



Best Practices for Effectively Integrating Peer Staff into the Workforce.

The evidence continues to show that people with lived experience not only increases the likelihood for recovery, but also reduces the time it take to recover. People with lived experience, also known as peers, are in demand now more than ever. In NYS certified peer specialists are qualified to provide certain Medicaid services. Given that more peers will be entering the workforce, this training is designed to help agencies, supervisors, and co-workers to fully utilize the value of the people with lived experience of mental illness and the learned experience of recovery. This training will teach you about the do's and don'ts of hiring, how to handle reasonable accommodations, non-peer staff who feel threatened by peers, the importance and substance of supervision. It will also teach you how to avoid common traps such as co-opting, tokenism, marginalizing and paternalism.

Supervisors, Human Resources, Peer Specialists and MCO staff are highly encouraged to attend.

Thursday, February 23, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**The presentation will be held at Creedmoor PC 80-45 Winchester Blvd,
Queens Village, NY 11427**

**Lunch is not provided. To register, please contact Sabrina Devine at
518-473-6579**

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For your convenience, you can also attend remotely via **Webex**. Please use the registration links below only if you plan on participating from your computer. You will need headphones or computer speakers for the audio.

Registration Link:

<https://meetny.webex.com/meetny/onstage/g.php?MTID=e210f77c6dc9f592eba2b8e5d20dee243>

Event number: 643 596 339

Event password: **nysomh123**

State of New York Office of Mental Health SW CPE is recognized by the New York State Education Department's Board for Social Work as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed social workers #0277. Licensed Master Social Workers (LMSWs), and Licensed Clinical Social Workers, (LCSWs), who attend this class in its entirety will receive 5 contact hours toward renewal of their social work license.

SW CEU's are available to those who attend via webex at an OMH approved site. For a list of sites, and to register for a site near you, go to: <http://meetme.so/PeerSupervisionTraining>

New sites will be added so please check back if you don't see one near you.



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