

December 2022

CMHA PD Groups Calendar



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NOTE:



- Please discuss with your CMHA PD worker to be added to group(s).
- If you do not have a CMHA PD worker and are interested in joining our groups, contact Triage at 905-451-2123 ext. 3.
- Once registered, staff will reach out to you to provide group information to join.
- **Groups are subject to change.** For the most up to date group updates, visit @cmha.recoverywest on Instagram or <https://cmhapeeldufferin.ca/programs-services/recovery-west/>
- **Stay up to date on CMHA PD services during COVID-19 by visiting:** https://cmhapeeldufferin.ca/news/immediate_access_to_a_mental_health_worker/

LEGEND		
= New group starting/new time	= Teleconference (phone only)	= In person @ Career Center (7700 Hurontario Street, Suite 601, Brampton ON - enter from back patio)
= Peer led	= Videoconference (phone in/audio only options also available)	= Drop In time
= Closed group	FULL = Group FULL (check back for updates weekly!)	= In person @ Recovery West (7700 Hurontario Street, Suite 601, Brampton ON - enter from back patio)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>CMHA PD recognizes the following days of importance within our community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✂ December – Holiday Donation Month ✂ November 29-December 5 – Digital Health Week ✂ December 3 – International Day of Persons with Disabilities ✂ December 10 – International Human Rights Day ✂ December 18 – Chanukah ✂ December 25 - Christmas 				
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Group Descriptions

Anxiety Group – This group focuses on peer support, education, skill building and provides clients with an opportunity for discussion about assorted topics related to Anxiety. *Options are available for both virtual and call in.*

Bipolar Group – Bipolar disorder is a complex disorder that can create multiple challenges in an individual's life. The bipolar group is a peer led group that focuses on understanding the basics of the illness, its treatment, and management techniques. It is not a substitute for treatment from a mental health care provider or a doctor but can be used as a basis for questions and discussion boards about bipolar disorder. *Options are available for both virtual and call in.*

(IN PERSON) Career Center Drop In – Open to CMHA PD clients (connected with a worker from any CMHA PD program) needing support with resumes, job search, volunteer search, and other employment related needs!

Sign up: Once registered, please phone career center drop in staff (Fran K or Richard P) each day to confirm appointment time.

Craft Group – Come out and craft with your peers! Arts and crafts promotes social connection, gives you a sense of pride, and has the same benefits of mindfulness meditation. Arts and crafts can alleviate symptoms of anxiety, stress, and depression while improving motor function and slowing cognitive decline. *Options are available for both virtual and call in.*

Creative Writing – This group allows individuals to express themselves and/or their experiences positively through different mediums of writing. Participants will explore and build virtually upon skills such as poetry writing and formation, song and lyric analysis, prompt writing and forms of journaling. Open to all expertise levels, our aim is to provide an environment of learning and growth for all those included. *Options are available for both virtual and call in.*

Depression Group – This is an open forum where the members bring forward Depression topics such as coping, self-care and recovery and is always co-facilitated by peer support workers. *This is a teleconference only group.*

Emotional Regulation – This group is designed to help you learn skills and tools to cope with overwhelming emotions. Topics include PTSD/Trauma, Mindfulness, Grounding, Mind/Body Connection, Triggers and Safety. *Options are available for both virtual and call in.*

Employment Drop-In - Open support group for those who are working or wanting to work. There will be discussions around various employment topics that members bring to the table including: goals, barriers, questions about work ethics, problems they may be facing at work and looking for solutions, etc. Members will drive the conversation based on their needs and wants. Members can attend the group as needed. If you are wanting some solutions to work issues this is the group for you! *Options are available for both virtual and call in.*

Hearing Voices – This group is for folks who hear voices – and would like to be supported. Group members will learn coping strategies like grounding techniques, relaxation, and boundaries. *Options are available for both virtual and call in.*

(IN PERSON) Mindfulness – Inspired by the principles of Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (MBCT) and Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR), the aim of this 90-minute group is to support participants as they develop skills to manage the unpleasant aspects of life while cultivating awareness and gratitude to appreciate pleasurable times as well. This is an in person group – by invite only.

Sign up: Once registered, please text Rebecca S the Monday before group on Tuesday to confirm spot.

Parallel Realities (formerly *Alternate Realities*) - An open peer led group for individuals who experience alternate forms of reality (psychosis). This is a safe space to celebrate our exceptionalities and support each other in identification of triggers or life challenges that impede our ability to fully participate and achieve our life goals. Our aim is to provide practical skills and strategies to lessen the intensity of an episode, manage symptoms and build a community with others who share a similar experience. Jump down the rabbit hole with us where anything is possible. *Options are available for both virtual and call in.*

Queer Minds – Queer Minds is a social space for individuals that identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, two-spirit, trans, asexual, questioning, etc. aged 16+. Queer Minds is a group for individuals to connect with community and gain knowledge and support on various LGBTQ+ topics/issues. This group is a community collaboration between CMHA Peel Dufferin and MOYO Community Services. *Options are available for both virtual and call in.*

(IN PERSON) Recovery Chat (formerly *Peer Drop In*) - A group that allows for social interaction and discussion regarding any subjects related to recovery. This is an in person group – by invite only.

Sign up: Clients to text Zebina V or Justin M up to Tuesday 12pm before group each week to confirm spot.

(IN PERSON) Recovery West Drop In – Open to all folks (CMHA clients and non-registered) in the Peel Dufferin regions looking for space to connect and socialize with peers.

Sign up: Please phone drop in staff (Mackenzie G, Racha R, Sylvanna V) to confirm spot **before** attending.

Self Esteem – A group designed to increase education, self-awareness and tools in all things self-esteem. Discussion with peers is paired with a psychoeducational model, creating an open space to learn and discuss self-esteem, self-worth and all things in between. Group topics include (but are not limited to) core beliefs, self-evaluation and challenging negative assumptions. *Options are available for both virtual and call in.*

SMART Recovery – This group supports individuals who have chosen to abstain (or are considering abstinence) from any type of addictive behaviours – substances, activities, or both. This group teaches participants how to change self-defeating thinking, emotions, and actions while working towards long-term satisfaction and quality of life. Please note group is offered on the Zoom platform and is open to all folks in the community. *Options are available for both virtual and call in.*

(IN PERSON) Voices & Parallel Realities 101 – This peer led, module based group covers a variety of topics designed to support you in learning skills and techniques to manage your experience of Voice Hearing and Parallel Realities (psychosis). It is designed for those who are new to Voice Hearing/Parallel Reality experiences and wish to learn management strategies that can complement other supports and treatments or those who wish to revisit educational information to support their ongoing recovery.

Sign up: Clients to text facilitators Fran K or Jodie G up to the Monday before Tuesday group each week to confirm their spot.

(IN PERSON) Women's Group – This group's aim is to empower women by reinforcing positive coping strategies for both systemic and interpersonal issues in women's lives. This is an in person group – by invite only.

Sign up: Once registered, please text Debby B or Sylvanna V Monday to Wednesday before group on Thursday to confirm spot.



Guidelines for maintaining a safe group space:

- ✦ Keep confidential and identifying information in group. This also includes being in your own private space while in group! Folks should not share what is disclosed by others. You are welcome to share general information you have learned.
- ✦ Treat everyone with respect and an openness to learn.
- ✦ Be responsible for your own actions, attitudes, and words. Use “I” statements. Ask for permission before offering suggestions to others.
- ✦ Devote your time in group to the group.
- ✦ Please practice appropriate “on-camera etiquette” and feel free to turn your camera on/off as needed. Please mute your microphone unless you are speaking.
- ✦ Please do not take photos or screenshots of folks or material in group. Facilitators will be happy to share material with group participants when able and as requested.
- ✦ Be mindful of how you are feeling. If you need to leave the group let the facilitators know beforehand whenever possible.
If needed, reach out to those in your support network. **24.7 Crisis Support Peel Dufferin, 905-278-9036 or 888-811-2222.**

Helpful tips for new members:

- ✦ Please refrain from sharing group conference IDs and videoconference links. This will ensure we maintain a safe virtual space.
- ✦ Please join the group on time or up to 5 minutes early. Participants may not be admitted after group norms have been reviewed.
- ✦ There is a group lobby and you may have to wait a few minutes before being admitted by the facilitators. You may not be admitted to a group if it has reached the maximum number of participants for that session.
- ✦ When possible, please say your name before speaking so we know who is sharing. If on videoconference, please raise virtual hands when able and share one at a time.
- ✦ The facilitators may mute participants if there is obvious background noise. If on videoconference, you will be able to unmute through the ‘mute/unmute’ button. If on teleconference, press ‘*6’ to unmute.
- ✦ If you need to take another call avoid putting the group on hold as it creates a “beeping” noise. The facilitators will readmit you if you let them know you will be returning.