

# Advancing Peer Support & Lived Experience Leadership 2023 UPWARD SPIRAL SUMMER SUMMIT



*This webinar series is dedicated to bringing together the peer support workforce to connect, learn from one another, and introduce and discuss critical perspectives to promote questions, growth, and advance thinking and practice among the CT peer support community and beyond.*

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### @1PM-3PM EST

# Spiraling Up into Leadership

**Sera Davidow** is a filmmaker, activist, advocate, author, and mother of two. As a survivor of physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and domestic violence, she has faced many challenges throughout her own healing process, including many ups and downs with suicidal thoughts and self-injury. At present, she spends much of her time working as Director of the Wildflower Alliance, which includes Afiya Peer Respite, recently recognized by the World Health Organization (WHO) as one of about two dozen exemplary, rights-based programs operating across the world. She also writes for Mad in America and serves on several boards, including the Massachusetts Disability Law Center (DLC) Board of Directors, the DLC's Council Against Institutional and Psychiatric Abuse (CAIPA), and the National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma, and Mental Health (NCDVTM) advisory board. Additionally, she is a founding Board member of Hearing Voices USA. You can learn more about Sera and her work in a 2018 article in Sun Magazine: <https://tinyurl.com/SDApr18>



Sera Davidow

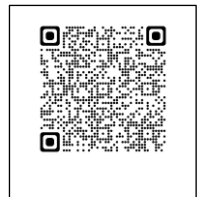


Jonathan P. Edwards

**Next Webinar: 6/28 @ 1-3PM EST**

**Dr. Dietra Hawkins**  
*"Leading Equitably"*

**Upcoming Webinars: Save the Dates!**  
Wed. 7/26, 8/23, & 9/27 @1-3pm EST



**Jonathan P. Edwards** self-identifies as a person in long-term recovery, which is the driving force behind his worldview, advocacy, scholarship, and professional focus. Dr. Edwards's research explores factors associated with job satisfaction among peer support workers in mental health treatment and recovery-oriented service settings. Jonathan is a public health professional for the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and also consults internationally to advance peer support workforce development initiatives, including certification and supervision in mental health and substance use treatment settings. He received his M.Phil. and Ph.D. in Social Welfare from CUNY Graduate Center, his Master's in Social Work from Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College, and is a licensed clinical social worker. He is also an adjunct professor at the Columbia School of Social Work, a member of the Academy of Certified Social Workers, a New York Certified Peer Specialist, and a Certified Personal Medicine Coach. Dr. Edwards has served on the New York Peer Specialist Certification Board for eight years and has participated in several Delphi studies to validate peer support worker competencies for certification examinations. Dr. Edwards has co-authored several articles regarding the peer support workforce in addition to a book chapter on LGBTQIA+ Health and co-edited the recently published "What It Takes: Wisdom From Peer Support Specialists and Supervisors"

**Questions/Accommodations needed:**

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