

Solicitation of Interest: Specialty Training for Peer Workers/Supervisors

OVERVIEW

The New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) is seeking Letters of Interest for a statewide initiative to organize, coordinate, and deliver competency-based training for the following specialty areas among the peer support and supervision workforce:

- Forensics/justice involved;
- Crisis services;
- Older adults;
- Best practices in the supervision of peer workers; and
- Health and wellness coaching.

Through this initiative, OMH aims to increase:

- Access to peer services for these specialty populations;
- The capacity for agencies to provide peer services to these populations; and
- The retention of peer staff through quality peer-informed supervision.

Additional details are available [here](#). Letters of Interest are due April 7th.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants must have experience:

- Delivering training curriculum for the mental health peer workforce;
- Developing online modules for the mental health peer workforce; and
- Providing oversight and maintenance of learning management/student information systems.

PROGRAM SERVICES

Through this solicitation, OMH seeks providers or vendors with the capability to:

- Conduct statewide needs analysis within each specialty population;
- Gain consensus from subject matter experts who are recipients of services, practicing peer workers, and supervisors or peer staff on the core competencies, learning objectives, delivery methods, content, and testing;
- Follow universal design principles for accessible content development;
- Establish fidelity measures for trainers and mentors involved in the programs; and
- Provide processes for continuous quality improvement of the training.

Each specialty training will be open-source curriculum on online modules, with a companion curriculum for each training developed for in-person learning.

TIMELINE

Letters of Interest may be sent to carol.swiderski@omh.ny.gov with the subject line “Specialty Training for Peer Workers” by April 7th.