

# Membership Form

**Amplifying youth voice and peer advocacy**

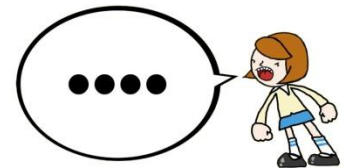


**Mission:** Youth Power is a statewide network of young people who have been labeled and are seeking change hosted by Families Together in NYS. Together we have decided to speak up about our experiences because no one knows what it is like for us better than we do. Through peer-to-peer mentoring, we empower young people to be active citizens, aware of government operations, their rights and the ability to use their voices to influence policy, practice, regulation and law. We are young people helping other people, ensuring availability of self-help, peer support and changing systems so that young people get the support they need with the respect and dignity they deserve.

**As a member, you stand with hundreds of young people across the state in saying that you believe in what we are doing and want to strengthen the numbers behind our mission. Becoming a member means you get all the latest information about things that are important to young people and give as much of your time to us as you want or can. YP of FTNYS is a safe space for those looking to organize advocacy, to speak out and amplify their voices for change. Stand proud as part of a movement working to change systems and pave the way for the next generation of youth by becoming a member today.**

## Benefits of Membership:

- You decide how involved you are but all members get the latest news, updates, and information on upcoming opportunities.
- Opportunity to participate in youth leadership and advocacy activities or become a YP Ambassador.
- Networking and support for Youth Peer Advocates.
- Training, networking, and support to youth, youth groups, and organizations.
- Receive our newsletter and be a part of our events.
- Safe space to organize and amplify your voice for systems, services, and community change.
- Active members can build their skills, resume, and be more likely to receive scholarships to events!



## Who can be a member?

- Young people ages 12-29 with a disability, emotional & behavioral challenges, or experience in New York State systems such as Special Education, Juvenile Justice, Foster Care, or Addiction Recovery. In short, if you are a young person who feels you have been labeled, then you can be a member.
- Young people who live in the State of New York.
- Members who turn 30 are able to remain involved in the network as a Peer Ally/Alumni.

**To learn more, please contact us:**

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[www.FTNYS.org/YouthPower](http://www.FTNYS.org/YouthPower)





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<b>For Staff Use</b>
Entered: ___/___/___
Updated: ___/___/___

Please fill in as much of the form as you are able. We will use this information to add you to our mailing list, get to know your interests, and to inform you of events and activities in the Youth Power. **Please return your membership form to Families Together in NYS, ATTN: Youth Power, 737 Madison Avenue, Albany, NY 12208, Fax: 518-434-6478, Email: [ypinfo@ftnys.org](mailto:ypinfo@ftnys.org)**

*The responses on this form will remain confidential. It helps us to know some important things about our membership demographics.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Pronoun:  He/Him  She/Her  
 Neutral (such as They/Them): \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Facebook URL: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want mail to go to another address (i.e. school, residential, office)?  Yes  No  
If yes, please tell us:  
Address Type:  Office  School  Residential Facility  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_ End Date (return to permanent address): \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

What is the best way to contact you?  
 E-Mail  Facebook  Telephone  Text  Regular Mail  
Best times to contact:  Morning  Afternoon  Evening

Would you want materials in the future to be in Alternative formats?  
 Large Print  Text Only  Electronic Version  Braille  None apply

Are you a member of a local youth group?  Yes  No  
If yes, which one? \_\_\_\_\_

**What type of activities are you interested in? (check all that apply)**

- Peer Advocacy  Systems Advocacy

**What activities are you interested in? (check all that apply).** *Please be aware, because our network is statewide, most activities take place by phone and web meeting.*

- Network Leadership Council (oversee the work our network does to amplify youth voice while gaining beneficial skills and experience)  
 YP Ambassador (be a voice of the region, help plan events & spread the word!)  
 Peer Leader Support and Development (professional development, networking, and support for Youth Peer Advocates)

**What best describes your gender identity?**  Male  Female  \_\_\_\_\_

**Which race/ethnic group do you identify with the MOST? (Check one)**

- African American  Asian/Pacific Islander  European/Caucasian  Hispanic/Latin  
 Native American  Other (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you identify as a part of the LGBTQIA+ community?**  Yes  No  No, but I'm an Ally

**Do you identify as transgender?**  Yes  No

**Do you have a disability? If so, check all that apply.**

- Developmental/Intellectual  Emotional/Behavioral  Health  Hearing  Learning  
 Mobility  Visual  Other (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

**What systems have you personally been involved in? (Check all that apply)**

- Addiction Recovery: *Alcoholics Anonymous/Narcotics Anonymous (AA/NA), Home and Community Based Services (HCBS), Inpatient/Outpatient Services, etc.*  
 Child Welfare: *Foster Care, Child Protective Services, etc.*  
 Criminal Justice: *Detention Centers, Person In Need of Supervision (PINS), Probation, etc.*  
 Developmental/Intellectual Disability Services: *Occupational/Physical Therapy (OT/PT), Social Skills Training, Supported Education/Employment, etc.*  
 Employment Services: *Career Centers, Vocational Rehabilitation Services, etc.*  
 Mental Health: *Psychiatric Services, Single Point of Access (SPOA), Therapy Services, etc.*  
 Special Education: *Have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), 504 Plan, etc.*  
 Temporary and Disability Assistance: *Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Supplemental Security Income/Social Security Disability Insurance (SSI/SSDI), Temporary Assistance, etc.*  
 Other (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you been in a residential placement such as a residential treatment facility, community residence, foster boarding home, kinship foster home, or rehabilitation center?**  Yes  No

**Would you be willing to participate in speaking opportunities like speak outs, panels and workshop's and can we contact you about them?**  Yes  No