking/Support Group
Academy of Peer Services | [Learn More](#)

Deadline to Apply: February 23

MHA Rochester Peer Academy

One month sessions (every other month), Monday-Friday, 10:00 - 2:00 pm
Goals: Professional Development, Work Readiness and Individual Wellness
Orientation and start of next session, March 7 | [Apply Now!](#)

Motivational Interviewing (2 Days)

February 23-24, 9am - 3pm
Recovery Coach University | [Learn More](#)

Grief Sensitivity - Virtual Learning Institute

(Where we are now and where we can go with our practice)
February 23, 12:00 - 5:45 pm ET
MHTTC | [Learn More](#)

Peer Workforce Ongoing Education

February 23, 4:30 - 6:00 pm ET
4th Wednesday of each month
AMHW | [Learn More](#)

Supportive Housing Models That Work (Part 1 of 3)

February 24, 2:30 - 4:00 pm ET
SAMHSA | [Learn More](#)

NYC PWC Support Circle Schedule

February 23, 6:00 PM Eastern

Last Wednesday of each month | Meeting ID: 947 9771 4425

New York City Peer Workforce Coalition | [Learn More](#)

HALI / APS Learning Collaborative

Hands Across Long Island

(February 28, 3:00 - 4:00 pm)

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

APS Networking Group

March 1, 5:15 – 6:30 pm ET

Every Tuesday Networking/Support Group

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

HALI / APS Learning Collaborative

Hands Across Long Island

(March 7, 3:00 - 4:00 pm)

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

APS Networking Group

March 8, 5:15 – 6:30 pm ET

Every Tuesday Networking/Support Group

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

Support for Peer Workers

March 9, 5:00 - 6:00 pm ET (**New Time**)

Connect, Support, Network, and Vibe - Keeping Peer Support in Peer Services

2nd Wednesday of each month ([flyer](#))

AMHW | [Learn More](#)

Coach Approach

March 11, 9:00 - 4:00 pm ET

(For CCAR initial certification and CRPA renewal)

Recovery Coach University | [Learn More](#)

HALI / APS Learning Collaborative

Hands Across Long Island

(March 14, 3:00 - 4:00 pm)

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

Session 5: Flourishing Strategies - Outside the Box

March 15 | 2:00-3:00 pm ET

SAMHSA MHTTC | [Learn More](#)

APS Networking Group

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

OMH Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting

March 21, 2022 8:30 – 12:30 pm
Statewide Meeting
OMH Office of Consumer Affairs
[Learn More](#)

HALI / APS Learning Collaborative

Hands Across Long Island
(March 21, 3:00 - 4:00 pm)
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Ethics Workshop

March 22, 9:00 - 1:00 pm ET
(For renewal of CRPA/CCAR or supervision)
Recovery Coach University | [Learn More](#)

APS Networking Group

March 22, 5:15 – 6:30 pm ET
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Academy of Peer Services | [Learn More](#)

Supportive Housing Models That Work (Part 2 of 3)

March 23, 2:30 - 4:00 pm ET
SAMHSA | [Learn More](#)

Peer Workforce Ongoing Education

March 23, 4:30 - 6:00 pm ET
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Hands Across Long Island
(March 28, 3:00 - 4:00 pm)
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APS Networking Group

March 29, 5:15 – 6:30 pm ET
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Academy of Peer Services | [Learn More](#)

Motivational Interviewing (2 Days)

March 30-31, 9am - 3pm

Recovery Coach University | [Learn More](#)

NYC PWC Support Circle Schedule

March 30, 6:00 PM Eastern

Last Wednesday of each month

Meeting ID: 947 9771 4425

New York City Peer Workforce Coalition | [Learn More](#)

Support for Peer Workers

April 13, 5:00 - 6:00 pm ET **(New Time)**

Connect, Support, Network, and Vibe - Keeping Peer Support in Peer Services

2nd Wednesday of each month ([flyer](#))

AMHW | [Learn More](#)

Session 6: Build Your Resilience Plan One Day at a Time

April 19 | 2:00-3:00 pm ET

SAMHSA MHTTC | [Learn More](#)

NYAPRS Executive Seminar

April 26-27, 2022

Mindful Leadership: Reconnect, Replenish & Redesign

Albany Hilton Hotel (In-Person)

NYAPRS | [Learn More](#)

NNEDLearn 2022

April 26-28, 2022

(3-Day Intensive Training, Application Deadline was January 25)

National Network to Eliminate Disparities in Behavioral Health (NNED) | [Learn More](#)

Supportive Housing Models That Work (Part 3 of 3)

April 27, 2:30 - 4:00 pm ET

SAMHSA | [Learn More](#)

Peer Workforce Ongoing Education

April 27, 4:30 - 6:00 pm ET

4th Wednesday of each month

AMHW | [Learn More](#)

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April 27, 6:00 pm ET

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New York City Peer Workforce Coalition | [Learn More](#)

Racism: The Effects on Mental Health

[Learn More](#)

Support for Peer Workers

May 11, 5:00 - 6:00 pm ET **(New Time)**

Connect, Support, Network, and Vibe - Keeping Peer Support in Peer Services

2nd Wednesday of each month ([flyer](#))

AMHW | [Learn More](#)

OMH Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting

May 23, 2022 8:30 – 12:30 pm

Statewide Meeting

OMH Office of Consumer Affairs

[Learn More](#)

Peer Workforce Ongoing Education

May 25, 4:30 - 6:00 pm ET

4th Wednesday of each month

AMHW | [Learn More](#)

Support for Peer Workers

June 8, 5:00 - 6:00 pm ET **(New Time)**

Connect, Support, Network, and Vibe - Keeping Peer Support in Peer Services

2nd Wednesday of each month ([flyer](#))

AMHW | [Learn More](#)

OMH Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting

July 18, 2022 8:30 – 12:30 pm

Statewide Meeting

OMH Office of Consumer Affairs

[Learn More](#)

NYC Conference for Working Peer Specialists

July 21 and 28, 2022 **(Details coming soon)**

Peer Workforce Ongoing Education

June 22, 4:30 - 6:00 pm ET

4th Wednesday of each month

AMHW | [Learn More](#)

OMH Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting

September 19, 2022 8:30 – 12:30 pm

Statewide Meeting

OMH Office of Consumer Affairs

[Learn More](#)

OMH Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting

November 21, 2022 8:30 – 12:30 pm

Statewide Meeting

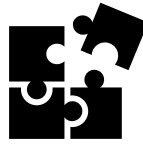
OMH Office of Consumer Affairs

[Learn More](#)

Events in the Community Calendar listing were up to date as of **January 15, 2022**.

The Virtual Learning Community online Community Calendar is updated regularly.

Check back for new announcements.



Are we Missing Anything?

If you have announcements or corrections for the online Calendar, send them at any time to

academy.virtual.community@gmail.com

Funding Opportunities



Proposals Due: January 19, 2022

[Psychiatric Rehabilitation Training and Technical Assistance Initiative \(Funding Opportunity\)](#)

Office of Mental Health

[Learn More](#)

Proposals Due: January 31, 2022
[Anti-Stigma Funding \(Grant Announcement\)](#)

Office of Mental Health

[Learn More](#)

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(If you are a peer specialist, please share this with your employer or prospective employers)

Office of Mental Health

[Original Announcement](#) | [Presentation Slides](#) | [Extended Deadline](#)

Deadline: February 9, 2022

Office for New Americans (ONA) Grant Funding for 25 sites managed by not-for-profit organizations to host an ONA Opportunity Center

New York State Office for New Americans (ONA)

[Learn More](#)

Resources



The Key Update –

Many resources are reposted courtesy The Key Update: The National Mental Health Consumers' Self-Help Clearinghouse. This monthly newsletter by Susan Rogers always contains important articles that are of interest to the peer support community. | [Learn More](#)

Affordable Connectivity Program

On December 31 the FCC [launched the Affordable Connectivity Program \(ACP\)](#).

[Learn More](#)

Anti-Racist/Oppressive Practices Resource

(From The Coalition for Behavioral Health)

[Learn More](#)

Center for Practice Innovations (CPI) Resources

Including: Using Meds to Help Me Get the Life I Want (with Pat Deegan)

Shared Decision Making Based on Common Ground (with Pat Deegan)

Wellness Self-Management

[Learn More](#)

Coping with Grief (Positive Psychology)

[Learn More](#)

Doors to Wellbeing (DTW)

[Peer Support Certification Database](#)

Doors to Wellbeing (DTW): Recorded Webinars

(These webinars are free of charge and available on the DTW website.)

- Working Together to Support Peer Excellence in Kentucky
- The Season for Self-Care
- Communication at Work that Promotes Growth and Wellness
- Supported Employment and Supported Education: Peer Perspectives, Engagement, and Learning from the Field
- Post-Traumatic Growth and Resilience: Practices for Peer Groups
- Supporting the Journey Back Outside
- Communication: Healthy Boundaries for Peer Specialists
- Wellness Maintenance for Transition Aged Youth (TAY) Peer Professionals
- Workforce Development of Youth Peer Counselors
- Gender Inclusive Facilitation Skills for Peer Specialists
- Enhancing Quality of Care with Psychiatric Advance Directive and Peer Support
- WRAP: An Approach to Person-Led Crisis and Post-Crisis Planning
- Transition from In-Person to Remote Services During COVID-19
- Incorporating Youth Leadership into Treatment
- The Value of Youth Peers Serving on Community Boards
- National Practice Guidelines for Peer Specialists and Supervisors
- Building Partnerships to Enhance the Peer Workforce
- Physical Wellness for Work: A Guide for Peer Specialists
- Trauma and Mental Health Peer Support

[Learn More](#)

Families: Helping them Cope During Stressful Times (CTAC)

[Learn More](#)

Laced and Lethal

Overdose Prevention Campaign for Youth

[Learn More](#)

Peer Recovery Center of Excellence

Comparative Analysis of State Requirements for Peer Specialist Training and Certification

[Learn More](#)

Peers in a Pod (Podcast) UK

Series of UK peers discuss peer support

[Learn More](#)

Person-Centered Planning Resource Library (DOH)

The New York State Person-Centered Planning and Practice Resource Library is now live!

[Learn More](#)

Health Resources for New Americans Webinar

Broadcast on 12/21/2021, New York State Office for New Americans

[Announcement](#) | [Slides](#) | [References](#)

HUD Section 8 (Housing Choice Voucher) Five Facts

[Compass Newsletter](#)

[Learn More](#)

Integrated Employment Institute (IEI) Rutgers

[Learn More](#)

Keris Jän Myrick's Unapologetically Black Unicorns podcast

Join the weekly conversation with host Keris Jän Myrick, an unapologetically Black unicorn in their own right, and nationally recognized mental health advocate chatting with amazing U.B.U. folk who are advancing all things mental health, racial justice, and anything cool to enhance human existence.

[Learn More](#)

Mayim Bialik's Breakdown Podcast

Armed with a PhD in Neuroscience and plenty of personal experience, Mayim Bialik (who played Amy Farrah Fowler on the Big Bang Theory) is breaking down mental health so you don't have to.

New episodes every Tuesday. | [Learn More](#)

Mike Skinner (Surviving Spirit Newsletter)

[The Healing Power of Music](#)

Mindfulness Resource

(From The Coalition for Behavioral Health)

[Ride the Wave](#)

[Ride the Wave: Emotion Anxiety](#)

Minority Health Social Vulnerability Index

(CDC and the Office of Minority Health)

[Fact Sheet](#)

National Network to Eliminate Disparities (NNED) in Behavioral Health

In an effort to understand what is most needed to support the behavioral health of diverse racial, ethnic, cultural, and sexual minority communities, the [National Network to Eliminate Disparities in Behavioral Health \(the NNED\)](#) is asking for participation in a ThoughtExchange to inform the broader

field about what needs to be addressed to further wellbeing in diverse communities.

[Main Site](#) | [ThoughtExchange](#) | [More Opportunities](#)

National Center on Law & Elder Rights (NCLER) Resources for Older Adults

[National Family Caregiver Resources](#)

[NCLER 2021 Year in Review](#)

Provider's Guide to Engaging and Empowering People in Recovery (CTAC)

[Learn More](#)

Rural Mental Health Services

Find strategies to improve mental health services for individuals who have serious mental illness (SMI) and live in rural and remote areas

[Learn More](#)

Supervision Best Practices (CTAC)

[Learn More](#)

Technology Transfer Center (SAMHSA) Upcoming Events Related to COVID-19

[Learn More](#)

The National Telehealth Policy Resource Center

Telehealth Policy Updates (11/21)

[Learn More](#)

Tobacco Use Reduction Conversations

[Wellness Coaching for Smoking](#)

APS Talking About Tobacco Webinar Series

[Learn More](#)

Toward Wellness and Recovery

Northeast and Caribbean MHTTC Podcast

[Learn More](#)

WISE Learning Collaborative

(Well-Being Information and Strategies for Educators)

Northeast and Caribbean MHTTC Podcast

[Learn More](#)

Youth and Young Adult Transition Team (5 Things Guide)

[Learn More](#)

Get Involved



Center for Community Alternatives

CCA has been a leader in community-based alternatives to incarceration for over 40 years. We promote reintegrative justice and a reduced reliance on incarceration through advocacy, services, and public policy development in pursuit of civil and human rights. There are many active campaigns. | [Learn More](#)

Justice Peer Initiative (NYC)

The NYC Justice Peer Initiative is seeking an Executive Director. Four online courses based on the community organizing efforts of this group have been created for continuing education (CE) through the Academy of Peer Services. To keep up with the latest developments, join the Justice Peer Initiative free mailing list, [click here](#). | For recent events | [Learn More](#)

The Friendship Squad (TFS) Seeking Board Members

The Friendship Squad, Inc will be a nonprofit 501c3 in 2022. We are seeking three new board members for a total of six. If you are a lawyer, or have nonprofit administration experience, or talented at marketing, communications, social media, video, or event planning, please connect with us.

Mission: To connect people living with behavioral health (mental health & substance misuse) challenges with support, friends and a sense of community, especially for people who are transitioning back from institutional settings (prisons, jails, hospitals, adult homes, nursing homes, etc.). Vision: We want to see a world where all people living with behavioral health challenges live fully and joyfully. [Learn More](#)

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](#).

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](#).

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. | [Learn More](#)

APS Blog



In addition to the weekly (every Tuesday) Networking Meeting, APS also hosts a Blog Site, which is another way you can get involved. Here are articles by guest writers and other contributors that have been posted in the past month to our Blog Site:

- (January 14, 2022) [OMH Honors Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Day](#)
- (January 13, 2022) [Bracing For 2022 Amid Pandemic, Workforce Challenges](#)
- (January 12, 2022) [Secrets of Getting Things Done](#)
- (January 8, 2022) [The Healing Power of Music](#)
- (January 5, 2022) [Governor Hochul Announces Equity Agenda](#)
- (January 3, 2022) [Racism a Public Health Crisis](#)
- (January 2, 2022) [NYC Coalition Sues Mayor for failing to provide safe, non-police response](#)
- (January 1, 2022) [Wellness Institute January Calendar](#)

Share Your Creative Ideas and Writing!



We're always looking for guest bloggers or contributions of interest to the peer support workforce. Have you seen an article of interest of news to share? Let us know. We may be able to repost it. Send email to academy.virtual.community@gmail.com.

Research



Deadline: January 28, 2022

OMH's COVID-19 Impact Survey for Recipients of Mental Health Services
(Open to all recipients and family members in New York State - if you are a provider or peer support specialist, please share this opportunity with the people in your programs)

[Learn More](#)

World Psychiatric Association

Working Group on Providing Mental Health Care for Refugees and Migrants
invites you to complete a survey on attitudes towards cultural psychiatry and psychotherapy.

[Learn More](#)

Recently Published Research

Darrow, S., Pelot, M., Naeger, S. et al. (2022). User Perspectives on Professional Support and Service Use During Psychiatric Medication Discontinuation. *Community Ment Health J.*

<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10597-021-00933-3>

Pelot, M., & Ostrow, L. (2021). Characteristics of peer respites in the United States: Expanding the continuum of care for psychiatric crisis. *Psychiatric Rehabilitation Journal*, 44(4), 305–309.

<https://doi.org/10.1037/prj0000497>

Forbes, J., Pratt, C., & Cronise, R. (2021, April 1). Experiences of peer support specialists supervised by nonpeer supervisors. *Psychiatric rehabilitation journal*. Published online 2021.

<http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/prj0000475>

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Foglesong, D., Knowles, K., Cronise, R., Wolf, J., & Edwards, J. (2021, July 13). National Practice Guidelines for Peer Support Specialists and Supervisors. *Psychiatric Services*. Published online 2021.

<https://ps.psychiatryonline.org/doi/10.1176/appi.ps.202000901>

Researchers: Need Participants for a Study?



If you are a researcher, or work for a research institute, seeking participants for a study of peer support workers and/or supervisors of peer support workers send email with a description of your study 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.

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 updated regularly.

Current Job Openings

Albany (with Telecommute options)
[Mental Health Program Manager](#)
New York State Office of Mental Health

New York City
[Peer Corps \(flyer\)](#)
[Description](#)
New York City Peer Corps

Harlem
[Senior Peer Specialist/Mobile Peer Wellness Coach](#)
CASES

Yonkers
[Peer Specialist / OnTrackNY](#)
MHA Westchester

West Babylon/Remote
[Multiple Postings \(Peer Positions\)](#)
[Certified Family Peer Advocate](#)
Federation of Organizations

Syracuse
[Peer Specialist- Integrated Health Care](#)
[Family Peer Advocate](#)
Liberty Resources

Rochester
[Peer Specialist](#)
Liberty Resources

Manhattan, Bronx, Queens
[Peer Program Specialist](#)
ACMH

New York City
[Executive Director](#)
NYC Justice Peer Initiative / CASES

Visit our Job Bank

The list of jobs in the Job Bank are positions submitted by employers as of January 15, 2022. For more recent job openings submitted to the Academy of Peer Services, visit the [Job Seekers page](#) on our website. These are updated regularly.

There are many more openings available than those listed. You can check 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

- 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

Employment Agencies to Search (starter list)

<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](https://www.nyc.gov/jobs)

LinkedIn Basics (video):

<https://edu.gcfglobal.org/en/linkedin/searching-for-jobs-on-linkedin/1>

Still looking? There is a list of tips to customize your job search on our [Open Jobs](#) page.

Jobs for Justice Involved:

<https://cmjcenter.org/careers/>

Regina Shoen (OMH SAS) provided a helpful list to access job openings in NYS: [State Jobs!](#)

Open Jobs Report

For an Analysis of the NYC Peer and Community Health Worker Workforce:
Report: 2019-2021



Are we Missing Anything?

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

The Academy of Peer Services (APS) is free of charge and open to anyone who has an interest in learning about peer support services. To access APS: <https://www.academyofpeerservices.org>

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 NYCPS or NYCPS-P (Provisional) certification.

All of our courses are approved by the New York Peer Specialist Certification Board (NYPCB) for continuing education on current topics related to peer support services and supervision. To learn more about APS, including the Terms of Use, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), and User Guide, click here.

About the Virtual Learning 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 website News, Calendar, Job Bank, Webinar, Support, Research, 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 Networking Meetings



The APS Virtual Networking Meeting is held on zoom every Tuesday evening from 5:15 – 6:30 pm Eastern.

Facilitators: Rita Cronise and Maryam Husamudeen, with guest speakers and facilitators welcome! | [Register in advance](#)

APS End User Support



Maryam Husamudeen
APS User Support Specialist

If you have questions related to the Academy of Peer Services online courses, contact Maryam by email: academyofpeerservicesnyomh@gmail.com or by phone during business hours (M-F, 9 AM-5 PM)

New Column: Ask Maryam

When you send an email for support, Maryam Husamudeen answers your questions. Starting this month, we will feature some of the most frequent questions that Maryam answers for our learners.

Question: Can you explain the process of becoming certified?

Answer: Once you've created an account on the APS website you must take and earn a certificate for each of the *13 required courses** selected by the NY Peer Specialist Certification Board (NYPSCB):

- Action Planning for Prevention and Recovery
- Creating Person-Centered Service Plans
- Documentation for Peer Services
- Essential Communication Skills
- Human and Patient Rights in New York
- Introduction to Person-Centered Principles

- Olmstead, the Continued Mandate of De-Institutionalization
- (Prerequisite: The Rehabilitation Act and Americans with Disabilities Act)
- Peer-Delivered Service Models
- The Goal is Recovery
- The Historical Roots of Peer Support Services (formerly Historical Roots of the Peer Movement)
- The Importance of Advocacy (formerly The Importance of Advocacy and Advocacy Organizations)
- Trauma-Informed Peer Support

**13 courses are required for the NYCPS-P (Provisional). Additional courses may be required, depending on the level of certification you are seeking.*

When you've completed the required courses, gather the 13 certificates, the transcript, and the certificate of completion from the APS dashboard and print them out. At this time, go to the New York [Peer Specialist Certification Board \(NYPSCB\) website](#) and print out the application to meet your desired level of certification. For example, on page 4 of the NYCPS-P (Provisional) application is a list of requirements and documents you must gather and copy to be sent with your application.

NYCPS-P (Provisional) Requirements*

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|---|---|
| Education | A minimum of a high school diploma or equivalent |
| Supervised Work Experience (Peer Specialist specific) | There is currently no work experience requirement for the NYCPS—PROVISIONAL |
| Training and Education | Complete all 13 core courses from the Academy of Peer Services www.AcademyofPeerServices.org Successfully complete post-test for all 13 modules (See list of modules below) |
| Supervised Internship | There is currently no supervised internship requirement for the NYCPS—PROVISIONAL |
| Professional References <i>Sent directly to the NYPSCB</i> | Submit three references from individuals able to speak to your ability as a peer specialist |
| Annual Renewal Standards <i>10 hours per year, completed every 2 years to maintain credential</i> | 20 hours of peer specialist specific training for the 2 year certification. |

**The above list is on page 4 of the application for the NYCPS-P (Provisional) certification The requirements are different for the NYCPS standard (full) certification. In addition to the requirements above, you need to complete an additional 15 hours of training, 2000 hours of supervised work experience, and obtain a letter from your most recent supervisor to apply for standard (full) certification.*

These requirements are subject to change and out of the control of APS, which is separate from the Certification Board. For the most accurate information, review the requirements for the [PDF version of the certification you are applying for](#) on the NYPSCB website.

Once you have gathered all the required documents for the level of certification you are seeking, mail them to the NYPSCB Certification Board directly. Their contact information (below) is listed on their website as well as the last page of the application. Any questions regarding your application status must be directed to them. The New York Peer Specialist Certification Board (NYPSCB) and APS are not the same agency. (This information is provided for your convenience only.)

New York Peer Specialist Certification Board
3 Atrium Drive, Suite 205,
Albany, NY 12205
(518) 426-0945 | info@nypeerspecialist.org

'Ask Maryam'. If you have a question for the next issue of the newsletter, send it to "Ask Maryam" at academy.virtual.community@gmail.com (the newsletter email address). For other questions you can reach Maryam via the APS User Support email: academyofpeerservicesnyomh@gmail.com or call during business hours (M-F: 9-5) at 917-837-1957.

Comments or Questions?

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Send questions, announcements, and updates for the newsletter to academy.virtual.community@gmail.com