

Join us for December's Ongoing Employment Support & Education Meeting!!!

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Greetings!
Join us for the September
**Ongoing Employment
Support & Education
Meeting**
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER
11th, 2019 4:30-6:00 PM
Hosted by Emily Vaianella, Outreach &
Training Peer Specialist

The PEER Movement: From Grassroots to "Peer Industry?"

The whole concept of being a "Peer" has changed drastically since the beginning of the Peer Movement with, Psychiatric Survivor Activist, Judy Chamberlin book, "On Our Own," to the beginning of Peers being paid through Governor Mario Cuomo's Reinvestment Act in 1994, to the current state of Peers, where Peers are paid by Mental Health Stakeholder throughout our State.

Are the skills of being a Peer becoming an industry? The Presenter will provide her perspective and experience in answering this question, while giving insight on what she looks for when hiring Peers.

How does one master this "Peer Industry" to the benefit of oneself, which may lead to Job, Financial, Housing security- "Living the American Dream."



**Maura Kelley, BA, CPRP
Director of Mental Health Peer
Connection, Buffalo, NY.**

"Maura has been the Director of Mental Health Peer Connection since it began in 1995. She developed numerous programs and services to meet the needs of fellow brothers and sisters in Buffalo NY and Erie County. As the MHPC Director she has hired scores of Peers and have assisted numerous individuals obtain goals of Employment, Community Living, and preventing Re-Institutionalization. 20% (65 individuals) have obtained employment for 15 hours or more each week, in 2019. She has received many honors from Peer Groups to the University of Buffalo School of Psychiatry. Since holding this position, she has yet been re-institutionalized and has generated an agency on a over \$2 million budget."

This meeting will be open to Careers in Recovery and Wellness Graduates and Trainees. IN ADDITION, we will be opening this meeting to all working or aspiring

Peer Specialists in New York State!

**This meeting is held In-Person and Online
on the 2nd Wednesday of each month**

939 Johnson Ave. Ronkonkoma
in classroom 3

**** Please RSVP as seats are limited ****

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***If you are joining us Online on our ZOOM Platform, click the link below at
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To Advocate. To Educate. To Empower. Together.

**Careers in Recovery & Wellness Training Center's
Ongoing Employment Support and Education Meeting**

Offered the 2nd Wednesday of each month

In-person AND online, 4:30-6:00 pm

**This online platform will offer greater
access to:**

- Employment readiness, retention, and satisfaction!
- Educational topics relevant to New York Peer Specialist Certification.
- Mutual support with students and graduates, including facilitation by Emily Vaianella, NYCPS



**Eligibility for participation: Currently enrolled
students or graduates of our Careers in
Recovery and Wellness training**

- Interest in obtaining a paid/unpaid peer specialist position, or
- Past or current employment/volunteer in a peer specialist position, and
- Not working in the capacity of a supervisor, team leader, or oversight of any other employees



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