6 Steps to a Youth Peer Advocate Professional Credential

Step 1

Complete Level One Online YPA Training

 You will need to complete the Level One self-paced, online training modules in order to apply for a Provisional Credential.

Step 2

Apply for the YPA Provisional Credential

 Once you have completed the Level One online training modules, you can apply for the Provisional Credential. After approved, all requirements for the Professional Credential must be completed within 18 months.

Step 3

Complete Level Two Online YPA Training

• To begin pursuing the Professional Credential, complete the Level Two self-paced, online training modules.

Step 4

Complete Level Two Virtual YPA Training

• Once you have completed the Level Two online training modules AND you are currently employed providing YPST services, you will need to complete the Level Two virtual training. This includes a 4-day training session.

Step 5

Complete Consultation Calls

 Once you have completed the Level Two virtual training, you will be enrolled in 5 weekly consultation calls through your trainer.
Consultation calls are required to receive your certificate of completion.

Step 6

Apply for the YPA *Professional* Credential

• Once you have completed steps 1-5 AND have a minimum of 600 hours of relevant work experience, you can apply for the Professional Credential. After approved, the Professional Credential is valid for two years.



Access all links and documentation for the Youth Peer Advocate Credential on www.ftnys.org, under Workforce Development.

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