



Youth Engagement Specialist

The youth engagement specialist works closely with a team of youth leaders in Youth Power to effectively engage young individuals. This role requires an understanding of lived experiences and its impact on youth and young adults involved in any child-serving system. The specialist must demonstrate effective leadership and engagement skills when connecting with local youth groups, coordinating statewide advocacy efforts, and providing technical assistance and training on empowerment, youth-guided practice, and peer services for young people

Eligibility

- Must hold a current YPA credential status/ or **MUST** meet criteria to become credentialed
- Have recent personal lived experience and involvement in one or more child-serving systems, Mental Health, Disability, Foster Care, Addiction, or Juvenile Justice
- Bachelor's or associate degree preferred, not required
- Experience in promoting, creating, or participating in youth-led initiatives.
- Experience in grassroots outreach and systems advocacy.
- Ability to cultivate and develop inclusive and equitable working relationships with youth, youth-serving organizations, and community members
- Must be able to travel across the state

Primary responsibilities of this position include:

- Assist with developing and co-facilitate training and toolkits that educate youth, adults, and the youth peer support workforce
- Coordinate the gathering of youth input for FTNYS, Youth Power, State Agencies, and other partners - identify youth and young adults to serve on committees/councils/task forces -provide Technical Assistance to Youth programs across the state
- Providing training for young people on advocacy, leadership, and peer mentoring to empower youth to engage in civic affairs.

Benefits

Excellent benefits, including health insurance, paid time off and holidays

Salary \$50,000 - \$55,000

This is a statewide position with the ability to work remotely. Some in-person meetings in Albany
Send resume and cover letter with the details of your lived experience to employment@ftnys.org