Welcome to the APS VC News Digest, a regular summary of job openings, events, research opportunities, and announcements for the peer workforce in New York State. This news digest is developed as part of the APS Virtual Community project.

www.aps-community.org

Help Connect the Dots: Sense of Community

Share our survey with others:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/APS_SOC-01

Last Month to Participate – Help us Spread the News.
The Sense of Community survey is open to anyone with a role in the peer support workforce, including supervisors, co-workers (peer and non-peer) program coordinators, managers, administrators, and directors. Please share this newsletter and link with others in your network!
What’s New

RU Undergraduate Certificate (Don’t miss it. Apply today!)

Starting on March 13, 2018, Rutgers University will be offering a new 12 credit undergraduate University certificate program accredited through the Rutgers University School of Health Professions (SHP) in collaboration with Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care (RUBHC). This academic program is designed to provide knowledge and skills as well as a practicum experience for those who wish to become effective peer support providers in a variety of settings.

Credits completed in this academic Certificate program can be applied toward undergraduate course requirements for an Associate in Science (A.S.) or Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree. The program can be completed in one year over three semesters (March, May, September).

Those enrolled in the Academy of Peer Services or other state certification programs may apply for admission to the RU Certificate. If accepted, they will be required to complete all assignments and elements of the program. No prior learning experiences or work experiences will be accepted as a substitute for the Certificate’s required coursework.

- Click here for an Overview of the program
- Click here for Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ).
- Click here for an Application.

Deadlines

March 2, 2018
Deadline to Apply for the next Free ThriveAtWork Training
(Class starts March 12)
Info & Application
Articles & Blogs of Interest

In a recent Mad in America blog, author Darby Penney asked an important question to consider if we are involved anywhere on the continuum of settings where peer support happens.

Here is the beginning and a link to her full blog (next page).
Who Gets to Define “Peer Support?”
By Darby Penney, February 10, 2018

The definition of “peer support” should be straightforward. A “peer” is an equal, someone with whom one shares demographic or social similarities. “Support” expresses the kind of deeply felt empathy, encouragement, and assistance that people with shared experiences can offer one another within reciprocal relationships.

But, as I found while writing a grant proposal to study peer support, preparing a literature review on this topic is complicated by the fact that there is no standard definition. Terms like “peer support,” “peer-delivered services,” “consumer services,” “peer specialists,” and “peer workers” are used interchangeably in the literature, making it difficult to draw meaningful distinctions among practices that are fundamentally different.

To make sense of this, I created two categories to differentiate the terms that were conflated in the research literature. One I called peer-developed peer support, and the other the peer staff model. Definitions of the two categories are offered below.

Read more and leave a comment on the Mad in America site.

For more on the topic of Peer Support posted on the Mad in America blog site, visit the Peer Support postings.

From Patient to President and CEO (NYAPRS eNews, February 22, 2018)

The Academy of Peer Services (APS) congratulates Chacku Mathai on newest professional accomplishment. Chacku is a member of the APS Advisory Council and we know he will continue to make a significant impact in the peer support community in his new position.

Chacku Mathai, a person with a history of mental illness and addiction is the next President and CEO of the Mental Health Association (MHA) of Rochester and Monroe County, effective March 2, 2018. Informed by personal experiences in Rochester, Mathai, an Indian-American, born in Kuwait, brings over 30 years of experience addressing mental health, addiction and minority health issues back to Rochester and Monroe County.
Patricia Woods, MHA’s current President and CEO is retiring after dedicating 34 years to the agency. Ms. Woods said, “I have known Chacku for 20 + years; originally meeting him when he worked as a direct service provider in a local mental health agency. I was immediately impressed with his passion for and his ability to advocate for a mental health system where recipients of services are fully participating partners in the care they receive. I have watched him take on roles at the state and federal levels and am honored that he has chosen to bring his talents back to Rochester as my successor at the Mental Health Association.”

Chacku Mathai credits Pat Woods and the MHA with his family’s, and Rochester’s, first steps towards empowerment, wellness and recovery in mental health. “There is an intersectionality to the human experience that Pat understood.” Mathai said. “She started this organization on the principle of wellness, rather than illness. She saw us as people, rather than as patients. We will honor her legacy and build on the foundation of those principles."

Current MHA Board Chair, Julie DiPalma, says that, “MHA’s choice to bring home Chacku Mathai’s national voice of the mental health movement represents our continued commitment to the mission of breaking down stigma and building partnerships that sharpen our focus on lasting mental wellness and public health.”

Chacku Mathai will be leaving his position as the Director of the NAMI STAR Center based at the headquarters of the National Alliance on Mental Illness in Arlington, Virginia.

Chacku’s new role with MHA is being warmly received by many on the regional and national stage. NAMI’s CEO, Mary Giliberti, introduces Chacku best when she says, “Chacku brings his personal and professional experience to his transformative work empowering change in organizations and people. He is always collaborating to strengthen the overall movement and I look forward to continuing to work with him in his new role.”

NYAPRS Executive Director, Harvey Rosenthal says, “Over the years, Chacku has built on his personal and professional experience to become an extraordinary leader whose dedication, expertise and accomplishments have long provided an inspiration and an example to thousands here in New York and nationally.”

Rochester is fortunate to have someone of Chacku’s ability to engage and lead the mental health world towards large systems transformation.

Chacku Mathai welcomes our community to get involved with him and the MHA of Rochester right away with two refrains of our cross-disability and public health movements, “Nothing About Us Without Us!” and “Everyone’s In, No One’s Out”.

Articles (continued)
Starting a Supervision Dialog: 
What Can We Learn from the Substance Use Recovery Field?

The Supervision of Peer Recovery Support Services
By William White, December 1, 2017

“What is the best approach to the supervision of peer recovery support service specialists within the addictions field?” is a question that, at present, remains unanswered.

In earlier communications, I have disseminated papers that outlined the history, theory, and science of peer recovery support services; delineated the roles of addiction counselor, Twelve-Step sponsor, and recovery coach; detailed linkage procedures to recovery mutual aid organizations and other recovery community institutions; depicted the value of peers in pre-treatment outreach and engagement; described the integration of peer recovery support within professional treatment settings and recovery community centers; and reported on the integration of peer recovery support services within allied systems of care. Peer recovery support specialists—people credentialed by lived experience and on-the-job training—are now being integrated into a wide variety of settings and are delivering services across the stages of long-term addiction recovery. But questions remain about how such services are best supervised even as work progresses on defining the core competencies of peer supervision. A recent trend has been the requirement that peers be provided “clinical supervision.”

Traditional clinical supervision within the context of addiction treatment has many components, but at its core, and at its best, it provides oversight of the screening, assessment, diagnosis, treatment planning, and treatment delivery process, with a particular focus on the quality of the helping relationship. Modeled from supervision within the fields of psychiatry, psychology, and social work, addiction professionals and the individuals and families they serve have benefited greatly from this clinical supervision process. So why not extend this same clinical supervision to peer recovery support specialists? Here’s why.

Regardless of title (e.g., recovery support specialist, recovery coach, peer specialist, etc.), peer recovery support services are not a “clinical” activity in the sense that they do not involve processes of clinical assessment, diagnosis, treatment planning, or the delivery of professionally-directed treatment services. Any time they drift into this clinical domain, the peer helper is migrating beyond the boundaries of his or her education, training, and experience in ways that could inflict inadvertent harm to those being served. “Clinical supervision” of peer workers threatens to both turn them into wannabe therapists and pull them from activities for which they are best suited and which could have the greatest impact on long-term recovery outcomes.
My personal concern at the moment is that we as a field are not recognizing the difference between clinical supervision and the type of supervision needed for peer recovery support services. As noted, the former has a primarily intrapersonal focus. In contrast, the latter has a much greater focus on the ecology of recovery—removing personal and environmental obstacles to recovery, assertive linkage to recovery mutual aid groups and other recovery support institutions, navigation of the larger culture of recovery, providing stage-appropriate recovery education to individuals and families, conducting ongoing recovery check-ups, and offering guidance to improve the quality of personal/family life in long-term recovery. While all helping roles involve emotional support, peer services are best delivered with an interpersonal focus that nests recovery within the context of family and community—including changing environmental conditions to enhance recovery outcomes. Supervision must help peer helpers forge links between personal needs and community needs—bridging personal/family support with advocacy at the community level and beyond.

Given these differences, I think the misapplication of traditional clinical supervision to the delivery of peer recovery support services will destroy the true potential of this role in supporting long-term recovery. What do you think?

Source: William White (White Papers)

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More Resources for Supervisors

Click the link to view a recording of a Recovery Live! Event for Supervisors

**Strategies for Supervising Peer Workers**
(Broadcast on 4/27/17)
With Johanna Bergan, Will Eberle, Nell Campbell, and Jonathan Edwards

Send your articles or blogs about life as a Peer Specialist or Supervisor of peer workers to: academy.virtual.community@gmail.com

The deadline for the next publication is March 13, 2018.
Upcoming Events

Webinar Series
March 1, 8, and 15, 2018
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Eastern
Three Part Series - Peer Navigators
Learn More

Albany
Mondays 6-8 p.m.
Peer to Peer Education Program
NAMI NYS, 99 Pine Street, Suite 105, Albany
Learn More

New York City
March 7, 2018
3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Eastern
Regional Planning Consortium Town Hall
with Dr. Gary Belkin, Executive Deputy Commissioner
for Mental Hygiene
Dept. of Citywide Administrative Services
Learn More

Optum-Sponsored Webinar
March 23, 2018
12:00 Noon – 1:00 p.m. Eastern
Culture, Inclusion and Micro-aggressions in Peer Support
with Cathy Cave
Learn More
Upcoming Events (Continued)

**Webinar**

**March 27, 2018**

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Eastern

*Building a Strong Mental Health Peer Specialist Workforce*

with Sheila Hall-Prioleau and Sheryl Newton

Doors to Wellbeing – Last Tuesday Webinar

[Learn More](#)

**Oneonta**

**March 27 and 28, 2018**

9:30 – 3:30 p.m. Eastern

*Free 2-Day WRAP Seminar*

Mt. View Wellness Center

[Learn More](#)

**Mt. Vernon**

**March 13-May 2, 2018**

Tues-Wed each week

9:00 am-4:00 pm

Graduation May 2, 2018

*MHEP: Free Peer Specialist Training*

Pre-registration is required

Learn more about the [Mental Health Empowerment Project](#)
Upcoming Events (Continued)

Troy
April 25-June 14, 2018
Wed-Thurs each week
9:00 am-4:00 pm
MHEP: **Free Peer Specialist Training**
Pre-registration is required
Location: **Unity House of Troy**
Lunch Graciously Provided by the Unity House of Troy Community Lunch Program
Pre-registration is required. Call 518-434-1393 or email: tstevens@mhepinc.org

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Albany
April 19 and 20, 2018
**14th Annual Executive Seminar**
Albany Hilton
Learn more

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Washington, DC
April 23-25, 2018
National Council for Behavioral Health
Learn More

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Buffalo
May 3, 2018
**6th Annual Mental Health Awareness Fair & Flash Mob**
Learn More
Upcoming Events (Continued)

**Calgary**
May 7-8, 2018
National Conference on Peer Support
Peer Support Canada
[Learn more]

**Washington, DC**
June 14-16, 2018
2018 Conference: Fit for the Future
Mental Health America
[Learn more]

**Denver, Colorado**
June 15-18, 2018
41st Annual Wellness and Recovery Summit
Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association
[Learn more]

**New Orleans**
June 27-30, 2018
2018 NAMI National Convention
National Alliance on Mental Illness
[Learn more]
New York City
July 12, 2018
12th Annual Working Peer Specialist Conference
New York University
Kimmel Center
(Details will be provided as they become available)

Washington, DC
July 29-August 3, 2018
The People’s Alternatives Conference 2018
Catholic University of America
Learn More

Washington, DC
August 6-8, 2018
Mental Health National Youth Convergence
Doors to Wellbeing – Dream Team
Learn More

Ellenville
September 12-14, 2018
NYAPRS Annual Conference
Honor’s Haven (new location)
Learn More
Upcoming Events (Continued)

Albany
September 20-21, 2018
New York State Suicide Prevention Conference
The Desmond Hotel and Conference Center
Learn More

Baltimore
September 26-29, 2018
National Association for Rights Protection and Advocacy (NARPA)
Holiday Inn Inner Harbor
Learn More

Houston
November 28-30, 2018
World Federation for Mental Health
International Trauma Summit
Learn More

Orlando
December 3-5, 2018
International Association of Peer Supporters (iNAPS)
Reinforcing our Roots: Designing our Future
DoubleTree (Hilton) at the Entrance of Universal Studios
Details coming soon

Send your Announcements for the Virtual Community to:
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Peer Research

Help Connect the Dots!

One of the projects of the Academy of Peer Services (APS) is to create a Virtual Community to provide opportunities for Certified Peer Specialists and others in the peer support workforce to connect, communicate, collaborate, educate, and look for new ways to improve the experience of giving and receiving peer support services.

Recently, we (researchers within the Academy of Peer Services) launched a study to investigate the sense of community in different roles and areas of the peer support workforce.

We need your help as we gather information to connect the dots in the peer support workforce, particularly the sense of belonging (locally, regionally, and statewide) of those in different areas of the state and roles within the workforce.

Please share this survey with people you know – in any role – in the peer workforce. In addition to those providing direct peer support services, we’d like to hear from supervisors, program coordinators, administrators, directors and anyone else who has a role.

Help Spread the Word!
Share this Survey with Others!
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/APS_SOC-01

To learn more about getting involved, with the Virtual Community and Peer Research, send email to academy.virtual.community@gmail.com.
Research (continued)

Herkimer
March 26, 2018
Central/Eastern New York Supervisor Focus Group
(flyer)
12:00 Noon – 3:00 p.m.
Academy of Peer Services Research Team
(Space is limited to 12 people)
Learn more | Register

Batavia
March 29, 2018
Western New York Supervisor Focus Group (flyer)
11:30 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.
Academy of Peer Services Research Team
(Space is limited to 12 people)
Learn more | Register

New Study!

The Opening Doors Program and Research Study is looking for participants!

The purpose of this study is to test whether a new career guidance intervention called Opening Doors can improve employment outcomes for individuals diagnosed with psychiatric conditions. Eligible participants for this study are adults with psychiatric conditions, who are currently not in full-time school or full-time jobs and would like to develop a career plan in line with their interests, values and goals. Interested individuals are learn more about us through the Opening Doors website or email us at: umillner@bu.edu
New Resources

Recommended Webinars and Videos (Archived)

SAMHSA Wellness and Peer Support Webinars

- **Wellness in Peer Support – An Overview** (Broadcast 7/24/17) With Johanna Bergan, Cathy Cave, and Peggy Swarbrick
- **Enhancing Personal Capacity for Wellness | Wellness in Peer Support** (Broadcast 7/31/17) With Johanna Bergan, Cathy Cave, and Peggy Swarbrick
- **Building an Organizational Culture of Wellness** (Broadcast 8/7/17) With Johanna Bergan, Cathy Cave, and Peggy Swarbrick
- **Incorporating Reflective Practices** (Broadcast 8/7/17) With Johanna Bergan, Cathy Cave, and Peggy Swarbrick

[Click here](https://cpr.bu.edu/resources/30-second-training) for other SAMHSA Program to Achieve Wellness (PAW) Resources

- **Surgeon General speaks on February 14, 2018 on the Role of Peer Recovery Support for the Opioid Epidemic** (Faces and Voices of Recovery)

- **New York State Office of Mental Health Series on Behavioral Health Community Based Managed Care** Playlist of brief educational videos (Health Homes, Care Management, HCBS, HARP, and more)

30 Second Trainings in Moving Along to Employment

These short 30-Second Training slide shows are set up to offer an introduction about employment of persons with mental health conditions for four target audiences: Individuals in recovery, family members, providers of services, and employers. After each informational slide, there is a quiz, followed by resources for additional information. [https://cpr.bu.edu/resources/30-second-training](https://cpr.bu.edu/resources/30-second-training)
New Resources (continued)

Social Media

Boston University: Employing People with Psychiatric Disabilities
LinkedIn Group

Institute for the Development of Human Arts
Facebook Page

Mad in America
Facebook Page

News Media

Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA)
DBSA (National) eUpdate

Restoration Society (Buffalo)
Newsletter

National Mental Health Consumers’ Self-Help Clearinghouse
The Key Update (Newsletter)

Peer Respite Directory and Resources

Emergency Preparedness for Health Care Providers

Send recommended Resources for Peer Specialists or Supervisors of peer workers to:
academy.virtual.community@gmail.com

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## Job Listings

Click the job title for a description of the job.

### Long Island
- **Regional Advocacy Specialist**
  New York State Office of Mental Health
  (Posted 3/1/18)

### New York City
- **Director of Peer-Informed Practice**
  (Bilingual Spanish/English Preferred)
  Community Access
  (Posted 3/1/18)

### Bronx, NY
- **Peer Wellness Coach (Part-Time)**
  Acacia Network
  (Posted 3/1/18)

### Bronx, NY
- **Certified Peer Specialist / Peer Recovery Coach**
  (Bilingual Spanish/English)
  Acacia Network
  (Posted 2/15/18)

### Middletown, NY
- **Peer Specialist**
  ACCESS: Supports for Living
  (Posted 2/15/18)

### New York, NY
- **Overnight Peer Counselor (Part-Time)**
  Garden House Respite
  ACMH, Inc.
  (Posted 3/1/18)

### Riverhead, NY
- **Peer Specialist**
  Peer Run Recovery Center East
  Association for Mental Health & Wellness
  (Posted 2/15/18)
Job Listings (Continued)

**Syracuse, NY**

**Assistant Manager** – Crisis Respite  
AccessCNY  
(Posted 2/15/18)

**Syracuse, NY**

**Peer Specialist** Crisis Respite – Relief  
AccessCNY  
(Posted 2/15/18)

**Buffalo, NY**

**Peer Advocate**  
BestSelf Behavioral Health  
(Posted 2/15/18)

**New York, NY**

**Peer Specialist** - FACT  
CASES  
(Posted 2/15/18)

**Fulton, NY**

**Peer Specialist** – Home and Community-Based Services  
Catholic Charities of Oswego County  
(Posted 3/1/18)

**Yaphank, NY (Long Island)**

**Peer Specialist**  
Catholic Health Services of Long Island  
(Posted 2/15/18)

**Rochester, NY**

**Education and Outreach Specialist**  
Center for Disability Rights  
(Posted 2/15/18)

**Hicksville, NY**

**Certified Peer Specialist** (CCBHC)  
Central Nassau Guidance and Counseling Services  
(Posted 2/15/18)

**Saranac Lake, NY**

**Peer Support Specialist**  
Citizen Advocates, Inc / Northstar Family of Services  
(Posted 2/15/18)
### Job Listings (Continued)

**Oswego County**  
*Peer Engagement Specialist* (Part-Time)  
Coordinated Care Services, Inc  
(Posted 2/15/18)

**Newark, NJ**  
*Resource Specialist*  
Collaborative Support Programs of New Jersey (CSP-NJ)  
(Posted 3/1/18)

**New York, NY**  
*Director of Peer Informed Practice*  
Community Access  
(Posted 2/15/18)

**New York, NY**  
*Forensic Peer Specialist*  
Community Access  
(Posted 3/1/18)

**New York, NY**  
*Peer Support Specialist*  
Community Access  
(Posted 2/15/18)

**New York, NY**  
*Senior Respite Worker*  
Community Access  
(Posted 3/1/18)

**New York, NY**  
*Support Line Operator*  
Community Access  
(Posted 3/1/18)

**Brooklyn, NY**  
*Peer Navigator*  
Community Healthcare Network  
(Posted 3/1/18)

**Buffalo, NY**  
*Peer Specialist Apprentice*  
Dept. of Veterans Affairs  
(Posted 3/1/18)
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Fedcap Rehabilitation Services
(Posted 2/15/18)

Nassau & Suffolk Co.
**Peer Specialists (Full-Time and Part-Time)**
Federation of Organizations
(Posted 3/1/18)

Long Island
**Peer Specialist**
Federation of Organizations
(Posted 3/1/18)

Massapequa Community Residence
**Peer Specialists**
Federation of Organizations
(Posted 3/1/18)

Long Island
(Mobile Residential Support & Residential Transitional Services Team)
**Peer Specialists**
Federation of Organizations
(Posted 3/1/18)

Clifton Springs, NY, US
**Peer Specialist**
FLACRA
(Posted 2/15/18)

New York City
(4 Part-Time Positions)
**Peer Community Mental Health Worker**
Friendship Benches NYC Department of Health
(Posted 2/11/2018)

LeRoy, NY, US
**Part Time Peer Specialist**
Genesee ACE Employment Services
(Posted 2/15/18)

Astoria, NY
**Assistant Program Director** – Peer Advocacy Leadership (PAL)
Goodwill Industries of Greater NY and Northern NJ
(Posted 2/15/18)
Job Listings (Continued)

**Astoria, NY**

**Peer Advocate**
Goodwill Industries of Greater NY and Northern NJ
(Posted 2/15/18)

**Astoria, NY**

**Peer Specialist (Home & Community Based Services)**
Goodwill Industries of Greater NY and Northern NJ
(Posted 3/1/18)

**Brooklyn, NY**

**Certified Peer Specialist**
HeartShare Human Services of New York
(Posted 2/15/18)

**Brooklyn, NY**

**Peer Specialist**
Institute for Community Living
(Posted 2/15/18)

**Brooklyn, NY**

**Peer Counselor**
ICL
(Posted 3/1/18)

**New York, NY**

**Young Adult Peer Mentor, Walton House**
Jericho Project
(Posted 3/1/18)

**New York, NY**

**Veteran Peer Mentor, Walton House**
Jericho Project
(Posted 3/1/18)

**New York, NY**

**Veteran Service Coordinator, Walton House**
Jericho Project
(Posted 3/1/18)

**Manhattan**

**Peer Specialist**
Jewish Board (JBFCS)
(Posted 2/15/18)
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**Gloversville, NY**

*Family Peer Advocate – Mobile Crisis Respite Provider*
The Family Counseling Center
(Posted 3/1/18)

**Harlem, NY**

*Recovery Peer Specialist*
The Fortune Society
(Posted 2/15/18)

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**Utica, NY**

*Peer Advocate-Mobile Crisis Assessment Team*
The Neighborhood Center, Inc.
(Posted 2/15/18)

**Brooklyn, NY**

*Peer Specialist (3 positions)*
The Salvation Army
(Posted 2/15/18)

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*Peer Specialist*
The Salvation Army
(Posted 2/15/18)

**Troy, NY**

*Peer Specialist - PROS*
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**Jamestown, NY**

*Peer Support Specialist*
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### Job Seekers

Still looking for a Job? If you live in or near New York City, try the Peer Job Board with the Coalition for Behavioral Health. [http://www.coalitionny.org/the_center/jobs/](http://www.coalitionny.org/the_center/jobs/)
Employers – are you seeking qualified candidates?

If you have not already done so, register your business with the New York State Department of Labor and submit your job opening to the Dept. of Labor Job Bank before submitting it to the Academy of Peer Services Virtual Community. The Governor’s Employment First initiative is tracking the number of people with disabilities who are being hired, and openings for Peer Support positions should be counted in this initiative. Once you have created a business account and submitted the job to the Dept. of Labor Job Bank, you can send the job description to us to be posted.

Submit your job openings for peer specialists or other roles in the peer workforce to: academy.virtual.community@gmail.com

We will post your openings in the Virtual Community Job Bank (website) and in this newsletter.

Volunteer Opportunities

Community of Practice - Planning Group

Join us! We are a network of peer specialists working together to plan ways to provide support, education, and advocacy for the peer workforce in New York State.

Learn more: Developing Communities of Practice

Join the moderated Virtual Community listserv: https://groups.google.com/d/forum/aps-virtual-community-e/join

(The moderator will approve your request to join.)
Supervisor Support Network
Are you a supervisor of peer specialists looking for a network of supervisors? Join us! We are supervisors who are supporting each other and learning together what it means to be a supervisor in the peer workforce.

Join the moderated Supervision listserv:
https://groups.google.com/d/forum/aps-ps_supervision_list/join
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Alternatives 2018
Are you good at organizing events?
Join the committee that is planning this year’s People’s Alternatives Conference.

Directors and Program Coordinators: Do you have volunteer opportunities? Peers 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!

Let us know if you have volunteer opportunities you are recruiting.
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Spread the News!

If you have job openings, resources, or announcements of events to share, send email to academy.virtual.community@gmail.com.

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