



**Title:** Youth Public Policy Coordinator

**Organization:** Families Together in New York State

**About Families Together in New York State (FTNYS).**

Families Together in New York State (FTNYS) is a statewide advocacy organization led by families and young people with firsthand experience navigating child-serving systems. We are dedicated to amplifying the voices of families and youth, promoting equitable and inclusive policies and systems, and fostering a sense of belonging, wellness, and empowerment for all.

Over 90% of our staff and board are families and young people with lived experience navigating systems. FTNYS serves as a hub for the family and youth peer support movement in New York State, cultivating a strong network of advocates, organizations, and programs that support and advance youth and family voices in systems of care and policymaking. Our organization firmly believes that no one should navigate these systems alone. As individuals with lived experience, we provide hope, empowerment, and support to peers, guiding them toward self-led journeys and advocacy. By leveraging the power of peer support, we strive to create a more compassionate and responsive child welfare system and hold state systems accountable to their promises to shift toward supporting the wellbeing of families and young people.

**About the position:**

The Youth Public Policy Coordinator collaborates with the policy director to assist and execute the policy departments efforts to mobilize, organize and empower the statewide network of impacted families, young people and providers to advocate collectively for systems change; facilitates feedback exchanges between people with lived experience, providers coalitions, state and county agencies, state legislature, elected officials and the public; identifies systemic challenges, analyzes relevant state legislations and regulations, and develops policy platforms; provides youth voice perspective through public testimony, governmental meetings, coalitions, and public affairs.

Job Duties

- Analyze and promote legislative advocacy initiatives through a youth lens.
- Represent youth voice and organization priorities at advocacy coalition meetings.
- Track status of pending legislation in New York State government including committee status, political considerations, lobbying efforts, etc.
- Write legislative briefs, memos, and published testimony.
- Organize events (both in-person and virtual) including rallies, advocacy days, lawmaker meetings, and more.
- Lead young people in calls to action including letter writing campaigns, social media advocacy, phone banking, etc.
- Recruit young people to get involved with advocacy coalitions, advisory boards, committees, and other civic activities within New York State.

- Gather youth perspectives on systemic issues via research projects such as surveys, focus groups. Interviews and listening sessions.
- Assist Youth Power in developing events, trainings, and presentations.
- Other duties as needed.

Key Qualifications:

- A young person with lived experience in the mental health, addiction, youth justice, child welfare, disability, or education systems.
- Passion for the FTNYS mission of making the lives of New York youth and families better.
- Self-starter/independent worker
- Excellent writing skills and research capabilities
- Strong public speaker and presenter
- Organized, detail oriented, and comfortable with multi-tasking multiple projects.
- Able to mobilize and organize groups of advocates.
- Associates or Bachelors Degree in related field, such as Political Science, preferred.
- Experience as a Youth Peer Advocate (YPA) a plus.
- Background in political and/or legislative advocacy a plus.
- Remote work with occasional in-person meetings in Albany. Some travel within New York State is required. Capital Region resident preferred.

Job Type: Full-time

Pay: \$53,000.00 - \$57,000.00 per year

**Benefits:**

Dental insurance

Flexible schedule

Health insurance

Paid sick time

Paid time off

Retirement plan

**Work Location:** Hybrid remote from Albany, NY

Remote office work with ability to attend occasional in-person meetings in Albany. Some travel within New York State is required. Capital Region Resident preferred.

**To Apply:** Please email your resume and a cover letter detailing your qualifications for the role to Brad Hansen at [bhansen@ftnys.org](mailto:bhansen@ftnys.org).