



What is the Occupational Peer Empowerment Network?

Through funding from the United Way of Southern Chautauqua County and the Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative (ESPRI), the Occupational Peer Empowerment Network (OPEN) works to help lift people out of poverty by overcoming barriers to gaining, maintaining, and thriving as employees.

We work with people looking to work to help tackle challenges that are keeping them from being happy, healthy, and eager to succeed.



Who We Are

About Us

The Mental Health Association is a peer run organization which offers support that is free, open, and determined by the individuals own goals.

Through periods of difficulty, we are a resource that helps you build life you want to live.

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Who is OPEN for?

Qualifications for Participation in MHA OPEN

- People living in Jamestown
- People who want to work in Jamestown
- People who need help gaining employment
- People looking for supports for getting to work
- People looking to advance their career
- People looking to get back to work with the help of a supportive team
- Anyone who wants more resources



How can we help?

We help with the nitty gritty of getting back to work and staying at work:

- On the job coaching
- Skills to succeed
- Professional attire
- Housing
- Transportation
- Childcare
- Systems navigation
- Food insecurity
- Soft skills training
- Peer support
- And more...

“I had a major life setback recently and was about to lose my job. MHA OPEN made sure I was able to continue working with transportation and housing help until I could get back on my feet!”

-OPEN Participant



Why do I need help with my job hunt?

MHA OPEN works to improve hirability through facing the obstacles that come up in life.

Finding a job can be stressful, not just in facing the judgment of strangers, but also in juggling the other parts of your life to make a new job fit.

Having someone working with you to present your best self and help organize the details can be a tremendous benefit.

OPEN is designed to help you deal with the little big things that get in the way and get your career on track.

