
Join us today online for our Ongoing Employment Support & Education Meeting!

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**Ongoing Employment Support
& Education Meeting!!**



During this public emergency period, we will be offering our Ongoing Employment Support & Education Meeting Bi-weekly online and by phone

Join us for the Careers in Recovery and Wellness Training Center's
Ongoing Employment Support & Education Meeting

WEDNESDAY, April 22th, 2020 4:30-6:00 PM
Hosted by Emily Vaianella, Outreach & Training Peer Specialist and

"Flying Solo: The Challenges of Peer Roles in Unsupported Environments"

This workshop, facilitated by Denise Ranaghan and Jeannie Dewan, will explore the unique challenges we face working in peer services, and feeling unsupported in a working, and hierarchical environment.

Peer Support in the context of Peer Services can be difficult to navigate, especially in a clinical environment.

Denise and Jeannie will discuss their personal experiences with these struggles, how they navigated their situations, while allowing for a conversation surrounding our collective experiences.

Denise Ranaghan, LMHC, CPRP, NYSCPS

"Denise Ranaghan, LMHC, CPRP, NYSCPS shares a powerful personal recovery story that has driven her 20 year record of service in the mental health field. She has held multiple positions including Residential Manager, Peer Specialist, Rehabilitation Coordinator, Director of Wellness Services and Director of Assertive Community Treatment Team. While Director of Mental Health Association's Wellness Program Denise initiated multiple projects that collaborated with community organizations to bring mental health and substance use related issues into public discussions. She is a certified WRAP facilitator who has both helped to start and support alternative peer run self-help groups. While serving as the Director of Peer Services at the New York Association for Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services, Denise oversaw multiple projects that employed Peer Bridgers and trained

providers on how to incorporate peer services into their organizations. She has presented on Peer Support, Trauma Informed Care, Voice Hearing, Cultural Diversity, Suicide, and the Human Canine Connection. She is the author of multiple essays on recovery as well as the book "Institutional-Eyes," which profiles her experience in the military where she was first psychiatrically hospitalized. She is a writer and a pastel artist, currently living in New Paltz, NY with her partner and their five dogs and two cats."

Jeannie Dewan, NYCPS

"Jeannie Dewan is a New York State Certified Peer Specialist and NYS Certified teacher. She serves as the Dutchess County Site Director for People USA. After years of successfully teaching in public school, Jeannie has found her niche in mental health peer support. Jeannie has experienced personal challenges in her life which led to embracing the peer movement and finding healing within. Previously, Jeannie has worked on an Assertive Community Treatment team (ACT) and has experience with working as an only peer on a clinical team. She enjoys time with family and friends, hiking, ethnic dining and indie films in her free time."

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& share with those who may be interested.**

Join us on our Zoom platform by clicking the link below at the time of the meeting. If you do not have zoom capabilities, you can join us by dialing in on your phone for audio only.

Call in number:

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 695 032 048

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/j/ab49ZfkmGG>

CLICK to join the March Ongoing Employment Support & Education Meeting!

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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 and 4th Wednesday of each month
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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