Hello Advocates,

I hope this note finds you well.

First, I would like to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Susan Burger, and I am the Director of Workforce Development at Families Together in NYS. In 2016, we started the Workforce Development Advisory Committee to ensure broad input informs our work.

**Become a part of the Workforce Development Team!**

At this time, we are expanding the Workforce Development Advisory Committee and we are inviting all experienced, professionally credentialed Family Peer Advocates who are interested to submit the Interest Form that is attached to this note.

**The Workforce Development Advisory Committee** is made up of experienced family peer advocates from across the state. We meet virtually 10 times a year and the calls last for 1 hour.

The role of the Advisory Committee is to:

1. Ensure that FPAs have a voice in their own professional training and credentialing programs.
2. Advise the Department of Workforce Development on policies and procedures related to the Parent Empowerment Program (PEP) training and the Family Peer Advocate Credential
3. Review and make written determinations on applications when there is a question about eligibility
4. Review, investigate and make determinations on Code of Ethics violations

This is an exciting time in the development of the Family Peer Advocate profession. The work of this committee will be crucial to make sure that we continue to be guided by the principles of Family Peer Support.

**If you are interested, complete the attached application and email it to us at** [**sburger@ftnys.org**](mailto:sburger@ftnys.org)**.**  **Application will be accepted until March 1, 2022**. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Susan Burger

Director of Workforce Development and

the members of the WDAC



Workforce Development Advisory Committee

Interest Form

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| **Contact Information** | |
| Name: | Date: |
| Work Email: | Home Email: |
| Cell Phone: | Work Phone: |
| Agency: | Title: |
| OMH Region: | Work County: |
| Credential Status:   * Provisional * Professional | Preferred Pronouns:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Demographic Information | |
| We are interested in your race/ethnicity to ensure a diverse committee.  If you are comfortable, please check ALL that apply:     * Non-Hispanic White or Euro-American * Black, Afro-Caribbean, or African American * Latino or Hispanic American * East Asian or Asian American * South Asian or Indian American * Middle Eastern or Arab American * Native American or Alaskan Native * Other\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | |
| Questions | |

We are interested in learning more about you. Please answer the following questions.

1. How did you hear about the Workforce Development Advisory Committee?

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1. Why are you interested in joining the Workforce Development Advisory Committee?

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1. What areas of interest or passion do you bring to the Workforce Development Advisory Committee? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Can you commit to a 3-year term?

* Yes
* No

1. How long have you been a Credentialed Family Peer Advocate? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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