



APS News Digest
December 20, 2017

Welcome to the APS News Digest, a summary of upcoming events, research opportunities, jobs, and other announcements for the peer workforce in New York State. This news digest is developed for the APS Virtual Community project.

www.aps-community.org



Academy News

The Academy of Peer Services is now closed for course updates.

APS Term 1 2018 starts Monday, January 8, 2018

For more information about the Academy of Peer Services
view the **Course Catalog**:

www.academyofpeerservices.org

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Join the Discussions in 2018.
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Events

----- OMH Webinar/Seminar -----

Free 2-Day Seminar (and Webinar) on Benefits / Entitlements

Jan. 25, 2018 | 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

& Jan. 26, 2018 | 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

How to quickly get approval for SSI, SSDI, Medicaid, and other entitlement programs, presented by John B. Allen Jr. Special Assistant to the Commissioner, NYS OMH.

[Click here for flyer](#)

--- Trainer Training ---

SAMHSA GAINS Center

2-Day Trainer Training for “How trauma-informed responses improve criminal justice”

March 21 and 22, 2018

Albany, New York

(Deadline to apply: Jan 12, 2018)

[Click here for an application](#)

Peer Research



Coming soon!

Watch for your opportunity to take the APS Sense of Community survey and enter a drawing for a gift card!

Communities of Practice

The Sense of Community survey (previous page) is aimed at understanding the current state of peer support workforce in New York State. Some of the data will help us connect people in different areas of the state that have existing peer networks while also supporting those with an interest in developing new communities of practice in local, regional, and statewide groups or projects.

Earlier in the month, we held two meetings with people interested in networking and further exploring the development of communities of practice with peer specialists. At the meetings participants started the process of indicating what they most need and want in further education, collaboration, and support. Additional planning meetings will be held in January 2018. If you have an interest in joining the effort and being added to the listserv, send email to academy.virtual.community@gmail.com.



Supervisors of Peer Specialists

Recently, the APS team held two focus groups in White Plains, New York (October 27, at the New York Peer Specialist Certification Board conference). Following those focus groups, several supervisors indicated that they wanted to continue to meet with other supervisors to share ideas and common interests. As a part of our project to develop communities of practice, the APS virtual community team is exploring ways to keep the conversation going, to schedule learning opportunities on topics that are important to supervisors, and to create a repository of resources for supervisors of peer specialists.

The APS team is scheduling additional focus groups (upstate) and a series of meetings for supervisors to continue to connect in 2018. If you (or someone you know) have an interest in getting connected with this group, or, if you have suggestions for topics that would be applicable to supervisors of peer specialists, send email to academy.virtual.community@gmail.com.

Job Listings

Click the job title for a description of the job.

New York (region)

(multiple positions)

Peer Specialist / Wellness Coach

SUS: Services for the Underserved

(Posted December 20, 2017)

Staten Island

Peer Specialist

Project Hospitality

(Posted December 20, 2017)

New York City

(multiple positions)

Peer Counselor

NYC Health+Hospitals

(Posted December 20, 2017)

New York (region)

(multiple positions)

Peer Support Specialist

Federation of Organizations

Suffolk, Nassau, Queens, Brooklyn, Bronx and Manhattan

(Posted December 20, 2017)

Rochester

(multiple positions)

Peer Support Specialist

East House

(Posted December 20, 2017)

New York City

(5 new positions)

Thrive Peer Trainer

Peer Support Specialist

Care Coordinator

Harm Reduction Coordinator

Coordinator of Education and Training (Peer Specialist)

Community Access

(Posted December 20, 2017)

Newark, NJ

Recovery Specialist (Peer Community Coordinator)

Beacon

(Posted December 20, 2017)

New York City

Peer & Consumer Education Specialist

Beacon

(Posted December 20, 2017)

New York City

Support Line Operator

Community Access

(Posted December 20, 2017)

New York City

Peer Counselor Level II, (15 Hours/Week)

NYC Health + Hospitals

(Posted December 20, 2017)

New York City

Facilitator and Program Associate (Part-Time)

Center for Rehabilitation & Recovery

(Posted December 20, 2017)

New York

Aging Services Peer Specialist

The Bridge

(Posted December 16, 2017)

Cortland

Peer Engagement Specialist (part-time)

To apply visit: www.ccsi.org/Employment/Careers-with-CCSI

(Posted December 7, 2017)

Madison

Peer Engagement Specialist (part-time)

To apply visit: www.ccsi.org/Employment/Careers-with-CCSI

(Posted December 7, 2017)

Oswego

Peer Engagement Specialist (part-time)

To apply visit:

www.ccsi.org/Employment/Careers-with-CCSI

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Central New York

(3 positions)

Peer Specialist - Part Time – Madison County

Peer Specialist – MRT Supportive Housing

Peer Specialist – Onondaga County

Liberty Resources

(Posted December 5, 2017)

Staten Island, Brooklyn, Queens

Peer Specialist

St. Joseph's Medical Center Residential Housing

(Posted November 25, 2017)

Oneida

(2 positions)

Peer Specialist – Crisis Respite Program and Peer Specialist

Liberty Resources

(Posted on November 24, 2017)

Volunteer Opportunities

Do you have volunteer opportunities?

An orange speech bubble with the text "coming soon" in white lowercase letters.

Those with a provisional peer specialist certification are looking for a chance to gain experience and volunteering with a peer program is a great way to get started!

Spread the News!



Feel free to share this file!

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