

**Youth Peer
Advocate (YPA)
Provisional
Credential**

**Youth Peer
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Professional
Credential**

**YPA Provisional Credential
Requirements**

- 1. Complete Level One YPA Training**
 - Complete Level One Online Modules
- 2. Complete YPA Provisional Credential Application**
 - Meet lived-experience requirements
 - Proof of age
 - High School Diploma or GED equivalent
 - 2 Letters of Recommendation
 - Signed YPA Code of Ethics

**YPA Professional Credential
Requirements**

- 1. Complete Level Two YPA Training**
- 2. Hold a Valid YPA Provisional Credential**
- 3. Complete YPA Professional Credential Application**
 - 600 hours of documented experience providing Youth Peer Support Services
 - Supervisor Letter of Recommendation
 - Signed YPA Code Ethics

Keep in Mind....

- Level One YPA Training consists of online training modules only.
- An individual may obtain a YPA Provisional Credential prior to employment.
- The YPA Provisional Credential is valid for 18 months.

Keep in Mind...

- Level Two YPA Training consists of online modules + in-person training + coaching phone calls.
- Typically, the process of obtaining a YPA Professional Credential begins after an individual is employed as a YPA.
- 20 hours of continuing education is required every two years to renew a Professional Credential



For more information on the YPA Training and Credential, including up-to-date application forms, visit the Workforce Development tab on the Families Together in NYS website, www.ftnys.org.

If you have questions about the YPA Training or Credential, please email YPAcredential@ftnys.org or call 1 (518) 432-0333 ext. 18.

Please contact us with any questions!