



Families Together in New York State

Legislative Awareness Day

Legislative Meeting Preparation Worksheet

This meeting plan may be used as a script or it may be used as an informal outline. What's important is making sure all the important points are covered, that everyone has a chance to participate. The goal is to educate the legislator about what families want and make it clear what you want them to do.

Plan your meeting:

When is your meeting? _____ How long will you have? _____

Where is the meeting? _____ Who are you representing? _____

Who are you meeting with? _____

Who will attend? _____

General goals of the meeting? What are you asking for?

1. _____

2. _____

Talking Points: Who will say what?

1. Introduction: Who we are. Who we represent. Overview of families in the mental health system.

2. What is the issue? What is the problem? Why is this issue important? What are the facts?

3. Talking Points: Personalize the issue. Why is it important to you? Your family?

4. Tell your story.