
APS: It's Global Peer Support Celebration Day!

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by [APS Academy of Peer Services](#) - Thursday, October 15, 2020, 9:53 AM [AcademyAwards2020Flyer.pdf](#) [Digital Job Fair Flyer.pdf](#) [Global Peer Support Celebration Flyer.pdf](#)**It's Time to Celebrate!**

Today (October 15) is Global Peer Support Celebration Day!

- How are you recognizing the peer supporters in your life?
- If you are a peer supporter, how will you celebrate your own accomplishments?

A few opportunities to connect and celebrate with others:

Academy of Peer Services, Virtual Community "Drop In" meeting.
Come for a few minutes and let us know what you're up to, or stay for the full time.

Oct. 15, 12:00 – 1:00 pm Eastern

[Register to join](#)-----
National Association of Peer Supporters (N.A.P.S.)

Oct. 15, 2:00 – 3:00 pm Eastern

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Peer Workers United

Oct. 15, 6:00 – 7:30 pm Eastern

[Click to join](#) (Meeting ID: 819 1347 6213, Passcode: 976439)-----
Note: For a 2018 N.A.P.S. toolkit on ideas for how to celebrate the day, [click here](#).**Advocate!****Tomorrow (Friday, Oct. 16) is the first in a series of 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

For the schedule of regions and to learn more about these listening sessions, [click here](#).

Registration is open!

New York Peer Specialist Certification Board Conference

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

With the help of our generous sponsors, the conference is free of charge.
To register, [click here](#).

Digital Job Fair (at the conference)

Pre-registration is required for all Exhibitors and Job Seekers.
Sign up by October 30 to participate.

Job Applicant Form Employer/Exhibitor Form

Last Chance to Nominate!

Deadline for APS Academy Award nominations is tomorrow (Fri., Oct 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](#).

New Opportunity! Survey about Healing

The NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) Office of Consumer Affairs Training and Technical Assistance Huddle is a group of individuals from different training organizations funded by the Office of Mental Health that seeks to learn how systems of care can best respond to current events. The goal is to collaborate to provide training and technical assistance and resources that support people in ways that they find most healing.

We invite you to participate in a survey that will inform how we work toward our goal. So much has happened in the world since the beginning of 2020. Most of us can identify with a need for healing at the personal, community, state, national and global level. Take a moment to imagine:

What if New York was the Center of Healing for the World?

We asked participants at a recent OMH Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting to consider this question and discuss what our systems of care can do to create a greater sense of healing in today's world. Many of their ideas were incorporated into the survey, and your answers to the questions will help us to discover what people who live or work in New York State find most healing and most helpful for systems of care to consider in their service delivery and quality improvement efforts.

Whether you are a current or former recipient of services, a family member, a provider of services, a peer specialist or advocate, trainer, researcher, administrator, coordinator, or otherwise involved in systems of care, take the survey and let us know what helps and what gets in the way of creating a greater sense of healing in the world today.

If you live or work in New York State, we are very interested in your thoughts about what contributes to a sense of healing, and what programs in New York can do to support healing in today's world.

Take the Center of Healing Survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OMH_COH_101520

Please respond by 5 PM Friday, October 30, 2020.

Who are we?

We have members from the OMH Office of Consumer Affairs; Academy of Peer Services (APS) at Rutgers University; Center for Practice Innovations (CPI) at Columbia Psychiatry, New York State Psychiatric Institute; Community Technical Assistance Center of New York (CTAC) and Managed Care Technical Assistance Center of New York (MCTAC) at New York University; Mental Health Empowerment Project (MHEP); New York Association of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services (NYAPRS); Families Together in New York State and Youth Power; and The Coalition for Behavioral Health in New York City.

Thank you for responding to our survey.

That's all for now folks!

That's the brief update for our special *Global Peer Support Celebration Day* edition!

- For more Community News and updates since the last news brief, visit our [Community Calendar](#).
- For recent Blog postings, visit our [Blog](#).
- For the latest Job Postings, visit our [Job Bank](#).

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

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