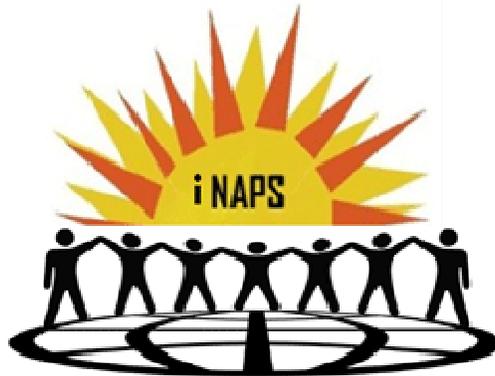


iNAPS eNEWS- May 2013



<http://www.naops.org>

Inter-National Association of Peer Supporters (iNAPS)

– formerly the National Association of Peer Specialists (NAPS)



The cultural transformation from **the love of power** to
the power of love is the drama of our time.

~~Anodea Judith

Welcome to iNAPS eNEWS

Our name has changed, but our mission remains the same....

On January 1, 2013, the National Association of Peer Specialists (NAPS) was renamed the **International Association of Peer Supporters (iNAPS)** to reflect an increasingly global membership and correct a widespread misperception that NAPS was only for “certified” peer specialists in the mental health system.

iNAPS is open to anyone who provides peer recovery support (paid or as a volunteer) for mental health, addiction, or trauma recovery; anyone who aspires to provide peer recovery support, or anyone who is a champion for recovery and the peer support movement.

Individual membership to iNAPS is available....

iNAPS is taking applications for membership. Benefits of membership include:

- Membership certificate
- Regular newsletter with periodic email updates
- Discount on registration fee to the annual National Peer Supporter conference

Membership applications accepted by postal mail only. See next page or visit the iNAPS web site to download a copy of the membership form (<http://na4ps.wordpress.com/join-us>)



Inter-National Association of Peer Supporters (iNAPS)

A non-profit organization

Membership Form

The Inter-National Association of Peer Supporters (formerly the National Association of Peer Specialists) welcomes all who support peer support in healthcare. We promote the use of peer support in a variety of settings, including but not limited to mental health and addictions. Members receive a certificate, e-mail newsletter, and registration fee discounts for the annual national peer support conference.

Join our ranks to be informed, involved and bring peer support to those who need it most!

To join, simply complete the following information form. The cost of membership is \$25 annually. If you do not have an e-mail address or would like to receive your quarterly newsletter in hard copy form, please check the box.

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Please mail me a "hard copy" version of the newsletter.

Please mail completed form to: iNAPS, 755 Alta Dale, Ada, MI 49301.

Update on the (U.S.) National Peer Supporter Standards of Practice



iNAPS is in the process of developing practice standards for the emerging occupation (or avocation) of peer recovery support providers.

We received 547 responses to our nationwide survey of the core values of peer support, with an overall 97% rate of approval for the chosen core values. In addition to the nationwide survey we met with peers and peer recovery support providers in focus groups around the country to

discuss in-depth what a universal set of standards for peer support practices might look like.

During the month of May, members of the iNAPS advisory team will work together to draft a white paper that contains definitions, core values, and practice standards based on the input received during the focus groups and survey. Once drafted, the white paper will be shared widely with peer recovery support providers for further comment or approval of the peer recovery support practice standards.

Updates on this project will continue to be posted on the National Practice Standards page of the iNAPS website: <http://na4ps.wordpress.com/national-standards>

To receive periodic updates by email about the **National (U.S.) Practice Standards** project, send an email with **JOIN** in the subject line to naps-standards@naops.org.

Peer Support Continuing Education (*Webinar 2*): What Happened to You? Trauma-Informed Peer Support



SAVE THE DATE: May 14, 2013

<http://na4ps.wordpress.com/free-webinar-series/>

The second in a series of continuing education webinars by the International Association of Peer Supporters (iNAPS) is available free of charge through the generous support of OptumHealth.

The webinar series is a result of the **Recovery to Practice Project** for working peer recovery supporters and will draw on a comprehensive continuing education curriculum that was developed by iNAPS as part of that project.

“The goal of the project is to improve peer recovery support,” said Steve Harrington, iNAPS executive director. “As part of the project, we obtained input from peer supporters across the country to learn what they felt were knowledge gaps and, for the last two years, have developed a continuing education curriculum to address those gaps.”

The webinar series consists of eight, one-hour sessions delivered by a variety of experts involved in the Recovery to Practice project. “We hope some states will grant continuing education credits for participation,” Harrington said. “It will be the responsibility of participants to request such credits from state or local officials who certify peer recovery supporters.”

Although the webinar series is designed for working peer recovery supporters, it is open to anyone who is interested. The next webinar in the series is on Trauma-Informed Peer Support, presented by Antonio Lambert. To learn more about the series, visit: <http://na4ps.wordpress.com/free-webinar-series/>

If you plan to join one of the webinars, log in at least five minutes prior to the start time (12:00 noon Eastern Time) to download the webinar application software that will allow you to join the webinar. Then call the toll-free conference line with the access code that is provided to hear the audio.



7th ANNUAL PEER SUPPORTER CONFERENCE

California, Here We Come!



SAVE THE DATES: Conference on AUGUST 27-28, 2013
(Pre- and post-conference institutes now in the planning stages.)

Mark your calendars now for the **7th Annual National Peer Supporter conference!**

Join us for another annual gathering of friends and colleagues to share innovations and information – and to have a great time! The site of the 2013 conference will be the Sheraton Garden Grove Anaheim South, in Garden Grove (near Anaheim) California.

Address: 12221 Harbor Boulevard, Garden Grove, CA 92840.

The hotel is conveniently located close to Disneyland and other attractions.

The conference discount lodging room rate will be \$100 per night, single/double, and the hotel is close to two major airports (Orange County and LAX). We hope you will be able to join us!

Visit the National Conference page on our website for registration and scholarship information and the Call for Workshop application.

<http://na4ps.wordpress.com/7th-annual-national-conference/>

FEATURED RESOURCES

Recovery to Practice



Many visions of recovery-oriented services are converging into a rich tapestry of practices based on peoples' lived experiences of recovery. However, the information on these practices is scattered and can be hard to find. The **Recovery to Practice Resource Center** was designed to bring together all of the existing information and relevant materials on translating recovery into practice in one, centralized place.

Website:

<http://www.samhsa.gov/recoverytopractice>

Overview:

<http://www.samhsa.gov/recoverytopractice/Documents/RTPOverview.pdf>

Recovery to Practice training curriculum for Peer Recovery Support Providers

<http://rtp4ps.org>

Listserv:

<http://www.samhsa.gov/recoverytopractice/JoinListserv.aspx>

Join the Listserv to receive weekly highlights and quarterly updates. If you have a recovery story to share, please contact Recovery to Practice at: 877-584-8535 or recoverytopractice@dsgonline.com.



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Consumers' Self-Help Clearinghouse*

www.mhselfhelp.org

The Key Update

The Key Update is the free monthly e-newsletter of the National Mental Health Consumers' Self-Help Clearinghouse, <http://www.mhselfhelp.org>. This is a great way to stay up to date on current news and events in the world of mental health. To register, visit: <http://www.mhselfhelp.org/register/register.php>

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