

Northeast Recovery Learning Community (NERLC)

May 2025 NEWSLETTER

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Who We Are

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NERLC provides welcoming, safe, understanding, judgement-free spaces where individuals of diverse backgrounds can gather for healing and growth. We are a community of peers in recovery from mental health challenges, addiction and or traumatic life experiences. The NERLC supports individuals on their journeys to obtaining and maintaining a wellness in a variety of ways, including: 1:1 peer support, peer support groups, self-directed recovery-oriented trainings, advocacy and through an array of community events and activities. We serve 69 cities and towns throughout the Northeast region.



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In-Person Groups

All groups are open to the public and free to attend

Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee & Friends 9am-12pm • Coffee Walks 10am-11am • Intentional Artistry 11am-12pm • Awareness Meditation 12pm-1pm
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee & Friends 9am-12pm
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee & Friends 9am-12pm • Art Expressions 10am-11am • Early Adult Wellness Meetup 12pm-1pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <i>May 7 & May 21</i> • Coffee Talk 12pm-1pm • Life is Good 1pm-2pm
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peer Support Walking Group 9am-11am
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGBTQIA+ 2pm-3pm • Young Adult Wellness Meetup 2pm-3pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <i>May 9 & May 23</i>

May 20th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movie Time! 1pm-3pm
May 19th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creative Mindfulness 12pm-1pm



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Zoom Groups

All groups are open to the public and free to attend

Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grateful Aspects 3pm-4pm
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recovery Meditation 3pm-4pm
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social Hour 2pm-3pm
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recovery Meditation 9am-10am• Parents Peer to Peer 12pm-1pm• Social Workspace 3pm-5pm
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have Fun with Poetry 12pm-1pm



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CREATIVE MINDFULNESS

Monday, May 19th
12:00pm - 1:00pm



COME PARTICIPATE IN OUR
WELLNESS-FOCUSED ADULT
CREATIVE SESSION. UNLEASH
YOUR CREATIVITY AND
EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF
MINDFULNESS AS YOU
CREATE A MASTERPIECE!

Lawrence Public Library,
51 Lawrence St.
Lawrence, MA 01840,
Robert Frost Room

Contact: Nicole at nmerrow@nilp.org or (978) 291 - 5697



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Coffee & Friends

Monday to Wednesday

9am-12pm

325 Chelmsford St

Suite #1

Lowell, MA 01851



- Meet New People ជួបមិត្តភក្តិថ្មី
- Build Community កសាងសហគមន៍
- Social Connection ទំនាក់ទំនងសង្គម
- Promote Health សុខភាព
- Wellbeing សុខុមាលភាព

For more information contact:

Sothi Sisowath (978) 620 - 0297

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COFFEE WALKS

AT CUMMINGS CENTER



We invite you to join our walking group every Monday! We will meet at Flip The Bird, where you can purchase your own coffee or beverage. Following that, we will set off on a group walk, providing an excellent opportunity for exercise and fresh air.

MONDAYS AT 10AM



Meet us at

FLIP THE BIRD

100 Cummings Center

Unit 107P

Beverly, MA 01915

Contact Nicole (978) 291-5697 or nmerrow@nilp.org



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Awareness Meditation



**FREE
MEDITATION
GROUP**

**Mondays @12pm
Lowell Senior Center**

**Seniors come join us
for recovery,
awareness,
relaxation and
self-care.**

**Contact
Narong Hul
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nhul@nilp.org**



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GRATEFUL ASPECTS

young adults peer support group

This group will have activities focused on gratitude to build a positive mindset while building community and support.

**Mondays 3pm-4pm
on Zoom**

For questions
contact Luis
ldiaz@nilp.org



Scan the QR code
[Or Click Here to Join](#)

Meeting ID:
821 8876 1116



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AFTERNOON Recovery Meditation

Meditation focused on
recovery awareness,
relaxation and self-care.



Every Tuesday

3-4 pm

On Zoom

Scan the QR code or
[click here to join](#)

Meeting ID: 870 0006 8244

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MOVIE TIME

Catch our free monthly movie!
Grab some snacks and settle in with us.

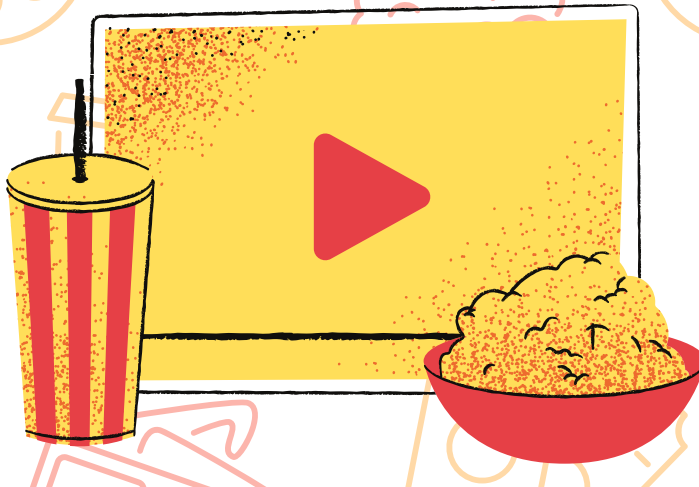
3rd Tuesday Each Month

1 PM - 3 PM

100 Cummings Center
Suite 341-C
Beverly, MA 0191

ADMIT ONE

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Mandy Orfanos
978-245-8456



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ART EXPRESSIONS

creative activities peer support group

*Wednesdays
10am-11am*

*Woburn Public Library
45 Pleasant Street, Woburn, MA, 01801*



Express yourself through different types of art, such as drawing, coloring, writing, or collaging. Our group offers a warm and welcoming space for everyone to grow and express themselves.

For questions contact Lisa at: LRivard@nilp.org



Peer2Peer Resources for
People with Disabilities



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COFFEE TALK

YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

Come join us for peer to peer
conversations with a cup of coffee.

WEDNESDAYS 12PM-1PM



**SALEM DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
(DMH) SITE OFFICE**

45 Congress St.
Salem, MA 01970

Please call Mandy at 978-245-8456



Peer2Peer Resources for
People with Disabilities



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Early Adult Wellness Meetup

ages 25 - 35

1st & 3rd
Wednesday
Each Month
12pm-1pm

Lawrence Public Library
51 Lawrence St.
Lawrence, MA 01840

Robert Frost Room

This group will have activities designed to foster openness, encourage effective communication, and create a sense of community as we discuss mental wellness.

contact Nicole: nmerrow@nilp.org



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Life is Good ជីវិតដ៏ល្អ

Contact Peer Specialist Vincent Un
vun@nilp.org / (978) 291 - 5125

**Wednesdays
1pm-2pm
325 Chelmsford St
Suite #1
Lowell, MA 01851**

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Join us as we build connection
through sharing our life
experiences and inspire hope
and resilience to promote
health and well being.



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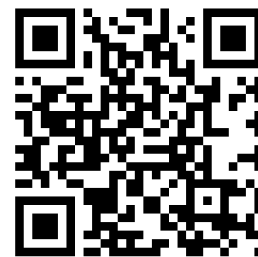
SOCIAL HOUR

Join this safe and judgement free group where you can socialize with others who enjoy making friends and having healthy conversations about their wellbeing.

**Wednesdays
2pm-3pm
on Zoom**



scan the QR code or
click here to join
Meeting ID:
862 9184 8196



Contact Matt at maronstein@nilp.org or 978-620-0204



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MORNING Recovery Meditation

Meditation focused on
recovery awareness,
relaxation and self-care.



Every Thursday

9-10 am

On Zoom

Scan the QR code or
click here to join

Meeting ID: 894 0813 0855

Contact
Narong Hul
(978) 566 1926
nhul@nilp.org



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Peer Support Walking Group

Thursdays

9am - 11am

Weather Permitting



Come join us as we get fresh air, exercise and make connections. Experience the city of Lowell and develop self-care with others. You are not alone.



Heritage Park

160 Pawtucket Bld, Lowell MA 01854

Contact Vandy Savann (978) 620-5382

vsavann@nilp.org



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PARENTS

PEER-TO-PEER

THURSDAYS
12PM-1PM
ON ZOOM

Being a parent in general can be hard. Being a parent while juggling the struggles of life can be lonely and overwhelming. This group is a place to feel welcomed and to find community from other parents who are also looking for support while navigating the world of parenthood.



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811 8899 0366
[Scan the QR code](#)
[or click here to join](#)

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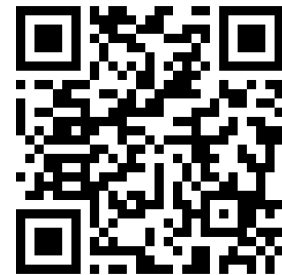


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ONLINE SOCIAL WORKSPACE

OUR AIM IS TO CREATE A SPACE TO WORK ON A PROJECT YOU'RE PASSIONATE ABOUT WITH SUPPORT FROM OTHERS. USE THIS GROUP AS A 'BODY DOUBLE' OR INTERACT WITH LIKE-MINDED INDIVIDUALS AND MEET OTHERS WITH DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES!

THURSDAYS ON ZOOM
3PM - 5PM



SCAN THE QR CODE OR
CLICK HERE TO JOIN

MEETING ID:
811 4931 2983

Contact Nicole with Questions (978)291-5697 nmerrow@nilp.org



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People with Disabilities

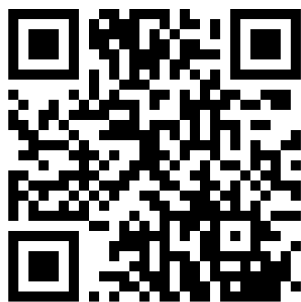


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Have Fun with Poetry

Join us on Zoom for an exploration of poetry. Bring your favorite poems or share your own creations!

Fridays
12pm-1pm



[Scan the QR code or click here to join](#)

Meeting ID:
842 6005 5131

Contact Tracy Woods:
9786874288 ext 172



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LGBTQIA+

Crafting & Peer Support Group



A safe space for those struggling with mental health issues to get creative and build support within the LGBTQIA+ community. (18+)

Nevins Memorial Library: Trustee's Room

305 Broadway, Methuen MA 01844



Every
Friday
2 - 3pm

Contact Nicole (they/them)
(978) 291-5697
nmerrow@nilp.org



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YOUNG ADULT WELLNESS MEETUP

2nd & 4th
Friday
Each Month
2pm-3pm

LAWRENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY,
51 LAWRENCE ST.
LAWRENCE, MA 01840
YOUTH CENTER, 3RD FLOOR

This group will have activities designed to foster openness, encourage effective communication, and create a sense of community as we discuss mental wellness.

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