

Call for Proposals
17th Annual NYC Conference for Working Peer Specialists
In Person, Thursday, July 20

The New York City Peer Specialist Conference Planning Committee is currently seeking workshop proposals for the 17th Annual NYC Conference for Working Peer Specialists, which will be held **in person** on Thursday, July 20, 2023. This year's conference theme is **"Embracing Hope: Rising Together as a Peer Support Workforce"**

This conference is held specifically for New York City Peer Specialists working in mental health and substance use settings, including programs and initiatives engaging family, youth, and justice impacted populations. If you are a peer specialist looking to enhance your skills and knowledge of peer support values and current best practices, this conference will stimulate a critical dialogue addressing: career development; trends in health care that impact engagement; supervision and training; wellness, self-care and holistic practice; and the arts. We invite structured workshop proposals including a description of no more than 150 words, focused learning objectives, presenter bio(s), and equipment needs. Please note that learning objectives should translate to observable approaches and activities used to engage participants while integrating recovery-oriented, person-centered, social-justice, and trauma-informed concepts.

Workshops are 90 minutes. Proposals will be reviewed using the following criteria:

- Clear [learning objectives](#)
- Originality and innovation
- Clarity in description of subject matter
- Broad implications across peer workforce experience
- Qualifications and experience of presenters on workshop proposal subject matter

Deadline for submission of workshop proposals is Tuesday, February 28, 2023.

Information about Continuing Education Units/Hours (CEU)

Workshops may be eligible for 1.5 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for New York Peer Specialist Certification Renewal if the learning objectives include specific skills that will be taught during the workshop. Presenters must be able to describe how attendees will demonstrate these skills. Please refer to this [document](#) for suggestions on how to develop clear learning objectives.

Suggested Topic Areas for Workshop Proposals

Community Inclusion
Conflict Resolution
Creativity
Cultural Humility
Diversity and Equity
Digital Peer Support
Family and Parenting
Health and Wellness Planning

Peer Support Services
Peer Specialist Scope of Practice
Recovery-Oriented Practices
Self-Care and Compassion Fatigue
Social Determinants of Health
Stigma and Discrimination
Suicide Prevention
Supervision

Integration of Health and Behavioral Health
[Intersectionality](#) (see definition only)

Trauma-Informed Practice
Youth Peer Support

Mentoring
Motivational Interviewing
Natural Supports
Peer Crisis Response

Please submit workshop proposals by e-mail to:

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Workshop proposals must be e-mailed no later than the close of business on February 28, 2023.

Please complete the attached 2023 Workshop Proposal Submission form. Incomplete proposals will delay consideration of your submission.

Peer Specialist Conference Planning Committee: The New York State Office of Mental Health, Office of Consumer Affairs; The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Office of Consumer Affairs; The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Bureau of Mental Health, Office of Rehabilitation Programs; New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Use Prevention, Care, and Treatment; Baltic Street AEH, Inc.; NYC Health + Hospitals, Office of Behavioral Health; New York Association of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services (NYAPRS); Howie the Harp Peer Advocacy & Training Center.