



The Recovery Network News

Connecting people in mental health and addictions recovery
through peer support, training, education and advocacy.

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Sunset Notice

Hello Readers,



Please send your job training opportunities to RNN. There is real interest. A mind is a terrible thing to waste. Please send your comments and suggestions to

susanl@transformation-center.org

We are looking for more notices of interest to the mental health community in MA.



Susan Landy, Editor
Recovery Network News

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Transformation Center

Latinos Speaking of Hope

1/27/11

Mental Health Recovery Stories in Spanish



When: February 25, 2011
Time: 12:30pm-2:30pm
Where: Advocates, Inc.
1881 Worcester Road
Framingham, MA

Personal stories in Spanish of trauma, addiction and mental health recovery. Learn, be encouraged, be inspired. Share

hope with friends and family. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, call Scott Francis (508) 971-5421 or email scottf@transformation-center.org.

Next Issue: Peer Specialists



Our issue on Health Care Reform is just out the door Friday. As soon as the issue is put on the website we can send the link to our email subscribers. We are grateful to our email subscribers and will deliver this link ASAP.

Our next issue of *Voices for Change* will be about Peer Specialists. Why do mental health providers hire Peer Specialists? What do Peer Specialists

say about the work they do?

We want to have a section on questions that our readers have about Peer Specialists. Please email Susan with your questions for the issue

at susanl@transformation-center.org or comment on the Voices for Change Facebook page. We hope to have an article about recruiting Peer Specialists that will be helpful to providers.

Jobs, Job Training

2/3/11

Executive Jobs

[Director, Southeastern Recovery Learning Community](#)

[Support and Training Coordinator, Metro Sub RLC](#)

[Western MA RLC Assistant Director](#)

[IL Services Manager, Worcester IL Center](#)

Information is based on vendors' websites. May not be up-to-date.

There are plenty of jobs at these vendors' sites that are not "peer" jobs but which could be done by a peer. Keep an open mind.

Not every peer is obligated to go into human services.

Eastern MA

- Peer job at the Mental Health Association of Greater Lowell. Part time, CBFS team, 20 hours. For more information, call (978) 458-6282. Ask for Kristine Newman.

- Website is www.mhalowell.org
This job is not posted on the site.

- Peer Jobs at Vinfen Corporation (4 jobs)
- **Haverhill, Lowell, Boston, Plymouth**

"Peer Coordinator"

www.vinfen.org/careers

- Peer Jobs at Baycove (1 job)
- **Boston Area**

"Peer Support Worker"

www.baycove.org

Look under "Jobs"

1st drop-down menu, look under "Mental Health"

2nd drop-down menu, look under "Direct Service"

- Peer Jobs at Riverside Community Care (4 job)
- **Newton, Norwood, Wakefield** (2)

"Recovery Specialist"

www.riversidecc.org/careerops.cfm

- Peer Jobs at North Suffolk Mental Health Association (3 jobs)
- **Greater Boston**

"Peer Specialist"

www.northsuffolk.org

Look under "Career Center"

- Peer Guide jobs for persons with disabilities at the Independent Living Center of the North Shore and Cape Ann (2 jobs)

"IL Information and Referral Specialist"
"IL Peer Guide"

www.incnsca.org

- [Peer Specialist - The Edinburg Center](#)
- Peer Specialist PT Emergency Services Team

[South Shore Mental Health](#)

Southeast MA

- Peer Jobs at Fellowship Health Resources (2 Jobs)
- **Fall R, New Bedford**

"Peer Specialist"

www.fellowshipphr.org

Central MA

- Peer Jobs at Community Health Link (3 Jobs)
- **Worcester**

"Peer Specialist"

www.communityhealthlink.org

Western MA

- Peer Jobs at The Brien Center (1 job)
- **Western MA**

"Peer Support Workers"

www.briencenter.org

Look under "Employment"

BU Certificate Program

1/20/11

in Psychiatric Vocational Rehabilitation



When: Starts June, 2011
Where: Boston University Campus
What:

In-depth training in essential tools and skills for effective vocational rehabilitation.

Website:
<http://www.bu.edu/cpr/training/vocrehab>

Contact: Debbie Nicholellis

Project Director
debbien@bu.edu

Training topics include:

- partnering for person-directed services
- building the motivational foundations for for rehabilitation readiness
- supporting vocational choice
- achieving vocational placements, and more

People with disabilities who provide or wish to provide vocational services are encouraged to apply.

Pre-collegiate Classes for Veterans 1/27/11



Veterans Upward Bound/UMass Boston now accepting applications for Feb 2011 pre-collegiate classes at UMass Boston, Chelsea Soldier's Home and Brockton VA campuses.

Call (617) 287-5870 for details

A federally-funded TRIO program

Recovery Learning Communities

Metro Suburban

Recovery Learning Community



The Metro Suburban Recovery Learning Community is a peer run organization; promoting trauma informed peer support, advocacy, education and training opportunities for individuals who have lived experience with a mental health condition, trauma or extreme emotional states.

Our region includes the 60 towns and cities surrounding Boston-from Woburn to Framingham to Norwell. At present, we are in the process of opening satellite offices in both Framingham and Arlington.

For more information or to receive our newsletter email

Info@MetroSubRLC.org.

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To see our calendar, click [here](#)

To go to our website, click [here](#)

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Metro Boston Recovery Learning Community



The **Metro Boston Recovery Learning Community (MBRLC)** is an entirely peer-run organization dedicated to providing support, education and advocacy through providing opportunities and resources for individuals in finding their own path to mental health recovery.

For more information about the Metro Boston Recovery Learning Community (MBRLC), contact Chuck Weinstein, Director of Operations at (617) 305-9989 or Executive Director Howard D. Trachtman at (617) 305-9976. Email inquiries to info@metrobostonrlc.org (please copy and paste if you do not use Outlook) or visit

www.MetroBostonRLC.org

For information on the **Peer Employment Resource Center**, click on above website.

For information on the **Boston Resource Center**, click on above website.

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Western Mass

Recovery Learning Community



The Western Mass RLC supports individuals who have a mental health diagnoses, have experienced extreme states and/or are trauma survivors in finding their own paths to recovery within the communities of their choice by offering trauma-informed peer supports and through the development of a regional peer network. All supports provided are offered by individuals with lived experience with being diagnosed with a mental illness, extreme states and/or as trauma survivors.

Each month, we send out a calendar of workshops, classes, trainings and events. Please take a moment to check out our [Calendar](#). For December and January Calendar, go to <http://www.westernmassrlc.org/>.

Central Mass Recovery Learning Community



The Central Mass Recovery Learning Community supports self-determined paths of recovery. Through assertive outreach, we connect with a diverse network of people who share the experience of emotional states that interfere with wellness. We accept each other as individuals, while inspiring mutual empowerment and self-advocacy. Please visit our website: www.centralmassrlc.org

To access our February calendar of events, [click here](#)

To access our January/February newsletter, [Click here](#)

South East Recovery Learning Community



The SE RLC is run by and for those who have lived experience and are dedicated to the path toward recovery and wellness. The RLC creates a network of peer run activities and offers information and referral resources. We provide access to peer support and self-help activities, peer advocacy, training opportunities, support for peer specialists, and other peers working in traditional mental health settings. The RLC's goal is to stimulate and participate in a cultural change that establishes a focus on promoting resilience, wellness, recovery and empowerment.

Please see our website <http://www.comcounseling.org/services/rehab-recovery-learning-community.php>

Phone (508) 828-4537

To link to our Brockton Calendar, click [here](#)

To link to our Taunton Calendar, click [here](#)

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North East Recovery Learning Community



(978) 687-4288 OR 1 (800)
845-6457

<http://www.nilp.org/RLC.html>

The North East Recovery Learning Community (NE RLC) is in its third year of providing peer-run support and services to people with psychiatric disabilities throughout the North Shore and Merrimack Valley.

The RLC offers recovery-oriented, trauma informed care and culturally sensitive peer support, both in group settings and on an individual basis.

Please go to our website for our calendar and more information.

Events Statewide

Mission Direct Vet

1/20/11

Federally-funded Jail Diversion and Trauma Recovery Program for Veterans



Worcester and Lawrence Areas:

For 12 months, individuals regularly meet with a treatment team to address mental health and substance abuse issues. Throughout the program a peer



specialist and case manager work with the individual to connect them with additional services as needed. These services may include:

- medical care
- mental health care
- substance abuse treatment
- veterans' services
- vocational programs
- transitional residence programs
- family support

For Eligibility Criteria:

Phone: 1 (866) 309-3359 (toll free)

Email: mission.direct.vet@umassmed.edu

For more information, click [here](#)

Irish Immigrant Center

1/13/11

Black and Green event



When: March 6, 2011
 Time: 2:00pm-6:00pm
 Where: Monserrat Aspirers Hall
 364 Washington Street
 Dorchester, MA 02124

Live entertainment, traditional Caribbean Cuisine and engaging speakers. \$10.00 donation is suggested.

The Irish Immigration Center assists immigrants from more than 100 countries. For more information about the Irish Immigration Center, click [here](#).

Mental Health Legislative Panel

1/20/11

Ask the panel questions on your top issues!



When: Wed., Feb. 9, 2011
 Time: 6:00pm-9:30pm
 Where:

Boston Public Library
 Boston Room

Presented by:
 NAMI GB CAN, National
 Empowerment Center,
 M-POWER

Ask about:

- Peer Respite
- Mental Health Personal Care Attendants
- Commission to preserve recovery focus in the mental health system
- Health care disparities

Panelists:

- Senator Jennifer Flannigan
- Representative Liz Malia
- Representative James O'Day
- Representative Gloria Fox

Moderator: Representative Ruth Balsler

Special Guest: Dan Fisher, consumer and psychiatrist

Teleconference: Housing, Homlessness and Social Inclusion



When: Wednesday
February 23, 2011
Time: 3:00pm-4:30pm ET

Registration closes Feb. 20, 2011

A presentation will be followed by a 30 min open forum. Accompanying presentation materials included. For more information or to register click [here](#).

For questions or concerns, email ruthm@esi-dc.com .

Teleconference put on by SAMHSA ADS Center. SAMHSA= Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. ADS= Acceptance, Dignity and Social Inclusion.

Almost 700,000 are homeless on any given night. Many of these people have history of trauma and subsequent mental illness. This training will educate people about current trends and practices in the field.

Thank you for reading the Recovery Network News. We welcome your comments.

RNN comes out weekly.

Submissions are due Wednesday at 12pm for the following week's e-newsletter. Where the deadline falls on a holiday, submissions are due on Tuesdays.

Submissions to RNN are FREE. E-mail Susan to submit an event or a job description or if you have any questions.

Please report any broken links to Susan.

RNN reserves the right to edit submissions for space and clarity.

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