

**Call for Proposals**  
**18th Annual NYC Conference for Working Peer Specialists**  
**Thursday, July 25**

The New York City Peer Specialist Conference Planning Committee is currently seeking workshop proposals for the 18th Annual NYC Conference for Working Peer Specialists, which will be held on Thursday, July 25, 2024. This year's conference theme is **"Sharing the Torch: Uniting Peer Support Services Across Generations"**.

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 Friday, March 1, 2024.**

**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)  
Mentoring  
Motivational Interviewing  
Natural Supports  
Peer Crisis Response

Trauma-Informed Practice  
Suicide Prevention  
Supervision  
Trauma-Informed Practice  
Youth Peer Support

**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 March 1, 2024.**

**Please complete the attached 2024 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.