

## Peer Training and Expansion for Health Equity (PETE-HE)

A collaborative Effort of the NYS Department of Health,  
Office of Addiction Services and Supports and Office of Mental Health

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**Is your agency struggling to recruit, hire and retain community health workers (CHW) or peer workers (CRPA, CARC, NYCPS-P, YPA, FPA or CPW)?**

**Might access to financial incentives and reimbursement for travel or childcare for CHWs and peer workers help you recruit or retain these staff?**

**Is your agency interested in possible tax incentives for hiring peer workers or community health workers?**

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Community Health Workers and Certified Peer Specialists in substance use, mental health, maternal-child health, HIV, HCV, harm reduction and PrEP play an important role in promoting health and wellness in our communities.

The PETE-HE Collaborative, if funded by HRSA, will provide the following resources for **new CHWs and Peer Workers**:

- Free training for community health workers and peer workers
- Progressive incentives for staying in the program and staying employed
- Reimbursement for childcare and travel
- Ongoing support groups and wellness tools

### What would my agency have to do to participate?

- Be located in one of the counties listed in the table to the right
- Have a current or anticipated future paid CHW or peer worker position available
- Be willing to work with PETE-HE to recruit new trainees from your community
- Provide supervision and wages of at least \$15 per hour
- Allow the individual to attend training on work time
- Participate in a monthly regional meeting to discuss health equity and monitor trends in health disparities in your community
- Report on the status of the CHW/ peer worker's placement
- Possibly host a Department of Labor apprenticeship

Eligible County
Bronx
Cattaraugus
Orleans
Chautauqua
Jefferson
Kings (Brooklyn)
Oneida
Orange
Chemung
Niagara
Onondaga
Erie
Monroe
New York (Manhattan)

Open to clinics, CBOs, behavioral health, health departments and other agencies.

**If you are interested in learning more, please contact Rachel Newport at**

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If funded, the program will begin in September 2022 and run for 3 years.