



# Now Recruiting New York City Peer Corp Members



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| <b>Program/Initiative</b>           | AmeriCorps – New York City Peer Corps   |
| <b>Sponsor</b>                      | New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYC DOHMH)   |
| <b>Location</b>                     | Citywide placement with selected Peer Corp Host Sites<br>(DHS Homeless Shelters   Supportive Housing Sites   Syringe Service Program)   |
| <b>Program Duration</b>             | December 1, 2025 – October 11, 2026 (subject to change)   |
| <b>Stipend</b>                      | Living Allowance for 45 weeks of service (1,200 hours) – before taxes   |
| <b>Educational Award</b>            | \$5,546.25 Segal AmeriCorps Education Award (maximum) upon completion of the program  |
| <b>Program Background</b>           | In 2023, there were 3,046 overdose deaths in NYC, compared with 3,026 in 2022 and 2,696 in 2021, an increase of 13% (350 deaths) and where an estimated 85% of all overdose deaths involved an opioid, with fentanyl being the most common. The Peer Corps initiative was developed in response to the rising number of overdose deaths. The DOHMH, in partnership with other city agencies and nonprofits, recruits and mobilizes community members with lived experience in substance use and recovery (peers) bring life-saving services to marginalized populations through NYC. Peer Corps members dedicate ten and a half months to fulfilling the Peer Corps dual mission of saving lives and uplifting peers through service. Peer Corps Members will be expected to serve using a hybrid model including both in-person (on-site) and remote (via computer) service.   |
| <b>Scope of Service</b>             | Peer Corps aims to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Promote community trainings in the use of Naloxone, an opioid overdose-reversing medication</li><li>- Educate community members on harm reduction and early recovery and connecting clients to resources</li><li>- Participate in high-impact service projects led by city agencies and local nonprofit organizations which use civic engagement as a vehicle to address critical community issues</li><li>- Facilitate the successful navigation of mental health and social service systems for members of vulnerable populations in NYC</li></ul>  |
| <b>Organizational Relationships</b> | Peer Corps members report to their designated host site supervisor.   |
| <b>Member Responsibilities</b>      | Peer Corps members will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Attend host site meetings/functions and become familiar with host site organizational structure, culture, and needs</li><li>- Outreach to host site residents who report having experienced or witness an overdose to offer support and risk reduction education-Connect residents to harm reduction services, if appropriate</li><li>- Provide opioid overdose prevention education and dispense Naloxone, an overdose reversing medication, to host site staff, constituents, and community stakeholders through comprehensive member-led trainings</li><li>- Engage host site residents who report current substance use and express a desire to begin recovery around early recovery goals</li><li>- Co-facilitate groups with designated host site staff on a range of early recovery topics, including but not limited to: harm reduction strategies, medication for addiction treatment, and the building of recovery capital</li><li>- Broker appropriate resources to host site residents</li><li>- Assist in navigating systems to gain services (this may include accompaniments and referrals)</li><li>- Submit computer-based Peer Corps program metrics in a timely manner</li></ul> |



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## Requirements

Eligibility for the Peer Corps program will be based on:

- High school diploma or equivalent by December 1, 2025
- Ability to work 28 hours per week
- Direct or indirect lived experience with:
  - o Substance use, homelessness and/or the New York City shelter system
  - o Mental health service and treatment systems
- Basic knowledge and familiarity of Google applications (i.e. - G-Suite) and Microsoft Office
- Moderate written and verbal communication skills
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Bilingual, Spanish & English preferred (not required)
- CRPA or CARC preferred (not required)

## Peer Corps Benefits

All members are provided the following:

- Unlimited monthly MTA Card
- Monthly professional development as well as periodic career coaching activities
- Student loan forbearance or deferment on eligible loans while in service, if eligible
- Experience working in city government and with NYC nonprofit organizations
- Various professional networking opportunities
- Valuable resume-building experience
- President's Volunteer Service Award, if eligible
- CRPA Training courses available

**Apply for the 2025-2026 Peer Corps Service Year through the online application link provided:**

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For more information, contact the Peer Corps Leadership Team at [peercorps@health.nyc.gov](mailto:peercorps@health.nyc.gov) or [cviel1@health.nyc.gov](mailto:cviel1@health.nyc.gov)