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## [APS Virtual Community] News Brief: October 13, 2020 (Global Peer Support Day is this Week)

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### Time to Celebrate!

#### Thursday, October 15 is Global Peer Support Celebration Day

How will you recognize the peer supporters in your life? How will you celebrate?

Mark your calendar for three opportunities to join zoom meetings to celebrate the day:

On Thursday, October 15, 2020

· Academy of Peer Services, Virtual Community | 12:00 – 1:00 pm Eastern

#### Register to join

· National Association of Peer Supporters (N.A.P.S.) | 2:00 – 3:00 pm Eastern

#### Register to join

· Peer Workers United | 6:00 – 7:30 pm Eastern

[Click to join](#) (Meeting ID: 819 1347 6213, Passcode: 976439)

For a 2018 N.A.P.S. toolkit on how to promote and celebrate the day, [click here](#).

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### Advocate!

#### Regional Listening Sessions about the Integration of OASAS and OMH

The New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) and the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) will be holding a series of public listening sessions regarding the potential integration of OASAS and OMH into a new single agency.

- October 16, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- October 26, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- October 30, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- November 2, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

To learn more about these listening sessions, [click here](#).

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### Recent News and Updates

- [Celebrating an Extraordinary Life, Mark A. Davis \(aka M.A.D.\)](#) by Gayle Bluebird, Susan Rogers, Phyllis Solomon, and Bonnie Schell
- [Six Society Stigma Statements](#) by Howard Diamond
- [Groups for Discussion](#) by Howard Diamond
- [Racism: A Public Mental Health Crisis webinar series](#), moderated by Matthew Canuteson

To view more blogs on the Virtual Community site: <https://aps-community.org/blog-site/>

To submit art and articles, send email to [academy.virtual.community@gmail.com](mailto:academy.virtual.community@gmail.com)

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**Registration is open!**

**New York Peer Specialist Certification Board Conference**

November 9, 12, 17, and 19 (10:00 AM – 3:00 PM)

The conference is free of charge.

To register for the conference, [click here](#).

**Digital Job Fair** (At the Certification Board Conference)

Seating is limited.

Sign up in advance for the Job Fair!

**Job Applicant Interest Form**

**Employer/Exhibitor Interest Form**

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**Last Chance to Nominate!**

Deadline for APS Academy Award nominations is Friday, October 16.

Four categories:

- Peer Specialist of the Year
- Supervisor of the Year
- Employer of the Year
- Training Provider of the Year

To fill out a nomination, [click here](#).

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**Save the Dates!**

This is a round-up of events and opportunities to participate this week and next.

**Webinar**

**October 13, 2:00 pm ET**

A Primer on ABLE Accounts

Canter on Law and Elder Rights (CLER)

[Learn More](#)

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**Networking Meeting**

**October 13, 5:15 – 6:30 pm ET**

Academy of Peer Services, Virtual Learning Community

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85125435466>

Meeting ID: 851 2543 5466

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**Webinar**

**October 14, 10:00 - 1:00 pm ET**

Introduction to Substance Use Counseling

The Coalition for Behavioral Health

[Learn More](#)

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**Ongoing Employment Support & Education**

**October 14, 4:30 - 6:00 pm ET**  
"Support for Supporters"  
Association for Mental Health and Wellness  
[Learn More](#)

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**Webinar**

**October 14, 7:00 - 8:30 pm ET**  
Work and Worth Panel Discussion  
Western Mass RLC  
[Learn More](#)

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**Global Peer Support Celebration Day**

**October 15, 2020**  
This is the 6th Annual Celebration of Peer Support  
[Learn More](#)

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**Symposium**

**October 15-16, 2020**  
The New Normal: LGBTQ+ Youth Living Through COVID-19  
Philadelphia Coalition for Queer Justice & Intersectional Equity  
[Learn More](#)

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**Webinar**

**October 15, 10:00 - 12:00 pm ET**  
Lighting the Way: Supervising During a Crisis While Remote  
The Coalition for Behavioral Health  
[Learn More](#)

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**CASRA Online Conference**

**October 15-October 29, 2020**  
California Association of Social Rehabilitation Agencies (CASRA)  
[Register](#)

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**Webinar**

**October 15, 2:00 - 4:00 pm ET**  
Designing Virtual Groups: Skills-Focused Group Curriculum Outlining in 7 Steps!  
The Coalition for Behavioral Health  
[Learn More](#)

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**Webinar**

**October 15, 2:00 - pm ET**  
Telehealth Considerations and Strategies for Special and Vulnerable Populations  
Four HRSA-funded National Training and Technical Assistance Partners: [NCECE](#), [NCFH](#), [CSH](#), and [HITEQ](#).  
[Learn More](#)

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## Long Island Peer Networking Group

**October 15, 3:30 - 5:00 pm ET**

Long Island Peer Networking Group: Lauren Tenney

[Learn More](#)

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## Peer Workers United

**October 15, 6:00- 7:30 pm ET**

For all peer workers:

Facilitators Dan Frey (Editor City Voices), Edward ODowd (Community Access), and Ivanna Bond (Chair, NYC Peer Workforce Coalition)

[Click to join](#)

Or call in: 646-558-8656

Meeting ID: 819 1347 6213

Passcode: 976439

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## OASAS/OMH Integration Listening Session

**October 16, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Regional OASAS/OMH Listening Session

Western NY, Finger Lakes, Central NY

[Learn More](#)

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## 2020 Chili Smackdown

**October 16-October 19, 2:00**

10th Anniversary Chili Smackdown

Fundraiser for the Association for Mental Health and Wellness

[Learn More](#)

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**Deadline to Apply: October 21, 2020**

When Thoughts Turn to Suicide

(Virtual Training, December 7, 8, 14, and 15, 2020)

Western Mass Recovery Learning Community (RLC)

[Apply](#)

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## Webinar

**October 20, 2:00 pm ET**

Building a Future that Works (NDEAM)

Increasing Access and Opportunity

National Disability Employment Awareness Month

Dept. of Labor

[Learn More](#)

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## Regional Meeting (OMH Central)

**October 20, 2:30-4:00 pm ET**

Central New York Regional Communication Meeting

Problem Gambling Resource Center

Office of Mental Health, Office of Consumer Affairs

[Learn More](#)

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## Webinar

**October 20, 4:00-5:00 pm ET**

Holistic Healing

Families Together in New York State

[Learn More](#)

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## Webinar

**October 22, 2:00-2:45 pm ET**

Organizational Approach to Anti-Oppressive and Anti-Racist Practices

Conversations with Dr. Tony (Salerno)

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[Learn More](#)

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## SAMHSA Webinar

**October 22, 2:00 - 3:00 pm ET**

How to Develop a Competitive Grant Application

SAMHSA

[Learn More](#)

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## Healing Systems Series

**October 24, 12:00 pm ET**

Systems Thinking: Deconstructing the Landscape of Social Services

Institute for the Development of Human Arts (IDHA)

[idha-nyc.org/healing-systems](http://idha-nyc.org/healing-systems)

[Learn More](#)

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## OASAS/OMH Integration Listening Session

**October 26, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Regional OASAS/OMH Listening Session

Long Island, Mid-Hudson, Capital District

[Learn More](#)

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## Integrating Justice Peers

**October 27, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon ET**

Integrating Peers into the Justice System

[Flyer](#)

NYC Peer & CHW Workforce Consortium

[RSVP](#)

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## Webinar

**October 27, 12:00 noon - 1:15 pm ET**

Leadership from the Inside Out (Sinek Group)

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NYAPRS

[Learn More](#)

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## Webinar

**October 27, 2:00 pm ET**

Incorporating Youth Leadership into Treatment

Doors to Wellbeing

[Learn More](#)

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**Online Conference**

**October 28, 10:00 am - 6 pm am ET**

(9 am - 5 pm Central)

Understanding and Working with Voices

Western Mass RLC and San Antonio State Hospital

[Register](#)

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**Anti-Racism Webinar**

**October 28, 10:00 - 11:30 am ET**

Becoming an Anti-Racist Organization: Breaking Down Structural Racism from Within

(Part 3 of 6) ([Flyer](#))

[Register](#)

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**OASAS/OMH Integration Listening Session**

**October 30, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Regional OASAS/OMH Listening Session

New York City

[Learn More](#)

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**Bi-County Conference**

**October 30, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm ET (Day 1)**

(Day 2 is on Nov 6)

2020 Bi-County Empowerment VIRTUAL Conference:

My Life, My Voice, My Choice

Long Island

[Learn More](#)

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**CHECK BACK FOR MORE**

Our Community Calendar is updated regularly. For newer entries, [click here](#).

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**NOVEMBER EVENTS - PLAN AHEAD**

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Thank you, Rita, Virtual Community Coordinator and the APS Team

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Thank you for participating in the Academy of Peer Services Virtual Community Networking Group.

If you have questions or comments, feel free to contact Rita Cronise, Coordinator, at [academy.virtual.community@gmail.com](mailto:academy.virtual.community@gmail.com).

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