

Dear Behavioral Health Providers & Related Personnel,

We would like to invite you to join us for a Peer Networking, Resource, & Career Fair on November 21st, 3:30-7:00 PM, at the CORE center (803 West Ave, Rochester, NY). The purpose of the event is to help fill the overall need our healthcare system has around the development of this non-traditional & transformative workforce. As referenced in NYS DSRIP 2.0's recent proposal to CMS – peer and related services have been identified as a promising practice that will need ongoing attention to workforce development.

We are aware many of you are experiencing this need within your organizations, and some are experiencing difficulties related to recruitment, integration, supervision, retention, and simply understanding the Peer Model. Whether you have an OASAS Licensed Outpatient Clinic, which has just been issued new regulations that peer services will be a core service, you offer the highly requested HCBS Empowerment (peer services), or you are involved in one of the many other initiatives that include peer services; please join us.

In addition to the agencies that will attend, we will have representation by ACCES VR, RochesterWorks! and employment support services. Both Certification Boards will also be in attendance. We anticipate a large Peer Audience!

What You Need to Do to Register:

1. Submit a confirmation email to you, Kgrillo@Compeerrochester.org, by **October 31st** indicating your interest in a table for your agency. **Hurry, we have a limited number of tables available!**
2. Indicate if you would be open to conducting **on-site interviews**, including informational interviews.
3. Indicate interest to join in a brief **panel discussion** around your peer employment and agency practices and culture.

We will send out additional info to those who register including a questionnaire about your *Peer Practices and Culture*. This will be a handout you can provide to attract peers to your agency. We will also facilitate a call to plan for the panel discussion. Please bring program and organization info to the event. ***And please encourage your peer workforce to join us as well – at your table and for the event!***

The target audience for this event are peers (people with lived mental health or addictions recovery experience):

- Who are open to general employment opportunities and know little about the healthcare systems need for people with their unique experience?
- Are getting trained and certified – as an opportunity to connect with employers
- Are working in peer jobs – to connect with other peers and organizations for the purpose of support & to better understanding resources that exist (e.g., Treatment Providers, Community Based Organizations, ACCESS VR, Rochester Works, etc.)

Thanks,

Peer Networking, Resource, and Career Fair Planning Collaborative
Compeer, Recovery Coach University, Catholic Charities, & Friends