



Academy of Peer Services
Virtual Community News Digest

August 14, 2017

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

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

For more about the Academy of Peer Services or view the full **Course Catalog** visit:

www.academyofpeerservices.org

NYAPRS 35th Annual Conference
Stand Up Together for Recovery!

September 13 – 15, 2017
Hudson Valley Resort & Conference Center
Kerhonkson, New York

Featured Speakers

 Steve Samra Center for Social Innovation	 Jeffery McQueen Mental Health Association of Nassau County	 Leah Harris Shifa Consulting	 Eduardo Vega Dignity Recovery Action! International
 Patrick Corrigan Illinois Institute of Technology	 Gayle Bluebird Bluebird Consultants	 Ann M. Sullivan Office of Mental Health	 Chacku Mathai STAR Center
 Tom Hill National Council on Behavioral Health	 Eva Doch Intentional Peer Support	 Deborah Wilcox Confluency Consultants & Associates	 Casale Bergeson Recovery, Resiliency, Engagement and Activation Partners

*Featuring the nationally acclaimed documentary "Crazywise"
and the hilarious Stand Up For Mental Health showcase.*

Featured Event

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September 13-15, 2017
Hudson Valley Resort & Spa
Kerhonkson, NY

Early Bird (Group Rate)

For every 5 individuals that your organization registers, NYAPRS will register a sixth person for FREE!!!!

This special will end on August 18, 2017!

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Opportunity to Participate

SAMHSA'S GAINS
Center for Behavioral Health and Justice Transformation

SAMHSA

NEWSFLASH

SAMHSA Invites Comments on Draft Core Competencies for Peers Working in Criminal Justice Settings

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) through SAMHSA's GAINS Center for Behavioral Health and Justice Transformation recently convened a group of peer leaders to develop a draft set of core competencies specifically for individuals providing peer support in criminal justice settings.

The draft set of core competencies builds upon SAMHSA's previous work – via its Bringing Recovery Supports to Scale Technical Assistance Center Strategy (BRSS TACS) – to develop core competencies for peer workers in behavioral health services. The new draft set of core competencies is in addition to the existing core competencies and is specific to individuals providing peer support in criminal justice settings.

SAMHSA would like to give the public an opportunity to review and comment on each of the additional draft core competencies. We encourage you to print and review the [Draft Core Competencies for Peers Working in Criminal Justice Settings](#) and a hard copy of the [Public Comment Form](#) before you respond. These documents will provide you with additional details regarding this effort and will hopefully answer many of questions that you may have. The better you understand this effort, the more prepared you will be to provide meaningful feedback that will help guide the final set of core competencies for individuals providing peer support in criminal justice settings.

The public comment period will be open through August 25, 2017.

[Please click here to submit a public comment form](#)

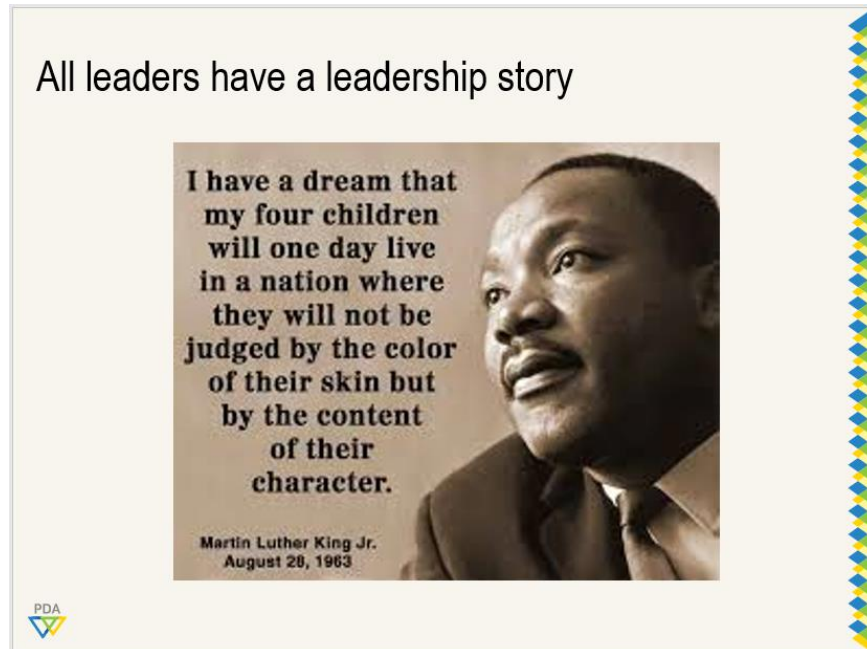
SAMHSA Invites Comments on Core Competencies for Peers Working in Criminal Justice Settings

[Click here to review the DRAFT Competencies and offer your feedback](#)

Deadline: August 25, 2017

Practicing Recovery Leadership

In a recent webinar on **Practicing Recovery Leadership**, Pat Deegan encouraged us all to see ourselves as leaders and to write our personal leadership story.



Click here to view the [My Call to Leadership](#) worksheet.

Click here to view, [Practicing Recovery Leadership](#), the full webinar (1 hour)

WANTED – Recovery Leaders to Participate!



Starting this fall, we will be encouraging a few good leaders to help facilitate leadership training and support groups (live and online), moderate discussion forums, present webinars, and more...

If you have an interest in any of these areas, contact us at academy.virtual.community@gmail.com

Upcoming Events (listed chronologically)

----- National Conference -----

August 16-18, 2017

Boston, MA



Boston University, Boston, MA

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

----- National Conference -----

August 18-21, 2017

Boston, MA

Alternatives Conference 2017



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

----- National Webinar -----

Tuesday, August 29, 2017 | 2:00 – 3:00 ET



Can I get the Recipe? Adding Lived Experience to Research

Laysha Ostrow, PhD, CEO
Live & Learn, Inc.

Ever wonder what we're talking about when we talk about the effectiveness of peer support? Me too! Sometimes it seems unclear what the research is asking, but we all know that how you ask influences the answer that you get. Join us to learn how the role of first-hand lived experience in evaluation research is related to the future of peer support.

Workshop objectives:

- Provide participants with real-life examples of research that supports value of peer workers
- Highlight the importance of lived experience in research
- Relate research approaches to documenting knowledge about peer support

Laysha Ostrow is the CEO of Live & Learn, Inc., a social enterprise that provides research, technical assistance, and knowledge translation services to behavioral health systems. Live & Learn's expertise is the meaningful engagement of people who have used mental health services throughout the research process, to ensure that lived experience is represented by data. Dr. Ostrow's work focuses on interventions that present safe and effective pathways to independence by promoting equity and empowerment. Dr. Ostrow is passionate about improving these behavioral health systems through research.

[\(Click here to register\)](#)

----- National Webinar -----

August 24, 2017 | 2:00 – 3:00 ET



NEWSFLASH

Virtual Event

**Reentry and Recovery:
The First 30 Days**

August 24, 2017
2:00-3:00 p.m. ET




[Click to register](#)

Join *Recovery LIVE!* on Thursday, August 24 from 2:00–3:00 p.m. ET. SAMHSA's [Bringing Recovery Supports to Scale Technical Assistance Center Strategy \(BRSS/TACS\)](#) will share examples of essential recovery services for the first 30 days following incarceration and offer strategies for supporting successful reintegration. Presenters include [Tara Oman](#), Wisconsin Resource Center; [Kurtis Robinson](#), Revive Reentry Services of Spokane; [Kathy Wright](#), New Jersey Parents' Caucus; and [Steven Samra](#), Center for Social Innovation (moderator). [Register today](#) to join this free interactive virtual event.

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

----- National Webinar -----


Sept 5, 2017 | 4:00 – 5:00 ET



New Webinar:

**Virtual-Mobile Crisis
Intervention: The
Springfield, MO Model**

September 5, 2017
4:00-5:00 p.m. ET



[Click here to register](#)

On September 5, 2017, SAMHSA's GAINS Center will host a webinar providing information on Springfield, Missouri's Virtual-Mobile Crisis Intervention model.

In 2012, Burrell Behavioral Health in Springfield identified a need to address the high cost and inefficiencies of current models of crisis intervention. They collaborated with partners to create a solution: utilizing tablets with internet access to connect law enforcement officers and individuals suspected of experiencing mental illness with Burrell's 24/7 Crisis Hotline using Skype. The GAINS Center webinar will address the Virtual-Mobile Crisis Intervention model's promising early results—including diversion from inpatient psychiatric hospitalization or incarceration, engagement with behavioral health specialists, and time savings for law enforcement—and provide information on additional components of the effort, including officer training, data and outcomes monitoring, and the expansion of the program.

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

----- National Conference -----



NARPA's 2017 Annual Rights Conference

Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland, ME

September 6 - 9, 2017

September 6-9, 2017

Portland, ME

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

--- NYAPRS 35th Annual Conference -----

Stand Up for Recovery



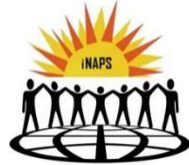
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----- National Conference -----



International Association of Peer Supporters (iNAPS)
11th Annual Conference
October 16-18
Phoenix, Arizona

HOME	REGISTRATION	SPONSORS/EXHIBITORS	HOTEL/TRAVEL	PROGRAM
<i>"Recovering & Sustaining Peer Support: Creating a Path for Our Future"</i>				
				
Pat Deegan Keynote Monday	Chacku Mathai Keynote Tuesday	Sally Zinman Keynote Wednesday		

Phoenix, Arizona
October 16-18, 2017
([Click here for more](#))

----- Inaugural Peer Specialist Conference -----
October 26 & 27, 2017

Leadership, Values, Integrity...

Hosted by the New York Peer Specialist Certification Board
White Plains, New York



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 26th Celebration of Peer Support @ 5 pm-10 pm
October 27th 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
or email info@nypeerspecialist.org

NEW YORK STATE **Office of Mental Health**

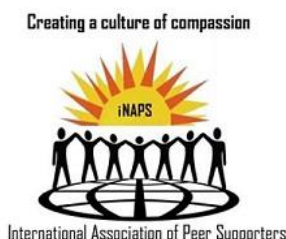
The New York Peer Specialist Certification Board is funded by the New York State Office of Mental Health.

ACADEMY OF PEER SERVICES
Conference Partner

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

Online Resources

Recorded Webinars



[\(Click here to access the full archive of webinar recordings\)](#)

- [Practicing Recovery Leadership](#) with Pat Deegan
- [Peer Support Then and Now](#) with Beth Filson
- [Hospital to Community: A Process of Inclusion](#) with Gina Calhoun
- [Peers Educating Peers on the Affordable Care Act II](#) with Scott Palluck
- [The Power of Storytelling](#) with Gayathri Ramprasad
- [Peers Educating Peers on the Affordable Care Act I](#) with Gene Johnson, Lori Ashcraft, and Scott Palluck
- [Activation: The Secret Sauce](#) with Sue Bergeson
- [A Report on the National Survey of Compensation Among Peer Support Specialists](#) with Allen Daniels and Peter Ashenden
- [Sustainable Resilience](#) with Lori Ashcraft
- [The History of the Movement](#) with Sally Zinman and Gayle Bluebird

Recorded Webinars



[\(Click here to access these recent webinar recordings and more\)](#)

- Straight Talk About Peer Supervision
- The Importance of Language
- DBSA* Peer Leadership Center: Online Resource for Peer Workforce & Organizations
- National Accreditation for Peer Specialists: How Canada Makes It Work
- Community Inclusion and Peer Support Supporting Increased Community Participation
- Art as a Peer Specialist Skill
- How to Ask for a Raise

Online Continuing Education for Peer Specialists



Peer Leadership
Center

[\(Click here to access information about DBSA Online Continuing Education\)](#)

- Conflict Resolution
- Employment Literacy
- Living Successfully with a Mood Disorder
- Recovery Goal-setting with Peers
- Veteran Peers Navigating Moral Paradoxes



THRIVE AT WORK

August 14, 2017

[ThriveAtWork](#) - Application deadline for the upcoming August 21 job readiness class, for individuals new to the field of human service with no prior experience providing peer support services.

Job Listings

Click the job title for a description of the job.

[Albany](#)

[Director for Peer Services](#)

NYAPRS

(Posted on August 14, 2017)

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**Albany**

**Director for Policy and Public Engagement**

NYAPRS

(Posted on August 14, 2017)  
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Multiple Locations

Community Outreach Specialists (part-time)

(Western NY, Central NY, the North Country, the Hudson Valley, New York City and Long Island)

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**Oswego County**

**Peer Engagement Specialist (part-time)**

CCSI

(Posted on August 9, 2017)  
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Harlem, New York

Program Coordinator (Certified Peer)/ Staff Generalist

Chelton Loft Clubhouse

Fedcap

(Posted on August 9, 2017)
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**Bath, New York (2 positions)**

**Peer / Family Support Advocate**

**Parent Advocate (Relief Hours)**

Pathways, Inc.-Adult Behavioral Services

(Posted on August 9, 2017)  
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New York City

Peer Specialist

NYC Supported Transition and Recovery Team (NYCSTART)
Bureau of Mental Health
(Posted on August 9, 2017)

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**New York City**

**Peer Counselor - Level II (part-time)**

Kings County Hospital  
(Posted on July 16, 2017)

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Columbia-Greene Counties

Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Worker

Mental Health Association of Columbia and Green Counties
(Posted on July 13, 2017)

New York City

Peer Navigator

Housing Works, Inc.
(Posted on July 12, 2017)

New York City

Peer Specialist /

NYC Supported Transition and Recovery Team (NYCSTART)

Job ID# 292978
Dept. of Health/Mental Hygiene
(Posted on July 12, 2017)

Long Island

Multiple Peer Positions (full and part-time)

Federation of Organizations

(Posted on July 6, 2017)

WANTED – WEBINAR PRESENTERS (National Search)
Doors to Wellbeing – National Technical Assistance Center

Share Your Ideas, Programs, Talents: Present a Webinar for the
Doors to Wellbeing Peer Specialist Monthly Webinar Series!



Webinar Presenters Wanted:

Doors to Wellbeing conducts monthly webinar series dedicated to bringing ideas, topics and methods to improve the work of peer specialists. We are looking for new, exciting and innovative presenters for our monthly Peer Specialist Webinar Series. This is a great way to reach the peer community.

If you have never presented a webinar - we can provide technical assistance.

Just click here and fill out this short info form.*

[Click Here](#)

WANTED – WEBINAR PRESENTERS (National Search)
Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association (PRA)

The Academy of Psychiatric Rehabilitation is currently seeking webinar proposals for winter 2017 and spring 2018. The Psychiatric rehabilitation community seeks to improve the qualifications of our workforce through the highest standards of certification and professional education to ensure that children and adults with behavioral health concerns thrive in their roles and communities as full citizens.

In order to continue providing members of the psychiatric community the most up-to-date pioneering information and research on psychiatric rehabilitation, if you are a subject-matter expert on a topic relevant to psych rehab professionals, we encourage you to email us at info@psychrehabassociation.org.

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Reminder – SAVE THE DATES

<p style="text-align: center;">---- NYAPRS ----</p> <p style="text-align: center;">September 13-15, 2017</p> <p style="text-align: center;">35th Annual Conference: Stand Up for Recovery</p> <div data-bbox="300 483 714 1018"><p style="text-align: center;">Call for Presentations</p><p style="text-align: center;">September 13-15, 2017 Hudson Valley Resort & Conference Center Kerhonkson, NY NYAPRS is seeking proposals for our 35th Annual Conference: Stand Up for Recovery!</p><p>The NYAPRS Annual Conference is widely regarded as one of the nation's finest training opportunities and a unique celebration of advances in personal and professional strategies and public policies that advance the recovery, rehabilitation, rights and full community inclusion of people with psychiatric disabilities and/or diagnoses.</p><p>For over 3 decades, NYAPRS has provided timely information, energizing inspiration and critically valued networking opportunities in a celebratory atmosphere and retreat-like environment nestled within New York's Catskill Mountains.</p><p>Please make your contribution to the knowledge and skills of others by submitting a proposal today! This year, we're especially interested in presentations that focus on new service designs and choices and pathways to wellness and healing that are available across the diversity of New Yorkers with behavioral health needs.</p><p><small>Below is a fillable Call for Presentations application.</small></p><p style="text-align: center;">Stand Up for Mental Health! with David Granier</p><p style="text-align: center;"><small>www.nyaprs.org • www.hudsonvalleyresort.com</small></p></div> <p style="text-align: center;">Featured Speakers</p> <p>Patrick Corrigan, CEO, National Consortium on Stigma & Empowerment Tom Hill, Vice President of Addiction and Recovery, National Council for Behavioral Health Leah Harris, Mother, Advocate and Storyteller Eva Dech, Training Manager, Intentional Peer Support Josh Rubin, Health Management Associates Dr. Kim Groszowid, Buffalo General Medical Center Sue Bergeson, Consultant Jeff McQueen, Director of Peer & Veteran Services, MHA of Nassau County Bevin Croft, Human Services Research Institute Gayle Bluebird, Consultant Eduardo Vega, International Bipolar Foundation Destination Dignity 2018! Steve Miccio, PEOPLE, Inc Jonathan Delman, University of Massachusetts</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">---- White Plains ----</p> <p style="text-align: center;">October 27-28, 2017</p> <p style="text-align: center;">New York Peer Specialist Conference Leadership, Values, Integrity...</p> <div data-bbox="925 493 1307 997"><p style="text-align: center;">SAVE THE DATE!</p><p style="text-align: center;">The New York Peer Specialist Certification Board Inaugural New York Peer Specialist Conference Crown Plaza Hotel, White Plains</p><p style="text-align: center;">Leadership, Values, Integrity... October 26 & 27, 2017</p><p style="text-align: center;">October 26th Celebration of Peer Support @ 4 pm - 5:30 pm October 27th Full Day Conference @ 8 am - 3:30 pm</p><p style="text-align: center;"><small>Registration, Agenda and Hotel Accommodation info coming soon Sponsorship and Exhibit opportunities are available! Please visit www.NYPSOS.org or email info@nypeerpecialists.org</small></p></div> <p style="text-align: center;">Crown Plaza Hotel, White Plains (Click for more) Hosted by the New York Peer Specialists Certification Board</p>
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