

NYAPRS Conference 2023 Program Schedule

Tuesday September 26, 2023 Aug 16 12:30 pm

11:30 am Lunch, Opening Remarks			
TUESDAY September 26			
ROUND 1 12:30-1:45 pm			
	Workshop	Presenters	Track
1.	Fighting Forced Treatment From Coast to Coast	Andrea Wagner, California Association of Mental Health Peer-Run Organizations, Chico, CA; Cherene Caraco, CEO, Promise Resource Network, Charlotte, NC; Monica Luke, Boston, MA, Ruthanne Becker, INSET, White Plains, NY; Harvey Rosenthal, NYAPRS, Albany, NY	HUMAN RIGHTS
2.	Role Drift in the Peer Specialist Role	Elizabeth “Mya” Haley and Abaigel “Abbe” Duke, Center for Practice Innovation, New York City, New York	PEER SERVICES
3.	Creating Cultures of Support & Recovery Across Diverse Chosen Families, Generations & Communities	Shantalee Martinez, Megan Spagnola, Deborah Faust, Mental Health Association of NYS, Albany, NY	RECOVERY ACROSS THE LIFE SPAN
4.	Overshadowed: Stories of Stigma in the Healthcare System	Melissa Wettengel, Hands Across Long Island, Central Islip, NY	HUMAN RIGHTS
5	PeerTAC Peer Specialist Listening Forum	Rita Cronise, Rutgers University, Academy of Peer Services; Yvette Kelly NYU McSilver Institute for Poverty, Policy and Research, Co-Directors PeerTAC	PEER SERVICES
6.	Racial (In)justice and Employment	Paul Margolies, Karen Broadway-Wilson, Raymond Gregory, Thomas Jewel, Gary Scannevin, Norman Kim; Center for Practice Innovation, New York City, NY	EMPLOYMENT
7.	Healing through Spiritual Practices with a Trauma Informed Lens	Patty Blum, Crestwood Behavioral Health, Sacramento, CA; Lori Ashcraft, Resilience, Inc, Nevada City, CA	TRAUMA
Break 1:45-2:00 pm			
KEYNOTE: Tiara Springer-Love, Director, Youth Power, Albany, NY			
2:00-2:45 pm			
NYAPRS ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY #1			
2:45-3:30 pm			

TUESDAY September 26
ROUND 2 3:45-5:00 pm

8.	Learning from Each Other: Bringing Movement Elders and Young Leaders Together	Speakers TBA	RECOVERY ACROSS THE LIFESPAN
9.	Hospital Discharge Plans that Work	Speakers TBA	PUBLIC POLICY
10.	Effective Peer Support Supervision in Practice	Dwayne Mayes, Dillon Browne and panel, MHA of Westchester, White Plains, NY	PEER SERVICES
11.	Operationalizing and Contracting Peer Delivered Services with CCBHCs and Managed Care Organizations	Anthony Fox, Tennessee Mental Health Consumers Association, Nashville, TN; Buffalo, NY; Anna Gray, Prosumers International, San Antonio, Texas; Shannon Higbee, Recovery Options,	PEER SERVICES
12.	Employment – Expanding Outcomes, Building Success	Regina Kaiser, Ruth Gonzales Dreamcatchers Empowerment Network, Fairfield, CA	EMPLOYMENT
13.	Keeping Pace with New Medicaid Waivers and Funding Opportunities	Lauren Tobias, Brown & Weinraub, Harvey Rosenthal, NYAPRS, Albany, NY	PUBLIC POLICY
14.	Trauma Informed Peer Support for Sexual and Gender Diverse Communities	Elise Diamond, Recovery Specialist & Trainer, Center for Practice Innovations; Em Wasserman, Mental Health Empowerment Project, Albany, NY	DIVERSITY
15.	Rhythms for Resilience & Connection	Chrys Ballerano, E Bjorkman, NYSCASA	HEALING

Tuesday September 26 Evening Program

5:00 pm Diversity Bash/Fashion Show

6:00 pm Dinner

7:00 pm Keynote: Healing Through Hip Hop

Christopher "Mic Handz"; Jerald "Dj Kareem" Jenkins; Luis "Dj LOL" Lopez; Chacku Mathai; Elizabeth Brier; Amanda Saake

8:30 pm Peer Support Meetings / Zumba!

9:15 pm **Open Mic with Michael Skinner**; Board Games

9:30 pm Dancing with DJ Jenkins

Wednesday September 27, 2023

7:30 am Breakfast

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ROUND 3 8:30-9:45 am

16.	Moving Through Times of Personal Crisis	Cherene Caraco, Promise Resource Network, Charlotte, NC; Lori Ashcraft, Resilience, Inc, Nevada City, CA; Jeff McQueen, Hempstead, NY	HEALING
17.	Clubhouses in the Continuum of Care	Clubhouse New York Coalition, NYC, NY	REHABILITATION
18.	Passing and Protecting Criminal Justice Reforms	Chacku Mathai, Daniel's Law Coalition; Victor Pate, HALT Solitary Confinement; Evelyn Graham-Nyaasi, Correct Crisis Intervention Today-NYC; Ismael Diaz Jr., Treatment Not Jail, NYC, New York Moderator: Luke Sikinyi, NYAPRS	CRIMINAL JUSTICE
19.	Intersected: Community Dialogue on Psychiatric Systems, Lived Experience and Intersections with Other Contexts of Lived Experience	Ro Speight, Danielle Lopez, Tracy Puglisi, NYS Office of Mental Health, Albany, NY	DIVERSITY
20.	Listening to the Peer Workforce: Top Ten Recommendations	Jeremy Reuling, People USA, Jessica Wolf, Decisions Solutions Consulting, CT; Rita Cronise, Rutgers University, Freehold, NJ	PEER SERVICES
21.	Part 1: Wellness and Recovery (Resilience) Story Circle	Dr. Deborah Wilcox, Confluency Consultants and Associates	PEER SERVICES
22.	Trauma and the Workplace	Clarencetine (Teena) Brooks, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, LaVerne Miller, Transitional Services for NY, Patrice Peterson, Vibrant Emotional Health, Maryam Husamudeen, NYAPRS, Albany, NY; Cathy Cave, Inspired Vision, LLC; Helen "Skip" Skipper, The NYC Justice Peer Initiative. Bronx, New York	TRAUMA

Break 9:45-10:00 am

KEYNOTE: Cherene Caraco, CEO, Promise Resource Network
Harvey Rosenthal, CEO, NYAPRS
10:00 to 10:45 am

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Break 10:45 to 11:00 am

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ROUND 4 11:00 am -12:15 pm			
23.	Keeping the Movement Moving	Laura Prescott, Sister Witness International, Cornville, Arizona; Gayle Bluebird, Independent Consultant, Gainesville, FL; Laura Van Tosh, Global Mental Health Peer Network, Washington; Harvey Rosenthal, Albany, NY	HUMAN RIGHTS
24.	Mental Health in the Schools	Kelly Davis, Mental Health America, Washington, DC; Dawn Yuster, NYC; Luke Sikinyi, NYAPRS, Albany, NY	PUBLIC POLICY
25.	Did They Say That? Yes They Did!- Dealing with Microaggressions in Supervision	Jonathan Edwards, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, NYC, New York; Jessica Wolf, Decisions Solutions Consulting, CT	DIVERSITY
26.	Peer Crisis Continuum	Jeremy Reuling, Maria Kavouras, People USA, Poughkeepsie, NY; Shannon Higbee, Recovery Options, Buffalo, NY, Susan Musante, New Mexico	PEER SERVICES
27.	The Power of Our Story	Patty Blum, Mertice Gitane Williams and Greg Parnell, Crestwood Behavioral Health, Sacramento, CA	HEALING
28.	What Can Your ILC Do For You?	Lindsay Miller, NY Association on Independent Living, Albany, NY; Stephanie Orlando, WNY Independent Living Center, Buffalo, NY; Aileen Martin, Northern Regional Center for Independence, Watertown, NY and Doug Hovey, Independent Living, Newburgh, NY	INNOVATIONS
29.	Strategies for Developing The Justice Peer Workforce	LaVerne Daisy Miller, Transitional Services for NY and Helen "Skip" Skipper, The NYC Justice Peer Initiative. Bronx, New York	CRIMINAL JUSTICE
LUNCH 12:15 pm to 1:00 pm			
Keynote: Paolo del Vecchio, Director, SAMHSA Office of Recovery 1:00-2:00 pm			
NYAPRS AWARDS CEREMONY #2 2:00-2:45 pm			
BREAK 2:45-3:00 PM			
Wednesday September 27			
ROUND 5 3:00-4:15 pm			
30.	Federal PUBLIC POLICY Panel	Jennifer Mathis, US Department of Justice; Dara Kass, US Department of Health and Human Services; HHS; Paolo	PUBLIC POLICY

		del Vecchio, SAMHSA Office of Recovery; Harvey Rosenthal, NYAPRS	
31.	Strategies for a Successful Re-Entry	Skip Skipper, The NYC Justice Peer Initiative. Bronx, New York; Melissa Wettengel, Hands Across Long Island, Central Islip, NY; Tracie Gardner, Legal Action Center, Luke Sikinyi, NYAPRS, Albany, NY	CRIMINAL JUSTICE
32.	No, Nothing, None! Answers to Three Critical Questions about Supervision of Peer Supporters	Joanne Forbes, Rita Cronise, Amy Spagnolo, Rutgers University, Freehold, NJ; Gita Enders, Health + Hospitals and Jonathan Edwards, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, NYC, New York	PEER SERVICES
33.	MYBody, MYLife: Physical Wellness Matters for Everyone	Kristopher Bly, Hands Across Long Island, Central Islip, NY	HEALING
34.	Multiple Pathways to Employment	Len Statham, COO and Rob Statham, Training Collective, NYAPRS, Albany, NY	EMPLOYMENT
35.	Bathing in the Light	Neville Morris, Coordinated Care Services, Inc, Rochester, NY	HEALING
36.	Creative Recovery	Rebecca Nelson, Ariel Rowland, Mental Health Empowerment Project, Albany, NY; Gayle Bluebird, Jacksonville, Florida	PEER SERVICES
Break 4:15 to 4:30 pm			
NYAPRS Annual Meeting 4:30 to 5:15 pm			
WEDNESDAY September 27th EVENING PROGRAM			
6:00 pm Annual BBQ Under the Stars			
7:00 pm Celebrate the Alliance for Rights and Recovery!			
7:45 pm to 9:00 pm Stand Up for Mental Health David Granirer Vancouver Canada and company			
Part 2: Implement Story Circles Within Your Agency and Organization Dr. Deborah Wilcox, Confluency Consultants and Associates			
8:30 pm Peer Support Meetings / Zumba!			
9:15 pm Open Mic with Michael Skinner; Board Games			
9:30 pm Dancing with DJ Jenkins			
Thursday September 28, 2023			

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	ROUND 6 8:30-9:45 am		
37.	Peer Service Innovations Across the Nation	Cherene Caraco, Promise Resource Network, Charlotte, NC; Patrick Hendry, Firsthand, NYC, New York; Steve Miccio, Poughkeepsie, NY	PEER SERVICES
38.	Approach Matters: What Is Psych Rehab and Why Should I Ask For It?	Daniella Labate-Covelli, Psych Rehab Training Academy, Steve Nawotniak, Brittany Higgins	REHABILITATION
39.	A Springboard to My Higher Self	Emily Grossman, The Dream Team Coaches, Montclair, NJ	HEALING
40.	Addressing the Rising Mental Health Needs of an Aging Population:	Michael Friedman, Geriatric Mental Health Alliance of NY; Harvey Rosenthal, NYAPRS, Albany, NY	ACROSSS THE LIFE SPAN
41.	Empowering the next Generation of Disability HUMAN RIGHTS Leaders through Multigenerational Collaboration	Bianca Logan, Young Leaders and Advocates Network, Victor, NY; Kevin Smith, Mental Health Peer Connection and Stephanie Orlando, WNY Center for Independent Living, Buffalo, NY	ACROSSS THE LIFE SPAN
42.	How to Meet and Mingle	Bill Gamble, Mental Health Empowerment Project, Albany, NY	HEALING
43.	An Anti-Racist NYAPRS: Collaboration from Within	Lenora Reid-Rose, Senior Director, Strategic Initiatives, Partnerships & Community Connectedness, Emily Childress and members of the committee	DIVERSITY
	9:45 to 10:00 am Break		
	TOWN HALL: Ann Sullivan, Commissioner NYS Office of Mental Health 10:00am to 11:00 am		
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	11:00 to 11:15 am Break		
	Thursday September 28		
	ROUND 7 11:15 am to 12:30 pm		
44.	NYS Youth and Young Adult Panel	Speakers TBA	RECOVERY ACROSS THE LIFE SPAN

45.	Foundations of Change	Carrie Woodcock S.T.E.P. by S.T.E.P. Inc and Total Transformation, Ogdensburg, NY	PEER SERVICES
46.	The View from the States	Amy Brinkley, National Association of State Mental Health Program Director Recovery Support Systems Coordinator; Noah Abdenour, Peer and Recovery Services Director, Texas Health and Human Services Commission; Amanda Saake, Chief Advocacy Officer, NYS Office of Mental Health, Albany, NY; TBA; Harvey Rosenthal, NYAPRS	PUBLIC POLICY
47.	Seat at the Table	Christina Sparrock, Steve Coe, Dawn Yuster, Mental Health Advocates, NYC, New York; Luke Sikinyi, NYAPRS, Albany, NY	HUMAN RIGHTS
48.	Making Mental Illness Fun Again	Dan Frey, City Voices, NYC, New York	FUN
49.	Healing Black Women's Ancestral & Intergenerational Trauma	Chiquita Williams, Consultant, Fountain House, NYC, New York	DIVERSITY
50.	CORE Services	Emily Childress, Director, NYAPRS Peer Navigator Project, Binghamton, NY; OMH rep	INNOVATIONS

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