

2026 Annual Conference

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS



May 3 & 4, 2026

Marriott Albany, Albany, NY

The Families Together in New York State Annual Conference is attended by families of children and youth that are involved with NYS child serving systems, service providers, educators, policymakers, and advocates. We are currently accepting workshop proposals for the 2026 Annual Conference.

Presentations must be strength-based, innovative, informational, interactive, offer effective strategies to empower participants and, include a peer or family member who has a youth involved in NYS children's service system. Presentation time slots are 75 minutes, 15 of which should include time for Q&A.

Time Slots:

- Session 1: Sunday, May 3 from 2:00pm-3:15pm
- Session 2: Sunday, May 3 from 3:30pm-4:45pm
- Session 3: Monday, May 4 from 11:00am-12:15pm.

Deadline to submit is **February 27, 2026**. Notifications regarding the status of your presentation will be sent by March 9, 2026.

[Click here to Complete the CFP Form](#)

For more information, visit www.ftnys.org

Families, youth and advocates are interested in **NEW** information on the following topics:

- Mental Health and the LGBTQIA+ Community
- Navigating Multiple Systems
- Working with Diverse Families in the Children's Service System
- Involving Fathers in the Child's Treatment Plan
- Family and Youth-Guided Recovery and Services
- Transition Age Services for Youth & Young Adults
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Belonging
- Collaboration for School Success
- Suicide Awareness & Prevention
- Working with Families and Youth who are Facing Autism and Neurodiversity
- Restorative Justice
- Working with the Family Court System
- Child Welfare System
- Diploma Options, Special Education Law and Rights
- Working with Military Families
- Physical and Cognitive Disability
- Family Support in Residential Care
- Emotional Wellness for Neurodivergent and Differently Abled
- Social Media
- Migrant Youth

Families Together will offer the following workshop tracks:

- Family
- Youth
- Workforce
- Leadership

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