



Academy of Peer Services  
**Virtual Community News Digest**

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A news digest of the Academy of Peer Services Virtual Community.

<https://virtualcommunityblog.wordpress.com/>

Welcome to the Virtual Community News Digest, a weekly summary of events, research opportunities, jobs, and other announcements for the peer workforce in New York State.

**Academy of Peer Services Announces!**  
**2017 Term 2 Starts today at Noon!**  
**Watch for these exciting new and revised courses!**

Whole Family Health and Wellness (New)  
An Introduction to Supervising Peer Specialists (Key Concepts) (New)  
An Introduction to Supervising Peer Specialists (Situations and Solutions) (Coming Soon)  
Talking About Suicide (Coming Soon)  
Historical Roots of the Peer Movement (Revised)  
Trauma-Informed Peer Support (Revised)

For more information, view the full **Course Catalog** at:

[www.academyofpeerservices.org](http://www.academyofpeerservices.org)

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## Featured Events – SAVE THE DATES

<p>---- New York City ---- <b>July 13, 2017</b> 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Peer Specialist Conference Life &amp; the Art of Wellness</p>  <p><b>New York</b></p> <p>Kimmel Center, New York University More details coming soon</p>	<p>---- White Plains ---- <b>October 27-28, 2017</b> New York Peer Specialist Conference Leadership, Values, Integrity...</p>  <p>Crown Plaza Hotel, White Plains Hosted by the New York Peer Specialists Certification Board</p>
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## Deadlines

(Don't Miss These Great Opportunities!)

**May 4 – Early Bird Deadline to Register**

## Alternatives Conference 2017



**Click here to register online:**

<http://www.power2u.org/alternatives-2017/registration.htm>

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**May 5 - Deadline to Apply**



**Howie the Harp Classroom Training (New York City)**

Class Starts July 2017

Call 212-865-0775 to attend an information session!

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**May 26 – Call for Proposals Deadline**

**iNAPS 2017 Conference  
Call for Proposals**



Recovering & Sustaining Peer Support  
Creating a Path for Our Future

**Call for Proposals**

International Association of Peer Supporters (iNAPS)  
Annual Conference (Arizona, October 16-18).

Phoenix, Arizona

[\(Click for details.\)](#)

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## Upcoming Events (listed chronologically)

----- Buffalo -----

May 3, 2017 | 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



How a Peer Movement Can Change an Organization  
20-year Celebration of the RAMS  
(Buffalo Psychiatric Center)

[Click to learn more](#)

----- New York City -----

Wednesday, May 3, 2017 | 7 - 9 p.m.



**THE ICARUS PROJECT NYC**

[Peer Specialists We Must Breathe & Breaking the Binary Workshop](#)

Bluestockings Books  
172 Allen Street  
New York, NY

[Click to learn more](#)

----- Statewide -----



**May 22, 2017**

Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)  
Office of Mental Health (video conference)

Contact your Regional Advocacy Specialist for details.

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---- National Conference ----

**June 5-7, 2017**

WRAP AROUND THE WORLD



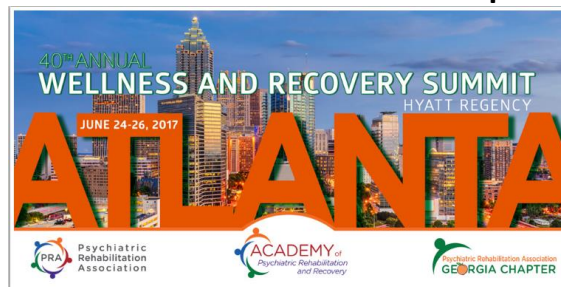
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---- National Conference ----

**June 24-26, 2017**

**40<sup>th</sup> Annual Wellness and Recovery Summit**  
**Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association | Atlanta, GA**



[\(Click here for details\)](#)

----- Statewide Webinar -----

Friday, June 30, 2017 | 10:30–12:00 p.m. EDT



**Updates on the Peer Specialist Certification in New York State**

**Presenters:**

- Tara Davis, Certification Coordinator, The New York Peer Specialist Certification Board
- Joseph Swinford, Office of Consumer Affairs, NYS Office of Mental Health.
- Amy Colesante, Executive Director, Mental Health Empowerment Project

There are many advantages of becoming a certified peer specialist. Such peers are recognized as being qualified to work with individuals based on “The Shared Personal Experience” paradigm. This recognized qualification is acknowledged by professional affiliations, state, and national legislation.

This discipline enables the opportunity for peer networking, in addition to involvement and impact through NYPSCB sponsored education opportunities and committee work enhancing professionalism in the field and becomes strong basis for employment hiring and professional advancement. Programs utilizing certified professionals to provide peer support services may be qualified to bill Medicaid.

The clients and the family members served become beneficiaries of continuously improved services brought about through standards of training and competency that will meet standards required for licensing, accreditation, and third-party payers. These marketable credentials not only enhance the range of services delivered by the treatment process; they also provide opportunity to establish, maintain, and update the delivery of higher professional standards.

This presentation will provide up to date information on Peer Certification.

**Registration is required:**

**[Register:](#)**

Event number: 644 498 663 | Event password: nysomh123

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Audio conference information

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Provide your number when you join the event to receive a call back.

Alternative to call back: You can call one of the following numbers:

Local: 1-518-549-0500

Toll Free: 1-844-633-8697

Toll Free: 1-866-776-3553

If you use one of the alternate numbers, follow the instructions you hear on the phone.

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**---- New York City Conference ----**  
**July 13, 2017**

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Peer Specialist Conference**  
**Life & the Art of Wellness**



Kimmel Center, NYU | More details coming soon

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**----- Philadelphia -----**  
**July 24 & 25, 2017**



**2017 Summer Institute on  
Community Inclusion**

THE STATE OF THE SCIENCE: WHAT DO WE KNOW? WHERE DO WE GO?

[Temple University Collaborative on Community Inclusion Summer Institute](#)

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----- National Conference -----  
August 18-21, 2017

## Alternatives Conference 2017



[\(Click here to learn more\)](#)

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----- National Conference -----  
October 16-18  
Phoenix, Arizona

## iNAPS 2017 Conference



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Annual Conference  
[\(Click here to learn more\)](#)



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----- White Plains, New York -----

October 26 & 27, 2017

NY PEER SPECIALISTS

**SAVE THE DATE!**

The New York Peer Specialist Certification Board  
**Inaugural New York Peer Specialist Conference**  
Crowne Plaza Hotel, White Plains

**Leadership, Values, Integrity...**  
October 26 & 27, 2017

**October 26<sup>th</sup> Celebration of Peer Support @ 5 pm-10 pm**  
**October 27<sup>th</sup> Full Day Conference @ 9 am-5:30 pm**

**Registration, Agenda and Hotel Accommodation info coming soon**  
Early Bird Discounted Registration and Scholarship application will be available in May, 2017  
**Sponsorship and Exhibit opportunities are available!**  
Please visit [www.NYPSCB.org](http://www.NYPSCB.org)  
or email [info@nypeerspecialist.org](mailto:info@nypeerspecialist.org)

Office of Mental Health  
The New York Peer Specialist Certification Board is funded by the New York State Office of Mental Health  
 ACADEMY OF PEER SERVICES  
Conference Partner

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***Inaugural New York (State) Peer Specialist Conference***

**Leadership, Values, Integrity...**

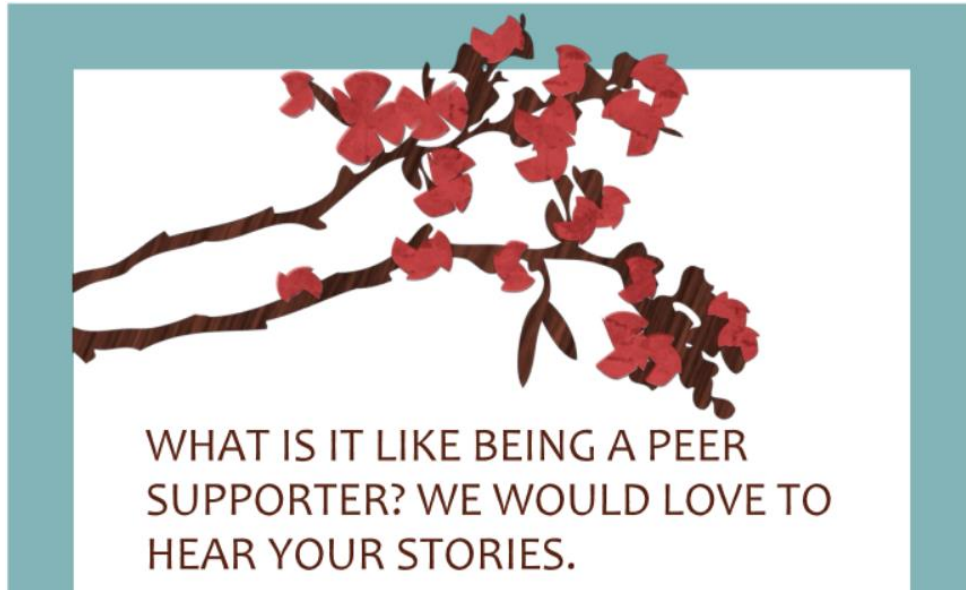
Hosted by the New York Peer Specialist Certification Board

(Crowne Plaza Hotel, White Plains)

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## Participate in Research!

---- Yale University ----



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WE ARE CONDUCTING A CONFIDENTIAL ONLINE SURVEY TO LEARN ABOUT THE CHALLENGES YOU FACE ON THE JOB AND WAYS YOU HAVE LEARNED TO DEAL WITH THEM.

YOUR INFORMATION WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL BUT SHARING YOUR EXPERIENCES (BOTH GOOD AND BAD) WILL BENEFIT THE FIELD.

THE SURVEY WILL TAKE APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES OF YOUR TIME. PLEASE FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW:

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[CLICK HERE TO TAKE OUR SURVEY](#)

**YOUR PARTICIPATION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!**  
**LARRY DAVIDSON, PH.D.**

## ---- Yale University / Study #2 ----

### **Recovery Oriented Services Evaluation (ROSE)**

We are part of an advisory council for a national study of recovery-oriented practices in community mental health agencies and wanted to tell you about it. Maria O'Connell, Ph.D. and colleagues from the Yale University Program for Recovery and Community Health are conducting the first nationally representative survey of agencies such as yours and I thought you may be interested in participating.

We are looking for agencies to participate in this very important study that examine the links between recovery-oriented practices, organizational climate, and consumer outcomes.

This study focuses on community mental health agencies with the following characteristics:

- 1)** provides outpatient behavioral health services to adults with serious mental illness,
- 2)** offers access to 24-hour crisis services,
- 3)** accepts adults with no insurance or offers a sliding fee, and
- 4)** is state-funded or receives Medicaid reimbursement.

#### **Taking part in the study:**

Participating agencies receive a web link to a brief, anonymous survey for directors/administrators, direct care staff, and supervisors to complete. Each person who completes the survey will receive a \$10.00 Amazon e-gift card for their participation. Agencies with multiple survey responses from directors and staff can also receive a personalized feedback report that summarizes their results, compares their scores to other participating agencies, and provides recommendations for how to promote recovery-oriented care.

The online survey consists of brief demographic questions about your role and work experience in the mental health system, followed by several questions about your perceptions of recovery-oriented care where you work. This confidential survey is completely online, voluntary, and will take about 15-20 minutes to complete. In reporting the data, information you provide will be aggregated at levels of the organization, community, and state and no information will be included that could identify individuals or responses provided by a specific person.

For more information about the study and to view a sample personalized feedback report, please visit

<http://medicine.yale.edu/psychiatry/prch/research/rose.aspx>

If you would like your agency to participate, or have any questions about this study, please feel free to email Stephanie Lanteri at [stephanie.sangsterlanteri@yale.edu](mailto:stephanie.sangsterlanteri@yale.edu) and we will be happy to answer any questions and provide you with more information. Thank you in advance for your time and support.

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## Job Listings

Click the job title for a description of the job.

**NEW**

New York City

[Peer Coach](#)

[Peer Specialist](#)

Institute For Community Living  
(Posted May 1, 2017)

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**NEW**

New York City

[Health Home Outreach Peer Educator](#)

New York City Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)  
(Posted May 1, 2017)

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**NEW**

Northern NJ

[Hospital diversion | Senior Coach](#)

Collaborative Support Programs of New Jersey  
(Posted May 1, 2017)

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**NEW**

**Smithtown, NY (Long Island)**

**ACT Peer Specialist**

WellLife Network (PSCH)

(Posted May 1, 2017)

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**Rochester**

**Peer Support Specialist** *(multiple openings)*

**Affinity House**

(Posted April 21, 2017)

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**New York City**

**Health Home Outreach Peer Educator**

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

(Posted April 10, 2017)

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**New York City**

**Youth Coordinator Grade 14**

OnTrackNY

Organization: RFMH-NYSPI

(Posted April 4, 2017)

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**Syracuse**

**Youth Coordinator Grade 14**

OnTrackNY

Organization: RFMH-NYSPI

(Posted April 4, 2017)

# THANKS!

This digest of announcements and reminders of upcoming events/job openings is also available as a PDF on the Virtual Community, a project of the Academy of Peer Services.

Feel free to share this file!

If you have events or opportunities to share on the Virtual Community website or News Digest, send email to [academy.virtual.community@gmail.com](mailto:academy.virtual.community@gmail.com).

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