

# ALIKI KOUUMENIS

Aliki Koumenis is an Autistic Self-Advocate, Certified Peer Specialist and Community Autism Peer Specialist (CAPS). Aliki is currently the Development Assistant for the CAPS program at Mental Health partnerships, supporting team and participant growth, providing technical assistance, and conducting outreach activities for the program.

Previously, Aliki has been employed as a CPS and a CAPS providing direct support both in the community and through online services. As an advocate for mental health and disability justice, Aliki lent her lived experience towards supporting the development of the novel Community Autism Peer Specialist program through her work on the steering committee and as a facilitator for the first two rounds of CAPS training. She is passionate about advancing societal attitudes and services for Autism to align with humanistic, person-centered, inclusive values, driven by the voices of the rich and valuable neurodivergent community.

