



Decriminalizing Mental Illness and Addiction NYAPRS New York City Regional Forum

8:30am-2pm, Wednesday, January 11th, 2023
John Jay College – Moot Court

Event Description:

From Punishment to Public Health (P2PH) is partnering with the NYC Justice Peer Initiative and the New York Association of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services (NYAPRS) to host a regional state forum highlighting key issues at the intersections of mental health, substance use, housing insecurity and criminal legal system involvement. With the recurrent fearmongering around falsely-deemed “dangerous mentally ill” homeless people being targeted for forced removal and coerced treatment, this event is designed to cultivate discussion around investment opportunities to fill gaps in services and create a more integrated behavioral health system that meets the needs of New York City’s most vulnerable residents.

Agenda:

- 8:30am Registration & Networking Breakfast**
- 9:10 Welcome & Table-Setting**
- Jeff Coots, P2PH Director
 - Helen “Skip” Skipper, Executive Director, NYC Justice Peer Initiative
- 9:45 Seat at the Table Campaign**
- Steve Coe, Social Justice Policy Collective
 - Christina Sparrock, Member of AD 58 Assemblymember Monique Chandler-Waterman's Mental Health Task Force
- 11:00 Special Guest:** Samra G. Brouk, Chair of Committee on Mental Health,
New York State Senate, 55th Senate District
- 11:30 Treatment Not Jails Campaign**
- Casey Dalporto, Sr. Policy Attorney, New York County Defender Services
 - Mark Graham, Executive Director, The Redemption Center
 - Jeffrey Berman, Attorney, Mental Health Unit, The Legal Aid Society
- 12:30 pm Peer Service Alternatives and Advocacy**
- Harvey Rosenthal, CEO, NYAPRS
 - Luke Sikinyi, Public Policy Director, NYAPRS
- 1:00 Lunch & Networking Hour**
- 2:00 Close**