



# APS Virtual Learning Community

## Community News | March 1, 2023



"If one is lucky, a solitary fantasy can totally transform one million realities."  
--Maya Angelou

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### Academy News

#### What is the Academy of Peer Services (APS)?

APS is an open source, online, on-demand, training and testing platform funded and sponsored by the New York State Office of Mental Health (NYS OMH) Office of Advocacy and Peer Support Services (OAPSS). The courses include the 13 CORE courses required as a first step toward applying to become a Certified Peer Specialist (CPS) in New York State. All together there are over 90 elective, continuing education (CE), supervision, and professional development courses. A companion website offers monthly webinars on current issues and an online calendar of events, newsletter, blogs, and more for the peer support workforce.

To view the latest course catalog, [click here](#).

To access the Virtual Learning Community website, [click here](#).

## APS Virtual Learning Community Blog



In addition to this monthly newsletter, the APS Virtual Learning Community hosts a blog site, which is another way you can stay informed and get involved. We're always looking for guest writers. The current blog also includes reposts of newsworthy items.

### Recent blogs:

January 25, 2023 – [Daniel's Law: How it Could Transform NY MH Crisis Response](#)

January 17, 2023 – [CORE Peer Navigator Project Announcement](#)

January 1, 2023 – [Wellness in 8 Dimensions](#)

### 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 to share? Let us know. We may be able to repost it. Send email to <mailto:academy.virtual.community@gmail.com>.

### Recent APS Webinars



The Virtual Community hosts monthly webinars through APS and/or members of the APS team and Advisory Council participate in webinars or conference presentations for other organizations. To view list of recent webinars on the Virtual Community website go to Recorded Webinars or click the link: <https://aps-community.org/webinars-recorded/>

Created by Luis Prado  
From Ncan Project

## Recorded Webinars

### Trauma In the Workplace - Session 2



In this second session, we review sources of trauma and ways in which workplace practices can lead to trauma responses. Employees that identify as members of marginalized groups are frequently vulnerable to sometimes invisible and inequitable harms such as hierarchical reporting structures that can make them feel “less than,” and interpersonal, institutional, and structural forms of discrimination such as racism, ageism, sexism, mentalism, and ableism. People who have been incarcerated or involved in the criminal justice system are especially vulnerable to discrimination and rarely given equal opportunity to enter, let alone succeed in the workplace. Those who work in human services need to be sensitive to power dynamics, use of force and subtle forms of coercion, and the impacts these traumatizing practices can have on staff, and service participants and their families. This session prepares the learner for the next webinar in the series on how to take action to create intentional change in a traumatizing workplace. Broadcast on February 16, 10-11:30 am Eastern.

Presented by Cathy Cave, Senior Training Consultant, National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma, and Mental Health; Helen “Skip” Skipper, Executive Director, NYC Justice Peer Initiative, and Patrice Peterson, Coordinator of the Peer and Community Health Worker Workforce Consortium in the NYC Office of Consumer Affairs, NYC Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene. Development of the webinar was supported by LaVerne Miller. The webinar was moderated by Patrice Peterson (the Consortium), Rita Cronise (the Academy of Peer Services), and Maryam Husamudeen (NYAPRS and Academy of Peer Services).

[Flyer](#) | [Presentation Slides](#) | [Resources](#) | [Recording](#)



This webinar series is a collaboration between the NYC Peer and Community Health Worker Consortium, Office of Consumer Affairs, NYC Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Academy of Peer Services.

**The next webinar in this series is scheduled for March 16, 2023.**

For more recorded webinars posted on the Virtual Community website visit:  
<https://aps-community.org/webinars-recorded/>

For upcoming webinars, review the online [Community Calendar](#) or continue on to the Calendar section of this newsletter.



Do you have any ideas for blogs, webinars, or other items for the Virtual Learning Community?

Send email to [academy.virtual.community@gmail.com](mailto:academy.virtual.community@gmail.com)

### Highlighted Events



Mark your calendar with these deadlines and dates.

#### Hiring and Onboarding Peer Staff

Webinar March 9, 12-1:15 pm

Consultation Group March 16, 12-1:15 pm

PeerTAC | [Learn More](#)

#### Trauma in the Workplace Part 3

March 16, 10-11:30 am

NYC DOHMH Peer and CHW Consortium and Academy of Peer Services | [Learn More](#)

#### Creating a Culture for Successful Inclusion of Peer Staff

Webinar March 23, 12-1:15 pm

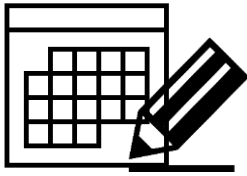
Consultation Group March 30, 12-1:15 pm

PeerTAC | [Learn More](#)

Do you have any special events or announcements to share with the Virtual Learning Community?

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# Community Calendar



**Note:** Events in our Community Calendar are provided as a public service to our 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.

The following calendar entries were last updated **March 1, 2023**. Be sure to mark your personal calendar with events you want to attend.

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## **HALI (APS) Learning Collaborative (on Zoom)**

March 1, 3-4 pm ET

(While APS is in session)

Hands Across Long Island | [Learn More](#)

## **WRAP FACILITATOR TRAINING**

March 6-10, 2023

Antrim, Northern Ireland - March 6-10 \*\*For this location - email for more info

CCWR | [Learn More](#)

## **Harm Reduction**

March 7 & 8, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Recovery Coach University | [Learn More](#)

## **APS Networking Meeting**

March 7, 5:15-6:30

APS Virtual Community | [Register](#)

## **HALI (APS) Learning Collaborative (on Zoom)**

March 8, 3-4 pm ET

(While APS is in session)

Hands Across Long Island | [Learn More](#)

## **Hiring and Onboarding Peer Staff**

Webinar March 9, 12-1:15 pm

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PeerTAC | [Learn More](#)

**6 Hr Trauma Informed Care for Recovery Professionals**

March 10, 2023 9-4 pm ET

Recovery Coach University | [Learn More](#)

**Paradigm Shifters: Transformative Programs Redefining Crisis Care**

Sunday, March 12, 2023 12-3 pm EST

Institute for the Development of Human Arts (IDHA) | [Learn More](#)

**APS Networking Meeting**

March 14, 5:15-6:30

APS Virtual Community | [Register](#)

**HALI (APS) Learning Collaborative (on Zoom)**

March 15, 3-4 pm ET

(While APS is in session)

Hands Across Long Island | [Learn More](#)

**Trauma in the Workplace Part 3**

March 16, 10-11:30 am

NYC DOHMH Peer and CHW Consortium and Academy  
of Peer Services | [Learn More](#)

**OMH Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting**

March 20, 2023, 8:30 – 12:30 pm

Statewide Meeting

OMH Office of Advocacy and Peer Support Services | [Learn More](#)

**APS Networking Meeting**

March 21, 5:15-6:30

APS Virtual Community | [Register](#)

**HALI (APS) Learning Collaborative (on Zoom)**

March 22, 3-4 pm ET

(While APS is in session)

Hands Across Long Island | [Learn More](#)

**Creating a Culture for Successful Inclusion of Peer Staff**

Webinar March 23, 12-1:15 pm

Consultation Group March 30, 12-1:15 pm

PeerTAC | [Learn More](#)

**APS Networking Meeting**

March 28, 5:15-6:30

APS Virtual Community | [Register](#)

**SAMHSA Recovery Exchange**

March 29, 1-2 pm ET

SAMHSA Office of Recovery | [Register](#)

**HALI (APS) Learning Collaborative (on Zoom)**

March 29, 3-4 pm ET

(While APS is in session)

Hands Across Long Island | [Learn More](#)

**APS Networking Meeting**

April 4, 5:15-6:30

APS Virtual Community | [Register](#)

**HALI (APS) Learning Collaborative (on Zoom)**

April 5, 3-4 pm ET

(While APS is in session)

Hands Across Long Island | [Learn More](#)

**Deadline: April 10**

**SAMHSA Invites Public Comment on Its National Model Standards for Peer Support Certification.**

“...SAMHSA’s Office of Recovery (OR) has developed a set of National Model Standards for Peer Support Certification, inclusive of Mental Health, Substance Use, and Family/Youth Peer Support.” The deadline for comments is April 10, 2023, at 5 p.m. ET.

For more information, [click here](#). To comment, [click here](#).

**HALI (APS) Learning Collaborative (on Zoom)**

April 12, 3-4 pm ET

(While APS is in session)

Hands Across Long Island | [Learn More](#)

**Creating a Crisis Toolkit: Reconciling Personal Values with Professional Ethics**

Sunday, April 16, 12-3 pm EST

Institute for the Development of Human Arts (IDHA) | [Learn More](#)

**2023 Integrated Care Conference**

April 17-18, 2023

Helio | [Learn More](#)

**HALI (APS) Learning Collaborative (on Zoom)**

April 19, 3-4 pm ET  
(While APS is in session)  
Hands Across Long Island | [Learn More](#)

**Re-Orienting to Emergency: A Slower Urgency**

Sunday, May 7, 12-3 pm EST  
Institute for the Development of Human Arts (IDHA) | [Learn More](#)

**WRAP FACILITATOR TRAINING**

May 1-5, 2023  
Ann Arbor area, MI  
CCWR | [Learn More](#)

**OMH Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting**

May 22, 2023, 8:30 – 12:30 pm  
Statewide Meeting  
OMH Office of Advocacy and Peer Support Services | [Learn More](#)

**Embodied Wisdom: A Lived Experience Showcase**

Sunday, June 4, 12-3 pm EST  
Institute for the Development of Human Arts (IDHA) | [Learn More](#)

**WRAP FACILITATOR TRAINING**

June 5-9, 2023  
Springfield, MA  
CCWR | [Learn More](#)

**OMH Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting**

July 17, 2023, 8:30 – 12:30 pm  
Statewide Meeting  
OMH Office of Advocacy and Peer Support Services | [Learn More](#)

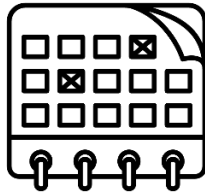
**OMH Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting**

September 18, 2023, 8:30 – 12:30 pm  
Statewide Meeting  
OMH Office of Advocacy and Peer Support Services | [Learn More](#)

**OMH Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting**

November 20, 2023, 8:30 – 12:30 pm  
Statewide Meeting  
OMH Office of Advocacy and Peer Support Services | [Learn More](#)





If you have announcements or corrections for the online Calendar, send them at any time to [academy.virtual.community@gmail.com](mailto:academy.virtual.community@gmail.com).

New announcements are added to our Community Calendar frequently.  
Visit our online [Community Calendar](#) for the latest additions.



## Ongoing Support Groups

### Creative Wellness Opportunities

Daily Activities

Rochester MHA | [Learn More](#)

### HALI (APS) Learning Collaborative (on Zoom)

Wednesdays, 3-4 pm ET

(While APS is in session)

Hands Across Long Island | [Learn More](#)

### Peer Workers United

First and third Monday, 6:00 - 7:30 pm ET

City Voices | [Learn More](#)

### Peer Workforce Workgroup (Rockland)

Tuesdays 12 - 1 pm Eastern

MHA of Rockland County | [Learn More](#)

### Professional Peer Support Group (Baltic Street)

Every other Tuesday 3:30 -4:30 Eastern

Starting August 2

Baltic Street | [Learn More](#)

### **APS Networking Group**

Tuesdays from 5:15 – 6:30 pm Eastern  
Academy of Peer Services | [Learn More](#)

### **Shedding Skins**

Tuesdays at 7 pm  
City Voices / Chaplain Yael | [Learn More](#)

### **Hearing Voices and Alternate Realities**

Wednesdays at 12-1 pm  
City Voices | [Learn More](#)

### **Peer Support for Peer Supporters**

1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 9:30 am  
Life Connections Peer Recovery Services | [Learn More](#)

### **Peer Networking Meeting**

1st Wednesday of each month at 4:00 - 5:00 pm  
AMHW | [Learn More](#)

### **Support for Peer Workers**

2nd Wednesday of each month at 4:00 - 5:00 pm  
AMHW | [Learn More](#)

### **Healing Connections Support Group**

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 4:00 - 5:00 pm  
AMHW | [Learn More](#)

### **Peer Workforce Ongoing Education**

4th Wednesday of each month at 4:00 - 5:00 pm  
AMHW | [Learn More](#)

### **Peer Workforce Coalition (PWC) Support Circle**

Last Wednesday of every month at 6-8 pm  
NYC PWC | [Join Meeting](#)

### **Long Island Peer Specialist Community of Practice**

4th Thursday at 3:00 pm  
[Mission, Vision, Values](#)  
Long Island COP | [Learn More](#)

### **Long Island Peer Supervision Learning Collaborative**

Last Wednesday of each month at 2-3 pm  
Hands Across Long Island (HALI) | [Learn More](#)

**Spiritual Talk and Meditation (on Zoom)**

Saturdays at 11:30 am  
City Voices | [Learn More](#)



**Get Involved!**

**SAMHSA Invites Public Comment on Its National Model Standards for Peer Support Certification.  
Deadline: April 10**

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**Friendship Project - Start Your Own Guide (Dan Frey, City Voices)**

“The Friendship Squad is a mutual aid project for social support,” writes Dan Frey, director of [City Voices](#). “Basically, my purpose was to connect people who were secure in their recovery from mental health and/or addiction challenges and who have a solid support system, with people who may be struggling, lacking support, lonely and/or isolated,” he said. If you want to start your own Friendship Project, “I will help you every step of the way free of charge.” For more information, [click here](#).

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## Research Opportunities

Another way to get involved in the peer workforce is to participate in research related to mental health topics or to assist groups by completing surveys. In this section, we include groups conducting surveys to better understand the peer support workforce.

### **Assessing Experiences, Knowledge, Attitudes and Needs of Mental Health Providers in Delivering Services and Supports to Individuals who are Blind or Visually Impaired**

Dear Mental Health Provider and Staff:

The Northeast & Caribbean Mental Health Technology Transfer Center (MHTTC) is currently conducting a research study to increase our collective understanding of the experience, knowledge, attitudes, and perceived needs of mental health providers in delivering services and supports to individuals who are blind or visually impaired. With the information gained from this survey, we hope to better support clinicians and increase access to quality care. Participation in the study involves completion of a short 15-to-20-minute survey and qualifies you for a chance (via raffle) to win a \$25.00 Amazon gift card.

If you would like additional information about this study, please contact Dr. Alicia Lukachko at [alicia.lukachko@rutgers.edu](mailto:alicia.lukachko@rutgers.edu). | [Complete the Survey](#)

**Help Us Map the Landscape of Lived Experience and Family Involvement in 988 Policy and Related Crisis Response System Planning** (Courtesy The Key Update) - As 988 implementation rolls out alongside additional efforts to strengthen crisis response systems throughout the US, it's important to gauge the extent to which direct stakeholders (i.e. individuals who use or have used mental health crisis services and their families) have been involved in related policy, implementation and evaluation at the local, regional, state or federal level. To map out involvement nationally, Mental Health America (lead: Kelly Davis), Nev Jones (University of Pittsburgh) and Keris Myrick (National Association of Peer Supporters) have developed a survey aimed at documenting the extent of stakeholder involvement, the forms this involvement has taken, and, where available, what concerns stakeholders have raised. | [Learn More](#)

### **EPICC Works to Help Parents with Mental Health Conditions Connect with Their Kids**

[Engaging Parents and Increasing Connections with Children](#) (EPICC) is a 10-week program created by the Temple University Collaborative on Community Inclusion that is focused on helping parents with serious mental health conditions connect with their children through meaningful activities. For details and to apply, [click here](#).

## **Young Adults with Psychiatric Diagnoses Are Sought for Study on Community Participation**

The Temple University Collaborative on Community Inclusion is recruiting young adults (ages 18-30) with a diagnosis of schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, or major depression to take part in ConnectionsRx, designed to support engagement in meaningful community activities. Participants will be enrolled in the peer-led study for six months, and receive support to help meet community participation goals. Interviews (approximately 60 minutes each) will take place on Zoom. Participants will receive a \$15 Amazon gift card (to a maximum of \$45) for each survey completed. For the website, [click here](#). Questions? Write to [ConnectionsRx@temple.edu](mailto:ConnectionsRx@temple.edu).

## **South Southwest MHTTC Launches Youth and Young Adult Peer Supporters Survey**

“Are you a peer specialist who provides peer support to other people under the age of 30? We want to hear from you! Please fill out the survey to assist the South Southwest Mental Health Technology Transfer Center (South Southwest MHTTC) in learning more about youth peer support across the country! The intent is to be able to include these peer supporters in research, training, and technical assistance activities surrounding youth peer support. The form should take 5-10 minutes to fill out and can be done from a phone or a computer browser. To take the survey, [click here](#).” Questions? Write to [southsouthwest@mhttcnetwork.org](mailto:southsouthwest@mhttcnetwork.org).

## **Are You Interested in Pursuing Graduate School and/or a Research Career? Read Below.**

Stephania Hayes (UC Davis), Shannon Pagdon (Columbia/NYS Psychiatric Institute/University of Pittsburgh), and Nev Jones (University of Pittsburgh) write: “We are gathering information from people with lived experience in the Coordinated Specialty Care ([CSC](#)) or early psychosis space (including peer specialists, current/former CSC participants, and CSC youth coordinators) who are potentially interested in pursuing graduate school and/or a research career. All of us identify as having lived experience, work in CSC, and are invested in supporting the next generation of scholars who also have lived experience. We would like to create a discussion group and/or other supports for people interested in this career path. The link below leads to a very brief survey that will help us understand the level of interest in such supports, as well as areas of career interest. (Please note that this is not a research study.)” To participate in the anonymous survey, [click here](#).

## Researchers: Do you Need Participants for a Study or Survey?



If you are a researcher, work for a research institute, or are conducting a survey of the peer support workforce (and related populations) and are seeking participants send a description of your study to [academy.virtual.community@gmail.com](mailto:academy.virtual.community@gmail.com).

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## Resources

National Center on Law & Elder Rights

[NCLER Resource Directory](#)

New York City

Care, Community, Action: A Mental Health Plan for NYC

Comprehensive plan for children and families, people with serious mental illness, and people at risk of drug overdose.

[View the Plan Here](#)

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## Other Newsletters

This section contains links to other newsletters with content of interest to the peer support workforce.

### [City Voices Online](#)

#### What city voices is All About

**MISSION:** To empower our peers to live full and active lives by providing information, resources and a means to participate in the community.

**VISION:** A vibrant community of our peers who have experienced mental health and/or substance use challenges where we engage in mindfulness and the arts to nourish our sense of peace, joy, and self-acceptance.

### [Behavioral Health News Update -](#)

Consumer Perspectives: Housing is Essential for Recovery

Behavioral Health News (full newsletter) Winter 2023

Focuses on the Impact of Behavioral Health on Families

To view this and back issues of the newsletter, [click here](#).

**The Key Update** – The National Mental Health Consumers’ Self-Help Clearinghouse Newsletter - Read the March 2023 Key Update! <https://www.mhselfhelp.org/the-key-update-latest>

#### NEWS

1. “Cause for Concern: The Stripping Away of Patients’ Rights”
2. MHA Publishes “2022: The State of Mental Health in America”
3. “Performing Acts of Kindness is a Powerful Tool to Fight Depression and Anxiety, Study Finds”

#### CONFERENCES AND OTHER EVENTS

4. NDRN (Virtual) Conference to Be Held February 27-March 2
5. Peerpocalypse 2023 Scholarships Applications Are Due February 28!
6. Call for Applications: Emerge July 2023 Hybrid Disability Studies Workshop. Deadline: February 28!
7. Deadline to Apply for Mad Camp 2023 Is March 1!
8. ABCT Issues Call for Proposals for Its 2023 Conference, November 16-19 in Seattle. Deadline: March 14
9. Call for Proposals: “Too Mad to Be True II—The Promises and Perils of the First-Person Perspective.”  
Deadline: March 15
10. Registration Is Open for the ADA Virtual Mini-Con, March 28, 2023
11. SHARE!’s Free, Virtual Peer Workforce Conference Will Take Place on April 26
12. Active Minds Mental Health Conference July 7-8, 2023, in Washington, D.C.

#### FREE WEBINARS AND OTHER EVENTS

13. CoE-IHS Webinar: “Peers Part 1–Leveraging the Untapped Potential of Peer Services in Integrated Care”
14. “What is Peer Support and How Do I Supervise A Peer Support Specialist?”
15. “Community-Driven Crisis Response: A Workbook for Coordinators” to Be Launched on February 28
16. The Next Judi’s Room Will Celebrate the Life of Celia Brown
17. PENTAC Will Host the Next Presentation in Its National Entrepreneur Speaker Series on March 2
18. "Our Disability Roadmap" Webinar on March 10
19. NCMHR Invites You Its Next Advocacy Call, on March 13
20. The 3rd “Trauma in the Workplace” Webinar Is Coming Up
21. “Exclusionary Sanism: A Critical Dialogue” on March 21

#### RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES

22. WPA Invites Responses to Its Survey on “Implementing Alternatives to Coercion as a Key Component to Improving Mental Health Care”
23. Request for Information (RFI): Gaps and Opportunities in Global Mental Health Research
24. “Stigma Toward Peer Specialists on Inpatient Units”
25. Call for Book Chapter Proposals for “Beyond Accommodations: ‘Crippling’ Possibilities in Higher Education”
26. EPICC Works to Help Parents with Mental Health Conditions Connect with Their Kids
27. The March 2023 Digest of Articles Offering Healthy Lifestyle Advice
28. The March 2023 Digest of Articles about the [Criminal Legal System](#), in Which Many Individuals with Mental Health Conditions Are Incarcerated (and the Key Update continues after this Digest)

#### FROM PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF THE KEY UPDATE BUT STILL FRESH!

- a. CONFERENCES, WEBINARS, AND TRAININGS
- b. OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH
- c. OTHER OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

Thanks for your interest in the Key Update! <https://www.mhselfhelp.org/the-key-update-latest>

#### [Wildflower Alliance](#) - March 2023.

Black leaders past and present: In-person exhibits in Western MA and CT.  
Exploring psychiatric force with author Rob Wipond.  
Legislative Action.  
Anatomy of Interruption (Anti-Oppression Committee).  
Online workshops with Peter Bullimore  
And more...

#### [WRAP Up Newsletter](#) – March 2023.

This edition features an article By Carol Bailey Floyd, Retired Advanced Level WRAP Facilitator and Former Director of Programs, Mental Health Recovery and WRAP  
Journaling – A Power Wellness Tool





# 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.**

## Current Job Openings

The jobs listed in the newsletter are current as of December 18, 2022. **Openings 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](#).)

### Manhattan and Bronx

[Community Liaison](#)

Senator Robert Jackson

Posted 1/31/23

### Amityville, NY

[Peer Specialist OnTrackNY](#)

Northwell Health – South Oaks Hospital

Posted 1/26/23

### Brooklyn

[Peer Specialist OnTrackNY](#)

Kings County Hospital Center

Posted 1/22/23

### All Regions

[Family Policy Advisors](#)

Families Together in New York State

Posted 1/22/23

**Albany**

[Advocacy Specialist 2, Central Office](#)  
Office of Mental Health, Central Office  
Posted 1/22/23

**New York City**

[Advocacy Specialist 2, New York City Field Office](#)  
Office of Metal Health, NYC  
Posted 1/22/23

**New York City**

[Peer Specialist \(1 FTE\) for OnTrackNY Program](#)  
NYCHHC  
Posted 1/9/23

**New York City**

[Advocacy Specialist 2, G-18](#)  
OMH  
Posted 1/6/23

**Newburgh**

[Team Leader SUD](#)  
[Peer Diversion Specialist](#)  
[Peer Bridger](#)  
[Peer Recovery Specialist \(SUD\)](#)  
[Peer Recovery Specialist - Onward](#)  
[Certified Recovery Peer Advocate](#)

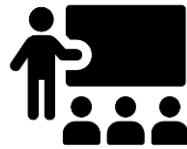
Independent Living, Inc. and Independent Home Care, Inc.  
Posted 1/5/23

For more information on Job Opening go to  
<https://aps-community.org/job-board/>

**Interested in a Career with New York State?**  
They are always hiring. | Search [StateJobsNY](#)  
Also, check this listing of upcoming [Civil Service Exams](#)

Still looking? We receive new job openings from employers regularly. For the latest jobs that have been submitted to the Academy of Peer Services, visit the [Job Seekers page](#) on our website. This lists positions submitted directly to us by employers looking for qualified candidates.

There are many more openings available than those listed here. You can check through temporary staffing companies and employment agencies like Indeed, Job Zone, Career Builder, and the Dept. of Labor (DOL). To search for a specific job title, location, or employer, visit our [Job Search Strategies page](#).



## **APS Training/Support Network**

APS has established a network of training and support organizations that meet regularly to share strategies, approaches, and best practices in delivery of live peer support training. These organizations are listed on the Virtual Learning Community website and can advertise upcoming training opportunities through the Virtual Community calendar and newsletter. [View the Training/Support Network Page](#)

### **Organizations Offering Peer Support Training**

Instructor-Led Peer Specialist Training Opportunities  
(Organizations that offer certification preparation based on APS)



Several organizations around the state offer instructor-led peer specialist training based (at least in part) on APS courses. Many of these training programs provide an 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.

**Association for Mental Health and Wellness (AMHW) | Long Island**  
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](#)

**Baltic Street A.E.H.**  
Peer Training is Available  
Baltic Street | [Learn More](#)

**Center for Practice Innovation**  
Peer Training is Available  
NYSPI | [Learn More](#)

**Families Together**  
Youth and Family Peer Advocate Training is Available  
FTNYS | [Learn More](#)

**Howie the Harp**  
16 Week Sessions with 12 Week Internship  
Employment Support  
Community Access | [Learn More](#)

**Hands Across Long Island (HALI)**  
APS Learning Collaborative  
Preparation for the APS Tests toward NYCPS Certification  
[Learn More](#)  
[HALI Internship](#)

**Institute for the Development of Human Arts (IDHA)**  
View their latest video and year-end report | [Learn More](#)

**LaGuardia Community College**  
Mental Health Peer Specialist Training Program  
Preparation for the APS Tests toward NYCPS Certification | [Learn More](#)

**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 | [Apply Now!](#)

**MHA Westchester Peer Specialist Training**  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 2:00 - 4:00 pm  
Preparation to take the NYS Peer Exams | [Program Brochure](#)

**Mental Health Empowerment Project (MHEP)**

Empowerment Exchange (Troy)

RISE Center (Mt. Vernon)

8-week peer specialist training | [Learn More](#)

**Navigator Certificate**

**In human services and community justice**

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## About the Academy of Peer Services



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 90 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 (NYPSCB) 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](mailto: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](#).



### Networking Meetings

- The APS Virtual Networking Meeting (support by and for peer supporters) is held on zoom every Tuesday evening from 5:15 – 6:30 pm Eastern. Facilitators: Rita Cronise and Maryam Husamudeen. Guest speakers and facilitators welcome! | [Register in advance](#)

### APS End User Support

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