### 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 Advanced, 4-Day 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 advanced, 4-Day Virtual Training.

# Step 5

#### **Complete Consultation Calls**

Once you have completed the advanced, 4-Day 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 <a href="www.ftnys.org">www.ftnys.org</a>, under Workforce Development and Peer Credentials.

Questions? Please email us at <a href="YPACredential@ftnys.org">YPACredential@ftnys.org</a> or call 1 (518) 432-0333 ext. 18.

### **Youth Peer Advocate Credential Training**

or	Level 1 online self-paced modules			
Level 1 Required for YPA Provisional Credential	Module 1	Introduction to the Youth Peer Advocate Role	7 lessons	
	Module 2	Developing Self-Efficacy Skills	8 lessons	
	Module 3	Cultural Competence	5 lessons	
	Module 4	Professional Expectations	7 lessons	
	Module 5	Small group facilitation	5 lessons	
	Module 6	Navigating the system	10 lessons	
	Module 7	Documenting your work	6 lessons	
	Level 2 online self-paced modules			
Level 2 Required for YPA Professional Credential	Module 1	Working across systems	6 lessons	
	Module 2	Service systems, part 1	6 lessons	
	Module 3	Service systems, part 2	6 lessons	
	Module 4	Education into career	5 lessons	
	Module 5	Understanding marginalized populations	8 lessons	
	Virtual In-Person Training			
	Day 1 • Principles of Youth Peer Support			
		Clarifying the Youth Peer Advocate Role		
	Day 2	<ul><li>Building Positive Connections</li><li>Mentoring and Coaching</li></ul>		
	Day 3	Cultural Humility		
		Interdependence		
	Day 4	<ul> <li>Professional Expectations</li> </ul>		
		Documentation		
	Coaching Calls			
	After completion of the virtual in-person training, each participant will complete a series			
	of coaching calls to reinforce application of skills and competencies in their work as a			
	YPA			
Eligible for Renewal of YPA Professional Credential	Continuing Education			
	Best Practices for Working with Families			
	Creating Inclusive Environments for LGBTQ+ Youth			
	Supporting Youth Living with Chronic Conditions			
	Recognizing and Responding to Crisis and Safety Concerns for YPAs			
	Motivational Interviewing for YPAs			
	Professional Boundaries for YPAs			
	Additional CE Modules are in development. We welcome your ideas!			
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Supervisor Resources				
Orientation Training for Youth Peer Advocate Supervisors				
Youth Peer	Advocate Hiring	oolkit		